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Proposed Summer Closings of Indian Point Plants Opposed

By Rick Pezzullo

A plan designed to protect fish in the Hudson River that would force the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan to close for several months during the summer is being opposed by local officials and the owner of the controversial facilities.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) held a public hearing in Cortlandt two weeks ago regarding the renewal of a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from Entergy, which is required by the federal Atomic Safety and Licensing Board when it reviews Entergy's 20-year renewal license application for Indian Point.

The DEC is considering an option that would require the construction of two baseball stadium-size cooling towers and the shutdown of Indian Point between May 10 and August 10 from anywhere from 42 to 92 days.

Entergy is against the DEC's closed-cycle cooling system option, favoring instead Wedgewire screens, which it argues is a proven solution to protecting aquatic organisms. The DEC has so far given Entergy's plan a thumbs down.

Fred Dacimo, vice president of license renewal for Energy Nuclear Operations, called the DEC's proposal "a terrible idea for Indian Point, New Yorkers, and our environment."



Debate has once again centered around Indian Point nuclear power plants.

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Yorktown Trash Hauler Receives Special Permit to Park Trucks

By Janine Bowen

The Town of Yorktown's trash hauler has received a special use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to park garbage trucks on a town-owned piece of land off Front Street.

Competition Carting, which recently was granted a one-year extension from the Town Board, had been illegally parking its trucks on Richard Place since it was awarded garbage pickup services from the Town Board in January 2013. It was later issued a violation notice from the town and had been seeking a special use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for more than a year.

In granting a three-year permit last month, the ZBA also okayed the instal-

lation of a 500-gallon, above-ground fuel tank on the site, contingent on Competition Carting also receiving a multi-sector permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The fuel tank is planned to service the 19 garbage trucks Competition is looking to park on the property, which is zoned I-2 Planned Light Industrial.

The ZBA required Competition Carting to complete a full Environmental Assessment Form, and on April 24 the board issued a negative declaration, determining the project would not have a significant impact on the environment.

As part of its approval, the ZBA stipu-

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New Eagle Scout Soars

Troop 164 BSA has a new Eagle Scout, Bryan Daniel Calderaro (pictured with Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel and Michael Barr, Assistant Scout Master.) For his project, Calderaro built an informational kiosk for the Boathouse area at FDR State Park. In addition to the structure, he created posters identifying fish and wild life indigenous to the lake at the park, and built three fishing-line recycling bins.

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“Forcing Indian Point to shut down every summer, which is not even a technology at all, poses serious consequences to human health and safety, the New York economy, and the local environment, while failing to guarantee any measurable benefit to an already healthy fish population,” Dacimo testified. “All of these impacts might be worth considering if outages at Indian Point were actually necessary to protect fish eggs and larvae, but they are not.”

The Cortlandt Town Board passed a resolution opposing the cooling towers, stating they would be “inappropriate.” It noted it was supporting a position taken by a previous Town Board in 1975 when the construction of cooling towers were proposed by former owner Con Edison. The proposed cooling towers would use approximately 2.5 billion gallons of water daily from the Hudson.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi also expressed concern about the estimated 1,200 workers at Indian Point that

would be unemployed during a shutdown.

Deb Milone, executive director of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 450 members, said closing Indian Point would lead to higher energy costs in the region.

“Hudson Valley ratepayers benefit from low-cost, non-emitting, reliable power from Indian Point while our communities benefit from the 1,200 jobs and related customers and tax revenue,” Milone stated. “Closing Indian Point for

several months a year also sends a very negative message to companies considering relocating to New York or expanding here that the state is hostile to business.”

The Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition, which opposes extending the license for Indian Point, supports the DEC’s closed-cycle cooling plan, saying it’s the best technology available. The group noted the construction of the towers would create many good paying jobs.

Further hearings on the subject will be held by the DEC next month.

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lated no trailers or structures should be constructed on the site and it should not be used for the transfer or storage of waste materials.

Under a previously issued special

permit, the property was formerly used for the parking of construction vehicles and storage of equipment, sand, stone and landscape mulches, along with a 1,100-gallon fuel storage tank that was used for refueling machinery and trucks. That permit expired in 1998.

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Grace Refutes Criticism on Study for Granite Knolls Fields

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace deflected recent criticism from Town Board candidate Susan Siegel that beginning the environmental study process for constructing fields at Granite Knolls is Shrub Oak was "premature."

Grace stressed it was the majority of the Town Board that voted in June to start the lengthy State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and also refuted Siegel's claims that he was trying to "push through" the review behind closed doors.

"It's half-truths and hyperboles, which is typically for her," Grace remarked of Siegel. "It's not premature. If she knew anything about SEQRA you begin the process as early as you can. Otherwise you could be running down the wrong path."

A resolution to alienate open space on Stony Street in Shrub Oak to allow for the construction of a natural gas pipeline that could lead to the development of two all-purpose fields and a full-size baseball diamond on the Granite Knolls site did not pass the muster with the entire on June 17.

The four members of the board, who voted in May to seek permission from the state Legislature to allow a portion of parkland for a different purpose, were

deadlocked over a clause in a temporary agreement with Spectra Energy that called for a permanent loss of one acre for an industrial pipeline cleaning procedure that councilmen Nick Bianco and Vishnu Patel felt could pose a health and safety threat to residents.

The Spectra/Algonquin Energy natural gas pipeline project would have a 42-inch transmission line run underground from Pennsylvania to Maine, including a connection from Verplanck to Stony Street. Spectra approached the town about utilizing some land on the Granite Knolls parcel for a temporary construction and staging area.

In exchange, Spectra would construct an access road from Stony Street to the land designated for fields and a 114 space gravel parking lot. The Granite Knolls site was acquired by the town for \$2.7 million following a public vote several years ago.

After the alienation resolution failed, Grace asked for support for the town to begin the environmental study process for constructing fields at Granite Knolls, which he received in a 3-1 vote, with only Patel opposing.

"Doing SEQRA before the town has developed an actual plan for Granite Knolls is like putting the cart before the horse,"

Siegel claimed. "Not only does it not make sense, it makes a mockery out of the SEQRA process. It's also being dishonest with residents who are being led to believe that the town is moving ahead to create new ball fields when that's not the case."

Grace maintained there was a "comprehensive plan" for the Granite Knolls

property, which he said has been discussed by the town's Recreation Commission for years.

"There's no secrecy here. I don't know how she could have her head in the sand over this one," Grace remarked. "Ever since I have been in office that's all I have been getting is requests for fields."



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

The annual Mayor's Challenge softball game was held Friday night at Peekskill Stadium. The City of Peekskill defeated the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, 12-9.

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Yorktown Auto Body Shares Its Success With 10K Customer

By Bill Primavera

When Arthur Robbins arrived at Yorktown Auto Body with his wife Gwen on Wednesday, July 30, to pick up his GMC Envoy, he was greeted with balloons, cheers and a \$4,200 check, the amount of the repair bill.

Owner Perry Gusikoff told the Robbins that they were his 10,000th customers and that their prize was equal to the amount of their repair.

"I'm in a state of shock," said Robbins, "Nothing like this has ever happened to me. I just can't believe it"

"Wow, this is wonderful," added Gwen Robbins, "we've never won anything. And this is great for Arthur who's just been recovering from a health issue.

What a surprise!"

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace commented that Yorktown Auto Body "is a great community business member. Perry came to town five years ago and really made his operation look great. He has contributed consistently to the town in special ways like this. We're very happy to have business leaders like him among us."

Gusikoff responded, "This is our way of saying 'thanks' to the community that has been so great to us in the five years that we have been here. We like doing things like this," adding jokingly, "and with 10,000 jobs in five years, there must be a lot of bad drivers in Yorktown, but we're happy to help them out!"



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

Celebrating the 10,000 customer at Yorktown Auto Body are (L-R:) Owner Perry Gusikoff, Arthur and Gwen Robbins and Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace.

