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Chamber Seeks to Force Referendum on Roundabout

Three former mayors joined Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce members Friday in downtown Ossining to lobby for a permissive referendum on a proposed roundabout in the area of Main, Spring and Brandreth streets.

"This isn't a political movement of any kind. This is a difference of opinion," said Gayle Marchica, president of the chamber. "We want to make Ossining a walkable town, a place where people will spend money. Putting a roundabout in place, at this time, so quickly, without proper studies, is irresponsible."

The Ossining Board of Trustees voted 3-2 last November to pursue the roundabout instead of making improvements to the intersection. Three weeks ago, the board approved \$500,000 in serial bonds to finance the roundabout.

Mayor Victoria Gearity has said the current intersection is "antiquated" and options have been explored for nearly two years. Village officials maintain the roundabout will save money long-term, be safer for pedestrians, calm traffic

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Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce President Gayle Marchica (left) leads press conference in

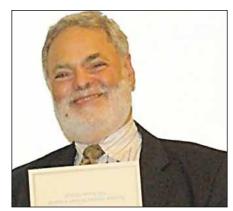
Mohegan Lake Man **Announces Bid to Run** for Yorktown Supervisor

By Rick Pezzullo

The executive director of a non-profit organization that recently filed a federal lawsuit claiming Yorktown Town Hall was discriminatory against individuals with disabilities has announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for Yorktown Supervisor.

Melvyn Tanzman, a 26-year resident of Mohegan Lake who has never held elected office, said he plans to run an issuescentered campaign against incumbent Supervisor Michael Grace that addresses the concerns of the entire community, maintaining developers and "big business interests" should not be more influential than residents.

"I want to bring ethics, transparency, and accountability back to Yorktown gov-



Melvyn Tanzman

ernance. I won't agree with everybody but I will endeavor to listen and learn as well as to speak and teach," Tanzman said. "There

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Cub Scout Pack Marks 50th Anniversary

Scouts young and old gathered February 12 to celebrate Yorktown Cub Scout Pack 164's annual Blue and Gold dinner. This year's celebration was especially significant as it marked the 50th anniversary of the Pack leading young boys in their journeys to become Boy Scouts. Close to 200 hundred people gathered at the American Legion in Mt. Kisco as 18 fifth grade boys "crossed the bridge" and joined various local Boy Scout programs.

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while improving flow, be environmentally-friendly, and expand sidewalks inviting greater seating, greenery and public gathering spaces.

However, former Mayor Miguel Hernandez, flanked by fellow former mayors William Hanauer and John Perillo, contended constructing a roundabout will cost "at least \$9 million" and ruin the character of the district, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It is a damn shame that the current mayor and her administration want to destroy this place so they can say they built something," said Hernandez, who is on the village's Historic Preservation Commission. "The community was never consulted. When is this madness going to stop?"

John Van Steen, secretary of the chamber's Board of Directors, said the Board of Trustees was ignoring recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and the need to change traffic patterns throughout the village.

"We believe the roundabout is a poor policy decision for the village," said Van Steen, who works for Merrill Lynch.

In order to trigger a permissive referendum, the chamber needs to obtain approximately 2.500 signatures on petitions that are circulating by the end of the month. Otherwise, village officials said construction of the roundabout is scheduled to take place this summer.



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Former mayors William Hanauer, Miguel Hernandez and John Perillo stand together against roundabout.

Putnam Valley Zombie Home Faces Demolition After Vote

By David Propper

The countdown to demolition day in Putnam Valley is underway.

During its monthly meeting last Wednesday, the town board voted unanimously to tear down a single family home at 31 Orchard Street after a public hearing was held last month to determine the fate of the decrepit house. Frustrated board members, including Supervisor Sam Oliverio and Councilwoman Jackie Annabi, were unhappy no progress was made on the home since the hearing last month.

Annabi said the town board has given the homeowner and mortgage holders a chance to rectify the situation at 31 Orchard Street, but "nothing

has been done." Annabi, who was more receptive to seeing if a mortgage owner could get the building up to code during last month's public hearing, said the home still hasn't been boarded up.