Senate Hopeful Wagner Releases Final Portion of Tax Plan

By David Propper

Cutting taxes and making the Lower Hudson Valley affordable have become talking points of this year's campaign cycle for candidates vying for state office. Justin Wagner certainly isn't the exception to that rule.

Wagner, a Democrat running for the 40th district senate seat, released the final part of his proposed three point tax plan last week, outlining certain ave-

nues that could lead to taxes potentially decreasing for residents in the region. The three points include a constitutional amendment stopping new unfunded mandates, ending Medicaid mandates on county governments and streamlining the process and attempting to provide relief for localities that deal with pension spikes.

He said two of his points address the overwhelming crunch currently felt by

local governments, and the other point is to stop that spike once those governments get it under control.

By putting an amendment in place to prevent unfunded mandates, Wagner references a senate bill sponsored by a Democratic senator and Republican senator that would create a new state council that would decide on whether new state laws would create a headache for local governments and if so, bar the mandate

from being passed down.

"Our region pays some of the highest property taxes in the country and the real driver are mandates from Albany," he said. "So my premise is if Albany has a good idea, Albany should pay for it and they should stop using local government as a piggybank."

Wagner also wants to streamline Med-

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Croton United Announces Slate of Candidates for Village Board

By Rick Pezzullo

Croton United, a recently formed, non-partisan organization dedicated to returning honesty, integrity and efficiency to government in Croton, announced a slate of candidates for three open seats on the Village Board this November.

"We're proud to offer the voters of Croton a choice of three individuals with diverse strengths and experience, as well as great honesty and integrity in this November's election," said Croton United Chairperson Roseann Schuyler. "We're looking forward to introducing our candidates to the community, and to presenting our vision for the future of the village."

The trio put forward by Croton United is Bob Anderson, John Brijeski and Virginia Calcutti. Anderson has lived in Croton for 40 years. He was an elementary school teacher in the Hendrick Hudson School District and taught special needs children at Northern Westchester BOCES before leaving teaching to spend several years as a tennis professional at clubs in Westchester.

In 1983, he joined IBM Research as a designer of laboratory and office space and finished his career as a technical recruiter when he retired in 2002. For the past dozen years, Anderson has volunteered with the Croton Caring Commit-



The Croton United Slate: John Brijeski, Virginia Calcutti and Bob Anderson.

tee, providing transportation to seniors and delivering holiday food baskets to needy families in the village.

"I am running for trustee because I believe the current Village Board has forgotten what public service means," he said. "The lack of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and overall lack of integrity became my tipping point."

Brijeski has resided in Croton for 12

years. He is vice president at Citibank and previously held executive positions at Credit Suisse, Young & Rubicam, and Ernst & Young. He is an AYSO soccer coach and owns and operates the Kumon Education Center in Tarrytown with his wife Lillian.

"I know my background and skills will serve the residents and taxpayers of our village well, especially now, when it is vital for our village officials to make fiscally

sound public policy decisions based on objective analysis and forward-thinking consideration of village spending priorities," he said.

Calcutti, a 52-year village resident, spent 24 years with the Croton Harmon School District, where she also served as president and negotiator of the Civil Service Employees Association Clerical Unit. She is an active member of the Croton Senior Citizens Club and previously was a member of the Croton Emergency Services Committee and color guard instructor for the Croton Cardinals Drum and Bugle Corps.

"My goals as a trustee are to bring open government to the village and keep the residents of Croton informed as to what is happening in their village," she said. "We need to improve the leadership and accountability of our officials, eliminate unnecessary spending, stabilize or even reduce our taxes and ensure our Village Code is enforced for all residents."

In June, the Croton Democratic Committee endorsed incumbent trustees Ann Gallelli and Maria Slippen and Brian Pugh for the three seats up for grabs. Schuyler noted two of the candidates supported by Croton United were registered Democrats, while the third has no party affiliation.

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Breastfeeding Moms Converge on Hudson Valley Hospital

By Sue Guzman

Nearly a dozen lactating mothers took part in the Big Latch On at Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Cortlandt as part of a worldwide event that links moms across the globe in simultaneous breastfeeding.

The babies were breastfed for 60 seconds at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

It was the first time the hospital has taken part in the event, which has been going on annually since 2005.

Each year, groups of breastfeeding mothers get together at registered locations at a set time to take part in the simultaneous breastfeeding event. Afterwards, the numbers of participants are tallied up to see if previous Big Latch On records are broken.

Sabrina Nitkowski-Keever, the Director of Maternal Child Health at the hospital, said the goal is to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding by taking part in the Big Latch On. "We learned about it, we wanted to be part of it, and we wanted to not only recognize the patients that we have, but also the community of breast feeders at large and be part of that great community."

She added that the hospital has a long history of encouraging women to breastfeed their babies. "We provide a lot of



SUE GUZMAN PHOTO

Mothers take part in the Big Latch On event on the grounds of Hudson Valley Hospital.

breastfeeding resources while women are still in the hospital and we also follow up with them afterward to make sure they are getting what they need on the outside as well. Interest in breastfeeding is on the increase," she said.

Hudson Valley Hospital Center has support groups for new breastfeeding

moms twice a month and offers lactation classes with a certified lactation consultant.

Mich Conway, a Mohegan Lake mother, was among those taking part in the Big Latch On event on Friday, "At first I was not going to breastfeed. I even sent away for my formula samples. But after

my son was born, I thought, let's give this a go. And now, I couldn't imagine the hassle of washing bottles and deciding what to pack when you travel. As long as I have my baby and my boobs, we can go anywhere."

Cortlandt resident Tina Copello, who gave birth to her son, Domenico, at the hospital in April, said she couldn't have breastfed without the help of the hospital's lactation consultants, "We go to the weekly group and because of that I feel so confident. I no longer worry about feeding him in public." She said she also is part of a Facebook group where the women share information and tips about breastfeeding among themselves.

Another participant was Ashley Windle of New York City, who said she chose the hospital because of its programs even before she selected a doctor while she was pregnant. She credited the hospital with helping her to breastfeed her son, Carter, who she was told would be unable to breastfeed after he was born.

In 2013, 14,536 children breastfed at the same time for the Big Latch On at 845 locations in 28 countries.

"This is our first time doing it," noted Nitkowski-Keever, "We're hoping to make this an annual event at Hudson Valley Hospital."



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Westchester County Police (Cortlandt)

July 21 - 6:46 p.m. – Police responded to an activated burglar alarm at a business on Oregon Road. The alarm had sounded in error.

7:24 p.m. – Police responded to Camp Smith on Bear Mountain Bridge Road after the owner of a car discovered a small dent on the rear passenger side of the vehicle. The vehicle owner said she was unsure how the damage occurred but requested a report for insurance purposes.

July 23 - 9:15 a.m. – Police responded to Chester Court to assist a woman who was stung multiple times by bees while gardening. The woman, who said she was not allergic to bees, was transported by ambulance to Hudson Valley Hospital Center as a precaution.

12:15 p.m. – Police responded to Route 202 in Yorktown to take a report on a larceny of a car radiator that apparently occurred overnight in the Town of Cortlandt. A resident of Fox Hill Road in Cortlandt was driving on Route 202 when her car overheated and she subsequently discovered that someone had stolen the vehicle's radiator. The theft apparently occurred after 10 p.m. the night before while the car was parked outside her home.

July 27 - 3:52 p.m. – Police charged a Yorktown woman with petit larceny, a misdemeanor, after she was detained by store security at Kohl's department store on Route 6 and accused of shoplifting. Joanne Coughlin, 43, of Baldwin Road, is accused of trying to leave the store without paying for two leather belts she had placed inside a bag she was carrying. She was released pending a future appearance in Cortlandt Town Court.

Westchester County Police (Ossining)

July 21 - 2:55 p.m. – A resident of Woods Brooke Circle came to county police headquarters in Hawthorne to report that his credit cards have been used to make several unauthorized purchases of merchandise. The man said he believes two women he met recently obtained his credit card information and are responsible for the purchases. The case was turned over to detectives from the General Investigations Unit.

July 22 - 11:35 a.m. – Police were asked to check on the welfare of an elderly woman who was injured in a fall the previous week and could not be reached by an acquaintance by telephone. Officers who checked the residence on Cedar Lane found that the woman was not at home and determined that she was still being treated at Phelps memorial Hospi-

tal Center in Sleepy Hollow.

5:57 p.m. – Police responded to Ryder Park after receiving a report about a suspicious vehicle parked near the entrance. Officers spoke with the driver and determined that he was passing some time at the park because he was early for an appointment to inspect a rental property he owns nearby.

10 p.m. – A police officer patrolling the festival at St. Augustine's Church broke up a loud argument between two men near the beer tent. Both men, who had been drinking, were told to leave the festival and did so without further incident.

July 23 - 9:40 a.m. – A resident of Morningside Drive complained to police that garbage was being thrown into her yard from an adjacent property on North State Road. An officer spoke with a tenant at the North State Road property who denied responsibility but volunteered to help clean up the debris.

1:01 p.m. – Police received a complaint about an illegally parked vehicle on Quaker Bridge Road. An officer responded and issued a summons.

July 24 - 3:57 p.m. – Police responded to a home on Cedar Lane on a report that a coyote was in the back yard. The animal was gone upon an officer's arrival.

July 27 - 10:54 a.m. – A resident of Haymont Terrace called police after she arrived home and found that a side door to the home was ajar. Officers checked the home and found that everything was in order. The homeowner said it was pos-

sible that her children had failed to properly close the door.

State Police

July 28 - State Police in East Fishkill arrested Anthony Servedio, 45, of Mohegan Lake, for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree with intent to sell. Troopers stopped the vehicle Servedio was operating on Interstate 84 for an equipment violation. Subsequent to the stop it was discovered Servedio was in possession of 43 individual baggies containing cocaine. He was arraigned in Town of East Fishkill Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail on bail of \$10,000 cash or \$20,000 bond.

Yorktown Police

July 24 - 11:15 p.m. – A 15-year-old female was charged with juvenile delinquency after a call was received from a resident of Cliff Road reporting a possible underage drinking party. Officers Brian Mundy and Timothy Kolkmann were dispatched to the scene and conducted an investigation that revealed the unidentified female allowed persons under the age of 21 to consume alcoholic beverages inside her residence.

July 25 - 4:21 p.m. – Jacob Souza, 23, of Fort Montgomery, was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after an undercover drug investigation in the parking lot of Macy's at the Jefferson Valley Mall revealed he was smoking marijuana in his vehicle. Souza was also alleged to be in possession of 1.3 grams

of marijuana.

July 28 - 7 p.m. – Sheldon Todd, 24, of the Bronx, was charged with grand larceny and criminal possession of a forged instrument in connection with several fraudulent credit card purchases at CVS in Mohegan Lake on April 22. Todd was arrested in Somers Town Court following a scheduled court appearance after being held in Putnam County Jail on unrelated charges.

July 31 - 11:45 a.m. – Anthony Davis, 20, of Newburgh, was charged with assault in the third degree in connection with an alleged assault February 8, 2010 at the Phoenix Academy after being apprehended by Newburgh Police. He was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$500 cash bail.

4:13 p.m. - Joseph Falcone, Jr., 28, of Yorktown, was charged with criminal contempt in the first degree after a female resident of Katrina Drive appeared at police headquarters and alleged Falcone violated an order of protection by threatening to harm her during a phone conversation. Falcone was released on \$1,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in Yorktown Town Court August 28.

August 1 - 3:40 a.m. – An unidentified 17-year-old male from Mohegan Lake was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana after Officer Matthew Racioppo observed a suspicious occupied green Saturn in the parking lot of Club Fit in Jefferson Valley.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW RICHTER

The Westchester County Board of Legislators recently honored the Verplanck Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 6-4 on the occasion of its 15th anniversary, and the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Presenting members with a proclamation were Minority Leader John Testa, Majority Leader Catherine Borgia and Chairman Michael Kaplowitz.

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Letters

Dems Have a Solid Choice for Mayor in Ossining in Garity

To the Editor:

For the first time in eight years, Democratic voters of Ossining village have a choice for Mayor. The incumbent is running for his fifth term, but whereas he's run unopposed in the past, this time he faces a viable challenger.

Victoria Garity has out-raised him in money and in petition signatures. The Ossining Democratic Committee, County Legislator Catherine Borgia, and New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef have all endorsed her candidacy.

Who do they see? An intelligent, compassionate and inclusive candidate, a

passionate advocate for green, sustainable policies who offers new leadership for a village that stands at the crossroads.

Everyone wants Ossining to take its place among the more-bustling river towns. But the incumbent's idea of a "renaissance" is building hundreds of new residential units that strain our infrastructure and stress our already-crowded schools. And he wants to build more, fundamentally changing the character of our charming village. Victoria, on the other hand, seeks to ease the tax burden on residents by fostering commercial growth, which yields more tax

revenue than massive housing.

Above all, Victoria listens. She will bring collaborative, open door government to Ossining, holding open office hours when Ossining residents can meet with her and express their views. As she puts it, "the best ideas and decisions grow when all stakeholders are part of the conversation."

The Democratic primary is September 9. I encourage voters to vote for Ossining's future and choose Victoria Garity as the next Mayor.

DANA WHITE
Ossining

'Quality of Life' Issues are Biggest Challenge in Yorktown

To the Editor:

What is Susan Siegel running for? I thought it was a seat on the Yorktown Town Council. Yet, all of her "Press Releases" makes me think that she's running for Supervisor. Someone should tell her that the Supervisor's seat is not up for reelection until next year. Or does this signal the type of attitude that she will bring to the Town Board. Haven't we seen enough of divisive politics?

I moved to Yorktown because it is "a community." I think the biggest challenge faced by local governments today is "quality of life" issues. Are the Yorktown taxes high? If you answer yes, keep in mind that over the past twenty years the town's commercial tax base has dropped. When that happens the amount of money homeowners pay goes up. Mrs. Siegel

had the opportunity to open Yorktown to business when she was Supervisor and sat on the Town Board. They approved a Master Plan which further exacerbated the problem by up-zoning properties and sidestepping or turning a blind eye to the dwindling commercial tax base.

What the Town government should be focusing on is how to keep a vibrant community. How do we continue to have Yorktown known as a place where young people, young families, older families and seniors WANT to call home?

Many families moved here or moved back because they wanted to see their children in a good school district and be part of a community that supports one another.

How do "we" as a community support our children, our most vulnerable popula-

tion? One way, is doing what can be done to keep them healthy and active. Instead, when they show up to play they are told that there are no ball fields available.

Several of our volunteer coaches attended a Town Board meeting that lasted well into the evening to talk about the issues they face. Did anyone hear them?

The SEQRA process is overseen by many government agencies, including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and various County agencies. The Town Board voted to begin the SEQRA process on our new ball fields and I hope that they have.

Score one for the good guys.

MARIANNE VIOLANTE
Yorktown Heights

Garity's Dedication to Her Community is Evident

To the Editor:

My name is Herb Oringel, the Chairman of the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium in which the Village of Ossining is a founding member.

I met and work with Ms. Garity through the association which we have built, which consists of a Consortium

that now totals 17 Municipalities. Ms. Garity's ethics and

dedication to the community she serves stands out. In addition, I can certainly vouch for her intelligence and dedication to her community.

HERBERT N. ORINGEL
Chair, NWEAC

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Obituaries

Peggy May

Peggy "Margaret" May, a resident of Hilton Head Island and former teacher in Yorktown, died suddenly on July 24. She was 82.

She was born in Syracuse and was a graduate of SUNY Cortland in Cortland, New York. She taught for 28 years in Yorktown. In 1984 she retired from teaching and moved to Hilton Head Island.