"Nothing has been done to the building to secure it as promise," Annabi said.

Oliverio, said the demolition and

removal of the home would not begin until 120 days from Dec. 7, 216, when the notice that the house violated town code was served. That gives the interested stakeholders a chance to seek a remedy through the legal system.

"We're going to rip that building down otherwise," Oliverio said. "Noth-

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What women need to know about breast density...



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Q: At what age should I begin getting mammograms?

A: Once a woman turns 40, the American Cancer Society and most recognized medical authorities recommend she start getting yearly mammograms. But mammograms aren't uniformly sensitive in all women. Between 40 and 50 percent of women have dense breasts – fibrous tissue as opposed to mostly fatty tissue – and that density can obscure potential problems.

Many women aren't aware that breast density is an issue. New York State requires doctors to notify women, in a letter, when their mammogram reveals this is the case. Do not become alarmed if you get this letter. It simply means that you should have a conversation with your doctor about your overall breast cancer risk.

Q: Why is it important to know if I have dense breasts?

A: Dense breasts can make mammograms less sensitive, and they may also contribute to cancer risk. You'll need to speak with your doctor about your individual lifetime risk and thoroughly evaluate your risk factors. To determine your risk, your doctor will ask you about your family history of breast and ovarian cancer, your age when you had your first period, whether you have children, when you had your first child, and any history of chest irradiation, among

other potential risk factors. The good news is that for many women with dense breasts, their risk won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

Q: What if I'm high risk?

A: Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20-25% lifetime risk) and who have dense breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram.

Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

A: There are many false positives with Breast MRI, which is why it is only recommended for women who are at high risk as they will derive the most benefit. Regardless of your breast density, make sure you get your yearly mammogram and discuss your risk factors for breast cancer with your physician.

Did you know?

Having dense breast tissue may increase your risk of getting breast cancer.

Yorktown Seeks Taxes for State-Owned Property in Town

The Town of Yorktown is looking for its fair share of property taxes for stateowned land within its borders.

Councilman Vishnu Patel crafted a resolution for the Town Board to adopt calling on state representatives to support a bill that would mandate the state

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are a lot of people fired up and wanting to become involved. Yorktown should draw on their knowledge and enthusiasm to help build and improve our communities. I'm a big fan of collaboration."

Tanzman has served as executive director of Westchester Disabled On the Move, Inc. since 1999. He previously worked for 13 years as a director for the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association. Tanzman described himself as an administrator who is skilled in team building, budget development and management, public and governmental relations, and organizational planning.

He contended many members of the Yorktown Town Board have a "my way or the highway" approach instead of seeking consensus on issues.

"I just believe you can't design and implement policy from an ivory tower," Tanzman said. "As a participant at town meetings, I am appalled by the lack of civility, disregard and disrespect shown to the public by the council majority."

Grace, a Republican, was first elected in 2011, ousting then-Supervisor Susan Siegel. He was reelected in 2013 and 2015, fending off challenges from former Councilman Nick Bianco and current Councilman Vishnu Patel, who is the lone Democrat on the Town Board.

An attorney with a law office located directly across the street from Town Hall, Grace met with the Yorktown Republican Committee earlier this month to seek their endorsement to run for a fourth two-year term.

Tanzman said some of the issues he would like to focus on are taxpayer burdens, affordable housing, and environmental and development concerns as outlined in the town's Comprehensive Plan.

'The town spent a lot of time and money developing this plan and sometimes I wonder how much attention is paid to it by the board when making critical decisions," he said.

In the lawsuit filed by Westchester Disabled On the Move in December, the organization is seeking more handicapped parking spaces in front of Town Hall and an elevator that would provide disabled residents access to government offices on the second floor.

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pay local property taxes for land it owns in Westchester, including approximately 1,000 acres in Yorktown.

That property includes about 600 acres at FDR State Park and 154 acres in the French Hill section of Donald J. Trump State Park off Baldwin Road.

The resolution from Patel was received by the Town Clerk's Office on February 6 and was intended to appear on the February 7 agenda, but it is now slated to be entertained by the Town Board on February 21.