She was very involved with a variety of activities during her 30 years on Hilton Head. She volunteered with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce on community events. She spent many years working in Player Services for the Family Circle Magazine Tennis Tournament during the time it was held on Hilton Head Island. Peggy also became very involved in adult literacy. She served as the Director of Adult Literacy for Beaufort County in the late 80s. She went on to become the South Carolina State Director of Adult Literacy from 1992 until 1996 when she retired. She then worked for several years with national literacy organizations as an event planner.

Over the last couple of years he was a dedicated volunteer for The Deep Well Project. She also recently served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Educational Excellence and was very involved with the Italian American Club of Hilton Head as its secretary.

She will be forever missed by her life partner, Jackie Rosswurm of Hilton Head Island, her relatives, and the countless friends whose lives she touched and influenced in so many different ways.

She was a lover of food and friends. She loved to prepare good food and to share that good food with good friends. She did not believe in moderation. She lived her life to the absolute fullest and had a tremendous impact on so many people across countless generations along the way.

Mary Albert

Mary I. Albert, a resident of Wappingers Falls and formerly of Peekskill, died peacefully at her home on July 28. She was 87.

Born in White Plains on February 17, 1927, she was the daughter of Augusto and Domenica Spadaccia Delsoldato. She was employed as a secretary with Sonotome in Elmsford, and then as the secretary to the superintendent of schools for the Hendrick Hudson School District. She was a member of Faith Assembly of God in Poughkeepsie.

She is survived by her son, Robert Albert and his wife Judith of Wappingers Falls; her brother, Aldo Delsoldato of

CA; her grandchildren, Robert Albert Jr. and his wife Ellen, Rebecca Dobbins and her husband Richard; and her great-grandchildren, Brian, Bryce, Katelynn, Brady, Blake and Riley. She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Robert Albert.

Daniel Hobby

Daniel "Dan" Hobby, a resident of Somers, died unexpectedly on July 29 at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. He was 47.

He was born in Mt. Kisco on July 11, 1967 to John and Adele (Puff) Hobby, Sr., of West Harrison and Somers. She attended Somers schools, graduating from Somers High School. Dan was predeceased by his father and is survived by his mother, Adele, his brother, John and his wife Deborah (Guidish) Hobby, Jr., and his sister, Deborah and her husband Peter Cordone. Dan was the proud uncle to nephews, John, Eric (Christine Iebba) and Brian Hobby, Richard (Alison DeMilio) and Jason Cordone and niece, Casey Cordone. He is also survived by great-nieces, Jenna and Ashley Hobby and Lia Cordone, as well as great-nephew, Trevor Cordone.

Mr. Hobby had such a positive outlook towards life. Through many adversities in his lifetime, he always faced them with a smile. He enjoyed the outdoors and was the happiest surrounded by his family, especially spending time with his four sweet great-nieces and nephew. He loved vacationing on Nantucket Island and fishing with his father. His smile would light up a room. He had a heart

larger than life and will be greatly missed by all, including his extended family and many friends.

William "Billy D" Dohan

William M. Dohan, a resident of Ossining, died July 30 after a battle with brain cancer. He was 62.

He was born July 26, 1952 in Yonkers to William and Eleanor (Hessler) Dohan. He worked as an electrician for Local 3 for many years. He retired in 2012. He was a former member of the Ossining Fire Dept., Independent Hose.

He is survived by his sons Matthew (Jean), Eric, Jeff, sister Gayle Voss (William) & grandson Evan. He enjoyed cruising in his 1975 corvette while listening to The Eagles and The Beatles. A great singer, his voice often lit up the local pubs in Croton on any given weekend night. He was loved by all of his many friends.

Angeline "Angie" Psaras

Angeline "Angie" Psaras, a longtime resident of Ossining, died on August 1. She was 85.

She was born in Hyde Park, PA on October 14, 1928 to James and Marcella (Callitis) Papajis. She retired from Readers Digest. She was a member of the Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church. She was an avid lover of cats. She is survived by her loving husband Gus, two daughters Maria Ortiz and Marcella

Psaras; and two grandchildren Alexis Ortiz and Nicholas Guy.

Frank Marx

Frank A. Marx, a resident of Cortlandt and a former longtime Yonkers resident, died August 1 at Hudson Valley Hospital Center. He was 88.

He was born on September 8, 1925 to Louis and Angela Hanzl Marx in Pennsylvania. He was raised and educated in the Bronx. Mr. Marx was a self-employed house painter and carpenter throughout Westchester County and New York City for over 40 years. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during World War II and fought in the Pacific. Mr. Marx was a past president and active member of the Holy Name Society at St. Bartholomew's Church where he was a parishioner. Recently, he was a volunteer at the Hudson Valley Hospital Center for several years. He loved the special time he spent with his family at Lewey Lake in the Adirondacks. On September 10, 1955, he married his loving wife, Rosemary Kaussner in Holy Innocence Church in Pleasantville. Mrs. Marx died in 2004.

Survivors include three daughters, Susan Beck and her husband Thomas of Cortlandt, Jennifer Sessions and her husband David of Pleasantville and Marianne Killackey and her husband Robert of Torrington, Ct. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Krysten, Davey, Andrew, Bobby, Scott, Amanda and Tom, a cousin, Anna Hulls and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Hilda Pollack.



Peekskill High School graduate Lindsey Torres, 18, has been selected as the winner of a tee-shirt design contest for Support Connection's 20th Anniversary Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer on October 5 at FDR State Park in Yorktown. Support Connection wanted a special design for the tee-shirts that will be worn by thousands of participants. They invited middle and high school students come up with a graphic or illustration to represent the spirit of the Walk and the organization's mission. The winning design was chosen by Support Connection staff. Torres learned of the contest from her high school art teacher Heather Brown. She worked on a few different ideas before coming up with the design she submitted. It features balloons fashioned from the Support Connection heart-and-hand logo and two different awareness ribbons (pink for breast cancer and teal for ovarian cancer). The balloons are held aloft by a single hand. "To me, balloons give a feeling of being happy and free. I thought the hand holding the balloons could represent letting your worries float away," she said. The special Anniversary Support-A-Walk tee-shirts are available to anyone who makes a donation of \$50 prior to the date of the Walk. To learn more about the 20th Anniversary Support-A-Walk, to register, or to make a donation, visit www.supportconnection.org or contact: 914-962-6402 or walk@supportconnection.org.

New Luxury Homes Coming to Yorktown

New construction luxury homes are coming to Yorktown! Fox Den Estates is located in the Town of Yorktown within the Yorktown Central School District off Field Street and Jacob Road near Route 202 and the Taconic State Parkway. The builder, Wallack Development Corporation, plans to finish out the last five lots left in this exclusive, established subdivision and has chosen the #1 Agent in Yorktown, John Kincart of the Houlihan Lawrence Yorktown Brokerage to market these properties.

The single-family "To-Be-Built" new construction homes feature Colonial Style floor plans that range from 3,200 to 4,500 square feet and can include up to five bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. Priced from \$1.2m to \$1.5m, these homes offer beautiful exterior architec-

tural features and well-appointed interior design elements such as large gourmet kitchens that are perfect for entertaining; expansive, functional basements, and luxurious master bedroom suites. The last lots to be developed are now available with the sought-after services of municipal water, sewer and natural gas.

"Buyers have the freedom and flexibility to personalize their new home to fit their own unique lifestyle, giving them a custom home experience at a great value, with a reputable local builder who has an excellent track record," says listing agent John Kincart.

Fox Den Estates is within minutes of the Taconic State Parkway and Route 9, offering drivers a quick commute, just 20 miles to White Plains and less than 38 miles to New York City. The community

is located less than 20 miles from Westchester County & Stewart Airports, and is convenient to the Metro North Train Stations in Croton-on-Hudson, Cortlandt Manor and Peekskill. Residents can enjoy great recreational activities and the outdoor lifestyle that Yorktown and Northern Westchester offers, with an abundance of parks and water bodies, including FDR State Park, only minutes away.

About Houlihan Lawrence

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Muddy Puddles "Mess Fest" for Childhood Cancer Saturday

The second annual Muddy Puddles "Mess Fest" will be held Saturday August 9 at Kiwi Country Day Camp in Mahopac, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Muddy Puddles Project benefits the Ty Louis Campbell (TLC) Foundation in support of pediatric cancer research.

The Muddy Puddles "Mess Fest" is a

celebration of children and childhood with a wide variety of family-focused games and activities. The second annual Muddy Puddles "Mess Fest" honors Ty Louis Campbell, a young boy who lost his battle with brain cancer in October 2012 at the age of five. Ty dreamed of the day he was able to jump in muddy pud-

dles. In remembrance of Ty we dedicate this day to forgetting our troubles and letting out our inner child as we laugh, play and get messy! In Ty's honor let your children come and enjoy the simple pleasures of being a kid, for those who are no longer able to. For more information on this project, visit www.muddy-puddlesproject.org

Emily Peachey, actress from the blockbuster sensation *The Fault in our Stars*, is proud to be a speaker at this year's Mess Fest. She will be participating in a 20-minute Q&A for fans. The media is invited to take pictures as we will have a photo screen set up.

More than 2,000 guests attended the 2013 event, surpassing the foundation's projected number of 650 attendees. Last year the Mess Fest raised \$60,000 for the Ty Louis Campbell Foundation in support of childhood cancer research. This year an anticipated 2,500+ cheerful children, parents, media outlets and sponsors are expected.

The "Mess Fest" is an outdoor event featuring food, music, games and of

course mud! This year, bring your family for mud jumping, food fights, pie tosses, treasure hunts, water balloon tosses, dunk tanks, water wars, zip lines, climbing walls, splash paint and dozens of other kid-centered activities for all ages. After the event, we will rinse the muddy kids off with a hose straight from a fire truck!

About The Ty Louis Campbell Foundation

Founded in September 2012, The Ty Louis Campbell (TLC) Foundation is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that funds innovative research and technology specifically geared toward the treatment of the deadliest childhood cancers. The organization seeks less toxic, more effective treatments that are specifically designed for children fighting cancer. Their ultimate mission is to help fund the intelligence and technology that will uncover new ways to more effectively treat children with cancer. For more information about the foundation, visit www.theTLCfoundation.com.

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Falk Attacks Katz Over Campaign Finances Not Yet Submitted

By David Propper

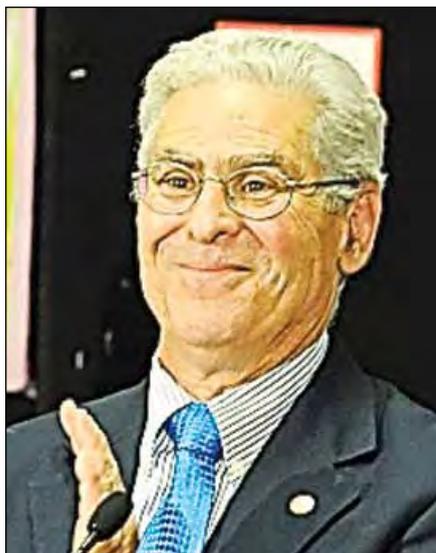
Democratic challenger Andrew Falk came out swinging against incumbent Assemblyman Steve Katz (R/Mohegan Lake) for not disclosing his post campaign-finance reports by deadline, which was July 15.

Katz had not filed his financial disclosure forms with the New York State Board of Elections as of July 28. In a press release issued last week, Falk disseminated Katz's failure to file and said "people who make the law should have the integrity to abide by it."

In an interview, Falk reiterated his point and said by not filing his campaign finances, it is another example of Katz ignoring the law, calling it a pattern. He went on to say, voters in the 94th district deserve to know where Katz is receiving campaign fund.

Falk said he filed his campaign finances on July 14, a day before the deadline. He said when he noticed Katz did not file by the deadline, he started to check every couple of days whether his finances were on the NYS Board of Elections website. With each day, "it became more and more blatant that he feels it's just another law to disregard when it doesn't convenience him."

"We should have trust that our elected officials and people that want to be elect-



Steve Katz

ed officials will always act with integrity," Falk said. "Whether or not somebody is watching or not."

When reached for comment, Katz said his information would be submitted by the end of the week and had a simple explanation for his forms not meeting deadline.

His former treasurer had resigned, but did not fill out the proper paperwork required when leaving the job. He then got



Andrew Falk

in touch with the state Board of Elections in Albany, which told him it's not a problem if the forms are handed in past due date once his new treasurer finishes collecting the necessary numbers.

"There's been no horrible crime committed and that's all I have to say," Katz said.

Falk cited other run-ins with the law, including the ticket Katz got last year for marijuana possession that resulted in a

small fine and community service.

Falk also noted Katz settled a case for \$105,000 in 2006 after Katz was sued by a former female employee at his Bronx veterinary office after she was fired. The female employee went to Katz after she said she was being sexually harassed by a co-worker, but Katz did not investigate. A month later, the employee claimed she was fired as a result.

Falk also mentioned two different times Katz was arrested, but failed to say the cases were almost immediately dismissed both times.

According to Falk's finances, between January 2014 and July 2014, Falk raised more than \$25,000, though \$3,000 came from Falk's law office in Brewster.

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Ossining Fire Department Parades Through Village



Ossining residents were treated to the sights and sounds of fire trucks and bands during parade Friday.

PHOTOS BY JUSTINE HUDOCK



Othello at HV Shakespeare: The Message Still Stings

By Abby Luby

The current Hudson Valley Shakespeare production of "Othello" is a tour de force. Infused in this bear of a play is a resurgent energy that feels raw and invigorating as it unveils the intricate kaleidoscope of human nature splintered by malicious intent. Expertly directed by Christopher Edwards, his program notes set the initial tone: "...we are lied to as many as 200 times a day.....we are a society of deceivers walking a thin line between appearance and reality." Edwards skillfully catapults us from one scene to the next sustaining the tension throughout.

Written in 1603, Othello is one of Shakespeare's famous tragedies and the messages of deceit, racism, sexism, jealousy and revenge haven't lost their sting. Othello is a dark skinned Moor and a powerful military general who falls in love with and weds Desdemona, a white woman, a marriage that taps the hatred and envy of Iago, Othello's close military confidant. It's Iago's escalating and furtive dishonesty that is the eventual ruin of Othello. The deep emotional conflict between Othello and Iago are echoed by the backdrop of the battlefield where war is a constant. Edwards consulted with West Point officers directly across the river from the Boscobel stage and realistically assimilated today's military behavior into the play. Battalion guttural shouts of "Hooah!" and "Yes sir!" come from actors wearing headsets and dressed in camouflaged uniforms while brandishing genuine looking semi-automatic weapons and aggressively drawn



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM MARSH

Leopold Lowe and Susannah Millonzi perform in a scene from Othello. Kurt Rhoads and Leopold Lowe in photo below.

pistols as if they stepped right out of CSI.

Kurt Rhoads is brilliant as the lying and treacherous Iago. Right from the start Rhoads' pacing is masterful as he deftly draws us in initially portraying a cautious man who has nothing to hide.

As he elicits our skepticism and finally divulges his calculating and evil plan, the irony is blatant: while we recognize how vile Iago is, the characters don't really see it until the end. Rhoads' swagger and his Green Beret style cap and sunglasses suggests a crass and dangerous bully oozing from his every pore. By the end of the play Rhoads has us seething at him and his destructive motive of revenge.

Equally adept is the talented Leopold Loew as Othello. Loew superbly crafts Othello's incremental metamorphoses from a happy, loving man to one who has fallen into a jealous and deranged frenzy. Lowe is sublime as he nears the slippery edge of the black hole of hate. Susannah Millonzi's Desdemona captivates us with a keen, buoyant innocence, a stark contrast to the social deterioration around her. When her exuberance is stripped from her, Millonzi offers a deep and passionate sense of loss without being overly dramatic. Millonzi and Nance Williamson, who plays Iago's abused wife, Emilia, create a stunning magnetic interconnection on stage as they each become transformed in their views of men. Williamson is a faithful and wonderful conduit here for Shakespeare's words on women's rights: "Tis not a year or two shows us a man: They are all but stomachs, and we all but food;..." Jason O'Connell is the frantic and beleaguered Roderigo who loves Desdemona in vain and offers up

a truly lost soul enslaved to Iago's heinous bidding. Stephen Paul Johnson is Brabantio, Desdemona's father whose rage at his daughter's bi-racial marriage is potent.