Meanwhile, state Senator Terrence

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Murphy (R/Yorktown), who chairs the New York State Senate Committee on Investigations & Government Operations, is seeking clarification on what he maintained "appears to be a discriminatory policy regarding state-owned land."

Murphy pointed out the Trump State Park land that is located in Putnam County is fully taxable in Putnam Valley but the portion in Yorktown is tax exempt. In fact, none of the estimated 5,000 acres of state-owned property in Westchester is taxed by a municipality.

"It is a prime example of an 'unfunded

mandate' on the taxpayers in Yorktown and Westchester," Murphy said. "The state's ownership hurts the local tax base and drains services, and yet the benefits of the property are primarily enjoyed by people who live elsewhere. The Office of Real Property Tax Services must take a hard look at this inconsistent and potentially discriminatory policy."

The bill in the Senate was introduced by Senator George Latimer (D/Rye), who announced last week he is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for Westchester County Executive.



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Community Task Force on Indian Point Meets

By Rick Pezzullo

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi did not mince her words at the initial meeting of a community unity task force established to deal with a myriad of issues involved with the pending closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.

"We've had challenges over the last 26 years. This is probably the biggest one that we will work on," said Puglisi, who has been supervisor since 1991 and a Cortlandt Town Board member since 1987. "It definitely affects the whole area, the whole county. There's a lot of energy in the community, in the governments, working together. We have a lot of homework to do over the next several months."

The task force, created by Puglisi, is comprised of a cross section of leaders in government, business, school and other fields. Gathered at Cortlandt Town Hall last Thursday, the group expressed a desire to tackle short-term and long-term strategies with Indian Point slated to shut down in April 2021, leaving municipalities, the Hendrick Hudson School District and other entities scrambling to find alternative funding sources.

In early January, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Entergy and Riverkeeper stunned local officials when they announced Indian Point would stop op-



rick pezzullo photo

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi and Hen Hud Superintendent Joe Hochreiter (right) listen to other members at last week's task force meeting.

erating since it was no longer profitable enough for Entergy.

The announcement sent immediate financial shockwaves since Entergy provides 33% of annual revenue to the Hendrick Hudson School District, 46% to the Village of Buchanan, 64% to the Verplanck Fire Department. 28% to the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 2% to the Town of Cortlandt and 1% to Westchester County.

"This is a unique situation," said Cort-

landt Town Assessor Tom Waitkins. "We've been given a heads-up to start to work on the acceptance of what has happened. Over the course of time we'll figure things out. Entergy just doesn't get to get up and leave. They still have to pay taxes."

A community unity petition has been launched by local officials and stakeholders requesting state and federal officials assist the region with such issues as tax stabilization, lost jobs, environmental issues, impact to local businesses and

reuse of the 240-acre site where Indian Point is located in Buchanan. The petition can be found on Cortlandt's website www.townofcortlandt.com.

Officials from Cuomo's office and the Public Service Department traveled to Cortlandt Friday to meet for about three hours with Puglisi, Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker, Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter and others to hear about the many concerns the community has about Indian Point's scheduled exit.

"The efforts of our community have gotten the attention of the governor and his staff," Hochreiter said at the task force meeting. "The advocacy efforts are working. We are continuing to hold people's feet to the fire."

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) said lawmakers from the Senate and Assembly will hold a joint hearing February 28 in Albany to ask questions, and find answers, to the future energy plan for New York State.

"Indian Point is a major power and job producer in the Hudson Valley. It is our responsibility to fully understand how the generated power, and jobs associated with it, will be replaced," Murphy said.

Another hearing, led by Murphy, is planned for March 2 in Peekskill.



Obituaries

Gertrude Brophy

Gertrude H. Brophy, who was born and raised in Peekskill, died February 12 at Milford Center in Milford. She was the daughter of the late Arthur A. and Hattie (Tompkins) Gaudinier.

She was a receptionist for the Peekskill Evening Star in Peekskill. She attended Ellendale U.M. Church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lydon O'Prey; second husband, John Brophy; a son, Peter O'Prey; a sister, Doris Davey; and a brother, Warren Gaudinier. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Pitz, of Valhalla; one grandson, Gregory Pitz; sisters, Cheryl Ford, of Ellendale, Thelma Rende, of Valhalla, and Joan Riefenhauser, of Beacon; and several nieces, nephews and extended family. Burial was held Saturday at Hillside Cemetery in Cortlandt

Michael T. Cook

Michael T. Cook, of Apex, NC and a former resident of Cortlandt, died January 4, surrounded by his family. He was 46. He valiantly fought aggressive cancer as he was just diagnosed in August.

He was born April 13, 1970 to Lawrence and Judith(Cassino) Cook in Cort-

landt. He worked as a Network Security Analyst for IBM. Family was very important to Mr. Cook. He had genuine and lasting friendships in NY and NC. He enjoyed the outdoors (mountain biking, fishing and golfing).

He is survived by his beloved wife Heather(Zern) Cook; adoring children, Hannah and Ryan; loving parents, Lawrence and Judith; devoted brothers and sister, Matthew (Maria) Cook, David (Darlene) Cook and Kathryn (Thomas) Gonsalves.

Mary Quinn

Mary Quinn, a longtime Cortlandt resident, died February 13.

She was a parishioner at St. Columbanus Church, and a member of the Cortlandt Senior Citizens. She is survived by her children, Mary Catherine, James (MaryAnn), Patricia (Robert), William (Janet), Maureen, and Joan (Joseph), nine grandchildren, her sisters Maggie and Helen, and her brothers Johnny and Tommy. She was predeceased by her husband, James J. Quinn.

Suzanne Muller

Suzanne F. Muller, a resident of Mahopac, died February 12. She was 78.

She was born in Brooklyn on Novem-

ber 24, 1938, to John and Frances Olsen. She worked for many years as a school bus driver and dispatcher with the Somers School District.

She is survived by her son John and his wife Lorraine of Clifton Park, NY, her

daughter Mary Meyer-Funk and her husband Paul of Mahopac and her grand-children, John, Michelle, Christopher, Adam, Laurel, Mark and Julianne. Her brother John predeceased her.



Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, Councilman Joe Torres and Police Chief Eric Johansen accepted a gift of a drone for the Peekskill Police Department last week from Peekskill residents Luis Segarra and Rohan DeFreitas of the Crescent Companies. The drone assist police in their mission to protect the community and provide safety to officers in the performance of their duties





Alliance for Safe Kids Recognizes 2017 Youth Court Graduates

Thirty-six students were honored last Wednesday night as graduates of the Alliance for Safe Kids (ASK) Youth Court Class of 2017.

"Students from Yorktown and Lakeland brought their enthusiasm and attention to a rigorous training program," said Nancy Levin, Director of Youth Court. "I am so very proud of the work they did: learning public speaking; perfecting their interview skills; learning about police procedures and reporting; learning about the court process; and how to litigate as Youth Court members. We also had wonderful past graduates attend the many sessions as interns to train and provide their experience and input."

"I joined Youth Court because I am interested in studying criminal justice and law enforcement," said Alexander Cignarella, 8th grader at Mildred E. Strang Middle School. "Reading about a career gives you an idea of what it's like, talking about it with someone gives you even greater insight, but nothing compares to actually doing it. I want to experience the justice system first hand, from the right side of the bench."

Sean Bussell, sophomore at Lakeland High School, added "I like to give back to my community and feel that I'm making a difference in people's lives. By joining



Youth Court, I'd like to use and improve my leadership skills in working with my peers and with youth offenders."

The ceremony was attended by many local dignitaries including: The Honorable Judge Gary Raniolo; Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace; County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz; County Legislator John Testa; Assemblyman Kevin Byrne; Yorktown Councilman Ed Lachterman; Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel; Yorktown Councilman Tom Diana; Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble; Yorktown Police Detective Sean Lewis; Yorktown Police Detective Brian Shanahan; Yorktown Chief Court Clerk Isabel Klein; and Deputy Court Clerk Maria Ricci.

Leaders from the local school districts

were in attendance including Yorktown Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Lisa O'Shea; James Van Develde, Director of Communications at Lakeland Central School District; and Lydia Whitney, Youth Court Advisory Board and Yorktown High School Student Assistance Counselor. Also in attendance were members from the ASK Youth Court Advisory Board, Liz Greene, Ellen Pinto, and David Squirrel, Esq.