The famous singer and actor Paul Robeson played Othello when it came to Broadway in the 1940s, a time when this country was still rampantly racist. Perhaps it was with this in mind that Edwards, in creating the drunken party scene in the barracks, has Rhoads singing "Ole Man River" - the popular Showboat song about oppressed African Americans, a song that was sung by Robeson throughout his performing career. It makes a compelling parody as does the contemporary social relevance of this production.

The HVSF 2014 season also includes Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona, directed by Eric Tucker and "The Liar" directed by Russell Treyz, (previously reviewed in The Examiner). All three plays will be presented through August 31. For 28 seasons the festival has performed in a beautiful, castle-like open-air theater tent on the grounds of historic Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, using the spectacular view of the Hudson River as a theatrical backdrop. For more information call the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival office at 845-809-5750, or visit www.hvshakespeare.org



The Life and Times of Today's California Small Producer

The California agricultural industry is the juggernaut of the food industry. It supplies more farmed products to the world than any other nation. On a micro level, the California wine industry supplies over 90% of wine consumed domestically. And wine is big business in the United States. Over 80% of all wine is produced by 2% of winemakers.

These winemaking behemoths impact the entire food chain, not to mention the influence they exert on consumers' drinking habits.

But what of the other 98%? Whether they are hobbyists dabbling in premium wines as a pastime or dedicated farmers seeking to eke out a living, these winemakers must cope with the same economic conditions and environmental vagaries as the giants of the industry, yet oftentimes without similar capital wherewithal.

Just in the last two years, I've noticed changes occurring up and down the California coast that are affecting the future of wineries, but seem to be placing a heavier strain on small producers as they

cope with a realignment of the industry.

So what are these conditions and how are the 98% coping with them?

1. Economics and finances: A number of the small producers set out in the 1970s and 1980s as ambitious, idealistic farmers seeking to "get back to nature" and "buck the establishment." Back then land was inexpensive and their energy for farming that land was boundless.

Fast forward to the 21st century.

Land values have skyrocketed. Prices for prime vineyard land have been growing at an average five to ten percent. Today, an acre of prime Napa Valley land costs a whopping \$150,000. (By comparison, land in Tuscany's Chianti Classico averages \$50,000). The astute winemaker investing in land in the late 1970s is living on and farming valuable property. But as many investors

found out in the Great Recession, equity does not generate the cash flow necessary to meet the rising costs of running a business. Long-time winemakers are overleveraged and are being forced to

sell their operations, at times at significant discounts.

2. Replanting vines: Grapevines do not age gracefully. Production begins to diminish after 20 to 30 years; vines are typically replaced within 30 years of planting. It is now that time in the vineyard life cycle in the United States. It is estimated that 15% of grapevines in Napa Valley will be replaced in the next few years – at a hefty cost of approximately \$50,000 per acre. This is placing additional stress on cash-strained winemakers.

3. Mother Nature: She smiled down on California's winemakers in 2012 and 2013 with excellent vintages, which produced excellent fruit and yields. The 2014 vintage is progressing well, with the impact of the prolonged drought not yet having any material impact on yields. Hope springs eternal in the breast of the stressed farmer.

4. Succession: As the first generation winemakers of the 1970s and 1980s near retirement age, there is rarely a family member willing, or ready, to take over the reins.

In the United States, winemakers face

much higher costs than their Western European multi-generational counterparts and therefore a higher cash breakeven point. From the significant cash investment in land to the hired help to manage and operate the winery, smaller wineries seem to be on the cusp of insolvency more often than not. Not an appealing proposition for the next generation, if indeed there is one in the family portrait.

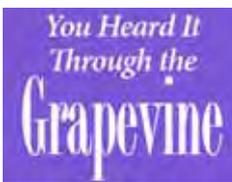
As the California wine industry heads into the 2014 harvest season, the long-term effects of the Great Recession, and Father Time, are playing out. Consolidation in the last two years has been higher than any in recent memory. The 2% are slowly transitioning into the 1%, as retiring or cash-strapped small producers exit.

What will the next two years bring to this industry? Perhaps only time – and the banks – will be able to tell us.

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By Nick Antonaccio



Senate Hopeful Wagner Releases Final Portion of Tax Plan

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icaid bureaucracies because he believes they are currently too redundant. Right now, every county has its own Medicaid bureaucracy and is in charge of taking on much of the costs of Medicaid. By consolidating services, it would take pressure off counties.

Another way to address hefty property taxes is to provide help and predictability to local governments that are hit with unexpected pension costs. Wagner proposes state aid be given when the spikes occur. He also said the state should smooth pension costs in the state mandated, state administered pension costs.

"There would be costs associated with it, we don't have a magic wand," Wagner said of the plan. "But by streamlining and consolidating programs and having them run more efficiently, we can save localities money."

The Croton resident said he's heard from voters, "We don't want to just have taxes capped, we want to see them lowered."

Wagner also said if elected, he would "absolutely" have enough support to get his plan put into motion, calling property taxes a bipartisanship fight.

In order to get elected, Wagner would have to get through either Republican Terrence Murphy, a Yorktown coun-



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Justin Wagner explains property tax reform plan with Legislator Catherine Borgia and Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

cilman, or Republican Bob Castelli, a former assemblyman. The two are facing off in a primary to determine who will be on the ticket for the general election. Wagner ran and lost to Greg Ball in 2012. Ball is leaving office after his current term is up.

Castelli's spokesman Charlie Banks

said in a statement regarding Wagner's tax plan, "Assemblyman Castelli helped shepherd both a much-needed middle-class tax cut and a property tax cap through a hostile Legislature, two conservative agenda items that had been sitting idle for years. It's not enough just to want tax reform in Albany; you have to

know how to get it done. Bob Castelli is the only

candidate in this race who has shown that he can do it."

Meanwhile, Murphy could not be reached for comment. The 40th Senate District covers parts of Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties.

Can't Say "Mother/Daughter" Anymore? Is "Master Suite" Next To Go?

When I announced in the office sales meeting at William Raveis that The Home Guru Team was just about to list a great "mother/daughter" house, my office manager, Doris Ellias, gently advised me that "now it's suggested that we refer to them as 'extended family' houses."

Oh, no, I exclaimed mentally, now we have yet another widely accepted housing term that is considered either politically incorrect or unacceptable to the Fair Housing Act's advertising guidelines. I looked for any reference to support Doris' notation and couldn't find anything, but I'm sure she's right. After all, my friend, Steve Welles, lives in that kind of set-up with his two sons, Shane and Cody, and why should his house be called a "mother/daughter" and not a "father/son?" So, I guess "extended family" can cover a broad-

er swath of new family situations, including all the in-laws, and all the other possibilities we now have with equality in marriage.

But, consider yourself lucky when you set out to sell your home that you've hired a professional realtor who's trained to navigate all the language land mines out there that protect citizens from discrimination in housing. We realtors have one heck of a time making sure that we are in compliance when

we create copy for a listing, write a brochure or place ads. We might as well have a lawyer by our sides to make sure we are not in violation of those guidelines. Acceptable terms and phrases may seem arbitrary until they offend someone and spark a complaint to a government agency.



By Bill Primavera

Section 804 (c) of the Fair Housing Act prohibits language that would foster discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin and, now, in some states, sexual orientation. Some limitations are allowed, such as "no smoking" and "no pets," but others are not, such as "no children," and may not state a preference for adults, couples or singles but rather can describe the properties, as suggested by the National Association of Realtors. We all know the obvi-

ous phrases that would denote a particular preference or those code words that imply limitations, such as "exclusive" or "private." Also we must be careful not to mention particular school systems or houses of worship that could imply a preference in a buyer or tenant.