"The local community was truly exceptional in supporting this program when our own Yorktown Justices, police and local attorneys contributed their time and expertise," Levin added. "This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn and grow and this year was

an excellent experience for all."

The ceremony was hosted by the Alliance for Safe Kids and held at Yorktown Justice Court. The class of 2017 is:

- Colin Bard, Yorktown High School
- Benjamin Brown, Mildred E. Strang Middle School
- Matthew Buchwald, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School
- Michael Buchwald, Lakeland High School
- Sean Bussell, Lakeland High School
- Noelle Cegielski, Yorktown High School
- Joey Christensen, Yorktown High School
- Alexander Cignarella, Mildred E. Strang Middle School
- Liam Colgan, Yorktown High School
- Matthew D'Amaso, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School
- Erin Dahlke, Yorktown High School
- Alex DeBenedictis, Yorktown High School
- Nicholas DeMarsh, Yorktown High School
- Matthew Frogel, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School
- Alyssa Giannasca, Yorktown High School
- Nabil Kamal, Yorktown High School
- Samuel Kaplan, Mildred É. Strang Middle School
- Lauren Kitts, Mildred E. Strang Middle School
- Daniel Koch, Mildred E. Strang Middle School
- David Kollbeck, Lakeland High School

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Second Suspect Charged in String of Larcenies in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill detectives made a second arrest last week in connection with a string of larcenies from vehicles that have taken place in the ci ty for at least the last five months.

John Maxwell, 23, of Buena Vista Avenue, was taken into custody February 14 on charges of identity theft and stolen property after police found a credit card

in the residence that was reported stolen from a vehicle last November.

Police were at the residence after their initial investigation of Tyler Daniel, 24, who was arrested February 8 on multiple counts of criminal possession of stolen property, led them to multiple locations in Westchester where Daniel allegedly used stolen credit cards to illegally purchase electronic equipment. That probe

prompted police to identify Maxwell as an additional suspect.

Police believe Daniel, Maxwell and at least one other individual have been entering into vehicles and stealing thousands of dollars in cash, property and credit cards, which were then used to buy electronic equipment.

"To get into your car first thing in the morning to find that valuable property has been stolen is incredibly frustrating, and then to find that you have once again been victimized by identity theft leaves a victim with a double shot feeling of being victimized," said Peekskill Police Chief Eric Johansen.

Maxwell was released without bail following an appearance in Peekskill City Court. Daniel was released after posting \$1,000 bail.

Police Investigate Melee at Montrose Bar

By Rick Pezzullo

State Police are investigating a large altercation that occurred early Saturday morning at Fulgum's Bar on Route 9A in Montrose.

According to police, an altercation at the bar at about 2:30 a.m. spilled out into the roadway and neighboring parking lots and four victims suffered stab wounds.

The victims were all transported by

Cortlandt EMS to the trauma center at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla with various injuries. One of the victims required surgery.

Assisting State Police with the melee were Croton Police, Buchanan Police, Peekskill Police and Westchester County Police. Any witnesses to the incident are asked to contact State Police at (914) 737-7171.

Cashier Charged with Stealing Money from JV Gas Station

By Rick Pezzullo

A White Plains man was charged last week by Yorktown Police with stealing money while working as a cashier at the Sunoco A-Plus gas station on Lee Road in Jefferson Valley.

Willie Boyd, Jr., 51, was arrested in Cortlandt Town Court February 13 where he was appearing on an unrelated charge following a January 9 larceny complaint where it was alleged Boyd stole \$968 in cash.

According to the police investigation, Boyd stole the money by conducting 157 "no sale" transactions on the store's cash register from September 21, 2016 to October 24, 2016.

Boyd was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail.



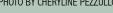


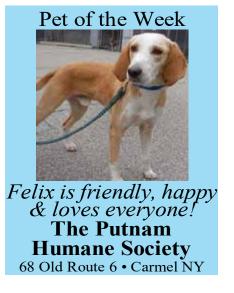


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No Injuries in Vehicle Fires

(Left) A truck fire last Tuesday morning brought traffic to a crawl on Route 202 in Yorktown. (Right) Meanwhile, on Thursday, about 20 students from BOCES escaped injury near John C. Hart Library in Shrub Oak when the engine compartment of a school bus caught fire. That fire was extinguished in about 10 minutes.





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Letters to the Editor

No Microphones at Yorktown TB Work Sessions is Disgraceful

To the Editor:

I recently retired and decided that now I had time to become more aware and involved in Yorktown Heights proceedings.

I started to attend Town Board meetings and even applied to volunteer on town committees. It's been quite an experience hearing about some of our issues and opportunities.

Each month there are four meetings. Two are Televised Meetings and two are non-televised Work Sessions. The public is invited to all of these meetings.

The February 14th meeting was a Work Session and the Town Board and other meeting participants sat around a conference table on the stage. The public sits facing the stage.

For reasons I don't understand, Town Supervisor; Michael Grace had decided that there would be no microphones and speakers during work sessions so if someone is speaking in a soft voice the audience may not be able to hear what is being said. This was the case on Valentine's Day.

Several of us moved our chairs as close as possible to the stage. One lady said she has a hearing disability and asked if they could turn on the microphones. Supervisor Grace said "No!" She asked if she could sit in a free area on the stage and again Supervisor Grace said "No!" When asked why not he stated that those were his rules!

During the meeting I used my smart phone to find New York State rules on town Open Sessions and found "Public bodies shall make or cause to be made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in facilities that permit barrier-free physical access to the physically handicapped..."

Now I'm not a lawyer and there may be more to these rules, but turning on an existing microphone for the benefit of the public is not a difficult request!

Not doing it is disgraceful! Kind Regards,

MARK A. LIEBERMAN Seeking Balance in Government

Basketbrawl Does Not Represent Peekskill School District

To the Editor,

I am saddened by the unfortunate incident involving our players that occurred at Saturday evening's basketball game at Tappan Zee High School. On behalf of our school district, I can tell you this behavior does not in any way represent our school system, students or com-

munity, and that such actions will not be tolerated by our District. The safety and security of our players and fans is paramount, and we are thankful that the situation was diffused and that local staff and police were able to step in and handle the matter. Our coaches and district administration are currently in communication regarding the examination of the facts leading up to this incident and once this investigation is complete, we will respond firmly, swiftly and fairly. It is disappointing that our girls' successful season will be overshadowed by this incident. The players who were not involved deserve more than that. Across

the board, our student athletes are admirable players that embody the ideals of good sportsmanship, and I hope others will not take the actions of a few to define us as a whole.

Respectfully,

DR. DAVID FINE Peekskill Superintendent of Schools

Supervisor Grace Deserves a Participation Trophy

To the Editor,

It made headlines that Supervisor Michael Grace entered into negotiations with Yorktown's Tax Collector to finally start paying thousands of dollars he owes in long past due property taxes. That's just in time for Grace's 2017 re-election bid. It's reminiscent of Grace's 2015 re-election bid when he owed thousands in

past due property taxes and also made promises to pay.

When did paying your taxes become newsworthy? That's a sad commentary on how low the bar has been set for Yorktown's Town Board.

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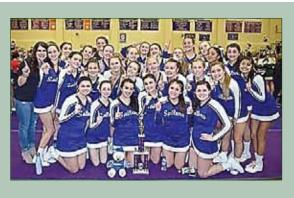
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Hen Hud Cheerleaders Raise Money for St. Jude's

For a number of years, the Sailors Cheerleaders have practiced tirelessly and worked hard to raise money to attend the National Cheerleading

Competition in South Carolina. When the team brought home the National Championship last year, the entire district shared in the pride. This year, headed by Coach Nicole Selvaggi-Landry, the cheerleaders have decided to redirect their focus and fundraising efforts towards a more selfless cause: supporting St. Jude Children's Hospital. The team has set a goal of raising \$10,000 for the hospital; to date, about \$7,200 has been raised. The team is collecting donations many different ways, from "Passing the Megaphone" during home games and selling lollipops to organizing kickboxing and yoga sessions. Additionally, the team has a dedicated web site where donations can be made directly: http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TAEvents/Even ts?px=4301120&pg=personal&fr_id=63636

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Pace Students, Murphy Team Up on Elephant Performance Ban Bill

By Anna Young

Ringling Brothers Circus will have its last performance this spring after more than a century of entertainment. A group of Pace University students are working to make sure it will soon be the last time that elephants will be used to perform in New York State.