And when we set about to describe the house itself, there are difficulties in describing its rooms with all the changes that have

come about with modern living and, in some cases, where a name may have one meaning but imply another. For instance, does having a master bedroom imply that slavery is still alive and well, or that only households with males at their head should consider buying the home? And, where would the mistress put down digs?

Scores of other questions come to mind about rooms' names. Why do we call it a John and not a Jill? And, I don't even want to venture a guess about the Jack and Jill bathroom.

So many room names have gone totally bye-bye just by virtue of the way we live differently from the way we lived years ago. Does anyone really live in the living room anymore? Hasn't it been completely replaced by the family room just off the kitchen? Shouldn't we just dump it from our housing vocabulary and our floor plans as well? And who decided that the great room should be a great room? Is that in contrast to a lousy room?

And have you seen a sitting room or sewing room lately? Or a library? That is, unless you live grandly, as some do. One of my favorite stories is about the time I visited the home of a client, Ella Brennan, matriarch of the family that owns Commander's Palace in New Orleans, and when she opened the double doors to her grand ballroom, I exclaimed, "Oh, you have a ballroom in

your house!" and she replied, "Doesn't everyone?"

And why do we still call the mud room the mud room? Has there really been any mud in it since we stopped being an agrarian society? Just in the past month I've listed two historic houses that have "birthing rooms" just off the kitchen. What in the world should I call them? And, remember the rumpus room when we were kids? All such vestigial rooms have been replaced courtesy of the internet with the home office that people my age never had the luxury of and are now de rigueur in the modern household.

There are so many terms and room descriptions that are being pulled from our housing vocabulary for one reason or another, either because of lifestyles changes or the requirements of the Fair Housing guidelines, that someday we may be reduced to saying simply, "nice house for sale."

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- 9 Sweetheart
- 11 Betsy Ross, e.g.
- 13 The Maldives are part of it
- 15 Auto term
- 18 Comes alive
- 21 Int'l workers' grp.
- 22 Delivery truck
- 23 Blame
- 24 Kitchen knives
- 26 Carol's contraction
- 27 Healthful berry
- 28 Round Table bigwig

- 36 Patrick Swayze would have visited this Somers tavern
- 37 Ironed out

DOWN

- 1 Prefix for play or band
- 2 Helm heading
- 3 Org for civil aviation, abbr.
- 4 Prefix to oral and erse
- 5 Trigonometry abbreviation
- 6 Old PC display device
- 7 Rowboat need
- 8 Hearty entree
- 10 Contend
- 12 1967 war locale
- 14 Ancient symbols of Egyptian royalty
- 15 Flexible mineral
- 16 Use tweezers
- 17 Empty words
- 18 The 5th.... in NYC
- 19 Hawk's concern
- 20 "___ Day Now" (Bob Dylan hit)
- 25 Floor coverings (abbr.)
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Tuesday, Aug. 5

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC. You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

Farmers' Market: The Putnam Valley Grange Farmers' Market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Mill Street and Peekskill Hollow Road (Adams Corners).

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Chinese Watercolors Workshop: A Chinese Watercolor Workshop will be held at 6 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Everyone will make a greeting card to take home. The rice paper, bamboo brushes and the watercolors will be supplied. Please register for this program by calling 914-245-5262 Ext.227.

Yiddish Course: Due to popular demand, Chabad is offering a five-week introductory course on the Yiddish language. Join the course to learn a little Yiddish, kibbitz and schmooze. The course begins Wednesday, July 30, and will run for five consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Yorktown Nursery School, 247 Veterans Rd. or more information and to register visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-

6600.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar.) First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Cancer Support: A Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. in the Yorktown offices of Support Connection, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.supportconnection.org.

Earring Making Workshop: An earring making workshop will be held at 6 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Make earrings for yourself and for a battered women's shelter. Optional: bring any old bead jewelry that you can recycle into earrings! If you have any jewelry making tools, bring them along too. The workshop is intended for teens and adults. Please register for this program by calling 914-245-5262 Ext.227.

Photo Exhibit: Anita Sklar will be exhibiting a collection of fabric pictures from photographs at the Somers Library during the month of August. For any questions, please contact somersartgallery@wlsmail.org. She developed a professional modeling career at the age of 50. Eileen Ford recruited her to join the "Ford Classics Division". While in her 40's, Sklar's interest in sewing propelled her to create fabric hanging portraits of family members. This interest eventually evolved into what you see at the exhibit.

Friday, Aug. 8

Divergent Screening: "Movies, Books and Trivia - Read the Book, Play the Game and See the Movie" continues tonight with a program about "Divergent" at the Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd. Join the fun and play the book trivia game starting on at 7 p.m. and see the movie at 7:30 p.m. Open to all. There will be light refreshments available. Info: 914-232-3508.katref@wlsmail.org or www.katonahlibrary.org.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The

program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize all under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher. Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Jewish Center Services: During the spring months, Sabbath services will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday evenings and at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday mornings at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Info: 914-245-2324 or www.info@yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is held year-round on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Main and Spring Streets. Info: 914-923-4837 Ext. 202.

Overeaters Anonymous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-2488.

Open House: Bethel Springvale Inn is hosting an open house, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 62 Springvale Road, Croton-on-Hudson. Stop by for a glass of lemonade and a freshly baked soft pretzel. Free raffle.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartisyoga.com.

Monday, Aug. 11

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at

The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Weekly Hebrew Classes: Free weekly Hebrew classes for adults will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. through mid-July at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of Beach Shopping Center. RSVP: at 914-739-0500 or fhc@firsthebrew.org. Visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Helping Homeless Veterans: The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21 and My Brother Vinny need your help in assisting homeless veterans. Once a homeless veteran is approved by the government for apartment living, the veteran needs all the furnishings, linens, towels, cooking, eating utensils to set up his new apartment. One item that is desperately needed is window air conditioners. Anyone who wishes to donate an air conditioner, bed linens or towels may drop them off at St. Luke's Church's basement, Route 100, Somers NY. Hours of drop-off are Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please leave your name and address so we may thank you. Info: 914-277-4822.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Open House: Northern Westchester Toastmasters will hold an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, Room 16, 1974 Commerce St. The organization meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Members and guests will enjoy a regular Toastmasters meeting that includes prepared speeches, Table Topics™ (impromptu speeches) and evaluations of prepared speeches. This learn-by-doing workshop guides participants as they hone their speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere. This week's theme is: "Driving in my car" For more information call: 347-903-6570 or e-mail: toastmastersnw@gmail.com.

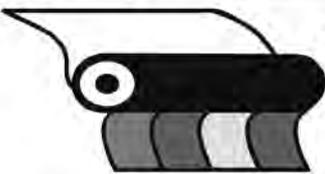
Saturday, Aug. 16

Bagels & Books: Yorktown author Susan Berliner will be at JV Hot Bagels, 3560 Lee Boulevard in Jefferson Valley (opposite the JV Mall), on Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to sign copies of her three novels: DUST, Peachwood Lake, and The Disappearance. For more information, go to www.susanberliner.com

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 2985 HICKORY ST., YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598

SBL #: 27.5 - 1 - 64

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES WU, CECILY AMMENDOLA, if living and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, CENTURION CAPITAL CORP., WELLS

FARGO BANK, N.A., THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants,

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$350,200.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester on September 21, 2006, at INSTR. NO. 462440747, covering premises known as 2985 HICKORY ST., YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598 - Sec. 27.5; Block 1; Lot 64. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendant CECILY AMMENDOLA, the foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated April 30, 2014, extended on June 11, 2014, and further extended on July 2, 2014.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY

July 8, 2014

McCABE WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

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SPORTS SECTION

Cool Duda Connects with Summer Campers!



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

New York Mets slugger Lucas Duda high fives young fans during an appearance at Summer Trails Day Camp in Somers last Thursday. For story, see page 22.

Sports

Mets Slugger Offers Advice to Young Players at Local Camp

By Rick Pezzullo

New York Mets first baseman Lucas Duda carries a big stick and is among the leaders in home runs and RBI in the National League, so when the 6'4" slugger walked on to the field at Summer Trails Day Camp in Somers last Thursday he was greeted with chants of "Let's Go Mets!" and enthusiastic requests to swing the bat.

It took a few minutes for the soft spoken 28-year-old to warm up to the eager young crowd but eventually he did take a few cuts and watched as each camper took a turn hitting off a tee.

"To have Lucas Duda say 'Nice Swing,' that's the highlight of their summer," said Jamie Sirkin, director of Summer Trails. "That's unique. That's certainly something that kids remember for a lifetime."

Duda also showed some of the older campers the proper footwork when covering first base, signed autographs and posed for photographs.

"I get nervous every day when I go to



Youngsters team up with Duda for a group photo.

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS

years ago, it's been an annual tradition to have a Major League Baseball player visit during the eight-week camp.

"It's a big deal. It's a very big deal," said Dave Parent, the camp's baseball manager. "It's the highlight of the summer for most of them. They're (major leaguers) all good guys."

Last year, Yankees backup catcher Chris Stewart visited the camp. Yankees David Robertson and Brett Gardner made appearances the prior two years, so some campers were looking forward to seeing a Mets player this year.

Dave Silverstein, one of the founders of Summer Trails, said in the past it was easier to get big name players to make appearances when the camp developed a relationship with Gene Michael of the Yankees. Lou Piniella, Willie Randolph and Catfish Hunter visited Summer Trails, as did David Cone and Howard Johnson of the Mets.

"They were all here back then," Silverstein said. "Most of the guys have been nice to the kids."

Duda said he was an Angels fan growing up in California and one of his favorite players was Tim Salmon. He said he was always "pretty good" at baseball and is enjoying playing under the spotlight in The Big Apple.

"Playing in New York is great. It was a little bit of a shock all the hustle and bustle," he said. "It was a tough kind of road (getting to the majors). It took some time, but you have to persevere and have fun."



Duda practices a swing with a tee.

the ballpark. Being nervous is a good thing," Duda said. "You have to continue to play hard and have fun. If you don't have fun, why play baseball?"

Since Summer Trails was founded 41



Lucas Duda demonstrates stretch position when taking a throw at first base.

Nothin' But Net Tournament Raises Funds for Organizations

By Rick Pezzullo

The Yorkville Sports Association's first Nothin' But Net basketball tournament in July at FDR State Park in Yorktown

truly a winner because of the money we were able to raise for the Yorktown Teen Center and Friends of FDR," said Al Morales, president of YSA Leagues.



The Yorktown Teen Center and Friends of FDR State Park benefited from proceeds from YSA basketball tournament.

netted \$500 apiece for the Yorktown Teen Center and Friends of FDR State Park.

In the championship game of the competitive tournament, Club Fit claimed the crown by defeating NO-PANYC, 21-13.

"It was a great tournament with an impressive final game, but everyone was

A check presentation was held July 18 at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center.

YSA Leagues is in partnership with UAA, Sonic Sports, the Yorktown Teen Center, NYGSA and Friends of FDR State Park. Sponsors include Club Fit, Teaches Basketball Camps, Raymond Opticians and Examiner Media.

Sports

Renegades Drown Lake Monsters before Hitting the Road

By A.J. Martelli

Hudson Valley Renegades Manager Tim Parenton walked back to the clubhouse with an ear-to-ear smile, high-fiving fans after last Tuesday night's game at Dutchess Stadium. He had every reason to be jubilant and celebrate, as the Gades had just finished off the Vermont Lake Monsters 5-3, completing a three-game sweep before beginning a six-game road trip. The Renegades have found the formula for winning at home with a 19-3 record at "The Dutch" and haven't lost in front of their fans since July 13.

Parenton has noticed his team has mastered the art of home field advantage,



Third baseman Grant Kay guards the hot corner for the Hudson Valley Renegades in last Tuesday's game.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



The Renegades' Casey Gillaspie swings the bat in last week's home win vs. the Vermont Lake Monsters.



Hudson Valley's Braxton Lee lines a pitch down the third-base line in last Tuesday's 5-3 Renegade victory.

and discussed it with his players before last Tuesday's win.

"We're playing well," he said. "We talked about it after batting practice today. We always have a little team meeting and go over what's going on, what to expect and how to play."

The Hudson Valley home field magic arrived in the bottom of the seventh. Tied 1-1, left fielder and Renegades' team leader in home runs, Hunter Lockwood, stepped up with the bases loaded, and was plunked by a pitch with two outs to send in the go-ahead run.

"It's never fun getting hit by a pitch, but tonight it helped our team out," Lockwood said. "Every time you get hit by a pitch

you get on base, but tonight it was a little bonus getting an RBI out of it, so it doesn't make it so bad.

"It's great to be able to come here and perform for our fans; it's special for us to be able to keep winning here and win for them. We know they like that."

Center Fielder Coty Blanchard stepped up next, and ripped a well-struck double down the line in left field, clearing the bases to give the Renegades a 5-1 lead.

"I was just trying to put a good swing on it," Blanchard said of the smash hit that broke the game open. "We had some runners on right there, so we decided to come through and get it done.

"It feels great to win here because we love playing here. The fans are great, they're here every game for us, and we hope we can keep it up for them."

Blanchard also drew a bases-loaded walk in the sixth to tie the game 1-1.

The Lake Monsters trailed 5-1 in the ninth but were able to salvage two runs on one swing. J.P. Sportman, Vermont's left fielder, clubbed a two-run homer over the wall in left field off Renegades' reliever Ryan Pennell, a Mamaroneck native and Rye Neck alum.

Oscar Armenta started the night for Hudson Valley, throwing six innings of one-run ball. He scattered six hits, walked three and struck out five before giving way to hard-throwing right-hander Kyle McKenzie, who was perfect for two innings and picked up two strikeouts. McKenzie was rewarded with his first win of the year for his effort.

"Their pitcher was very good tonight, so was ours - Armenta," Parenton said. "1-1 into the sixth and when we go to the bullpen, our guys just stepped up and came alive."

Parenton also mentioned the trials the upcoming road trip with stops in Jamestown and State College were sure to bring.

"We're looking forward to every game, one at a time - the old cliché," he added. "We have to play everybody a couple times; we'll play Jamestown and see what happens then go into State College and see what they got."

Lockwood had similar thoughts. "We're expecting some good series coming up," he said. "Jamestown Jammers are a good team, State College is a good team, so we've got to come out ready to play every day - doesn't matter if we're home or away."

EXTRA INNINGS: The Renegades played a doubleheader Thursday, and were swept by Jamestown, losing the first game 4-1 and the second game 4-2. Hudson Valley however earned a win in the series finale, beating the Jammers 2-1 in a game that featured a steal of home plate by Jace Conrad.

The Renegades then took the series opener from the State College Spikes Saturday evening, winning 5-2. Once again the Renegades pulled off a steal of home plate; Blanchard swiped the dish to give the Renegades the lead for good in the seventh inning. It marked his league-leading 18th steal of the year, putting Hudson Valley at 34-15 on the season.

Undefeated Season for YAC 10U Huskers Softball



From top left: Top: Assistant coach Carl Piehler, Assistant coach Sean Moran, Head Coach Lou Salvaggi 2nd Row: Aylssa Buck, Elaina Ornstein, Breanna Vo, Stella Bale, Samantha Longo, Isabella Raffa, Maya Servedio, Assistant Coach Michelle Raffa Bottom Row: Emily Piehler, Hailey Moran, Olivia Salvaggi, Adrianna Albano, Olivia Fasce, Assistant Coach Nicole Fasce Not present: Lauren Strauss The team went 11-0 this season, playing East Fishkill, Mahopac, Tuckahoe, Somers and Katonah. The 10u travel team won its WPBA summer division on Wednesday. The final score of Wednesday's game was 11-0, matching the team's record.

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