Students at Pace's Dyson College of Arts & Environmental Policy Clinic are pressing to make sure that legislation they proposed banning elephants from performing in New York will pass both houses of the state legislature and signed into law.

Under the supervision of faculty members John Cronin and Michelle Land, the students have been working since 2014 to create the Elephant Protection Act, a measure that would ban the use of elephants in entertainment acts throughout the state.

With state Sen. Terrence Murphy (D-Yorktown) sponsoring the legislation, students presented their bill to the Senate last June. It received unanimous support, sailing through the Senate 62-0.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) will provide additional support in the Assembly as students will spend their spring semester in Albany lobbying lawmakers. They hope to secure passage in both houses of the legislature by June.

"Elephants are hunted and killed for the benefit of humans. We really need to go forward to protect those animals," Paulin said. "We have institutions like the circus who have made animal cruelty



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, third from left, and state Sen. Terrence Murphy, center, met last Friday with students from the Arts & Environmental Policy Clinic to move forward with their proposed legislation to prohibit elephants from performing anywhere in the state.

part of everyday life."

Senior David Paulstitch, who spoke on behalf of the students at a Feb. 17 press conference at Pace, said a tamed elephant is a tortured animal. It is trained with cruel techniques that involve the use of electric shocks, whips, metal bars, chains and bull hooks, which is a spiked tool, to control and punish, he said.

"My generation is not interested in watching elephants performing unnatural tricks for the sake of human entertainment, nor do we want our future children to think this is the value society places on elephants," Paulstitch said.

Murphy said elephants are massive animals that don't belong in captivity. What is being done to them is disturbing and inhumane, he said.

The legislation calls for a \$10,000 penalty per violation. There would be exemptions for zoos, aquariums, wildlife sanctuaries and nonprofit environmental education programs.

Pace faculty involved in the initiative were heartened at the efforts being made by the students.

"Our students don't just research is-

sues and write policies, they create creative outreach and educational materials that support their policy work," said Land, director of the Environmental Policy Clinic. "The Elephant Protection Act is a perfect example of the intelligent work our students do."

Land added that the Clinic wants to see New York State be the first in the nation to ban the use of elephants in entertainment acts.

If the bill is passed and signed into law by the governor, the elephant ban would become law in 2019.

PV Zombie Home Faces Demolition

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ing has been done to this building. And the residents of Floradan, you are absolutely right. It is still open to any kid that wants to go in and cause mischief, it is still open to vermin and animals, and the roof is still collapsing. Not a single thing was worked upon as we were promised."

Robert Siano, an attorney representing mortgage holder and former owner of the home Marwan Daoud, said his client attempted to fix the home up, but was told he wasn't allowed to by the current homeowner Ralph Capodieci. Siano said he advised Capodieci to board the property, but nothing was

done

Oliverio said he'd prefer to see zombie homes like the one on Orchard Street renovated, rather than ripped down. Still, he was skeptical if it could get done in this case.

Oliverio cautioned to repair the building would be an "onerous task."

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The Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) Performance Space Opens Its Doors in Ossining with World Premiere

On Friday, March 3, the Westchester Collaborative Theater's new WCT Performance Space will open its doors for the first time with the world premiere of Lot's Wife, a provocative new play by award-winning playwright Albi Gorn. The inaugural production in WCT's newly acquired and renovated space at 23 Water Street in Ossining, the play retells the biblical saga of Lot, his family and their struggle to save Sodom by finding ten devout souls who will prevent God's wrath from destroying the city. Lot's Wife runs over four consecutive weekends through Saturday, March 25. WCT Executive Producer Karina Ramsey is directing the mainstage production.

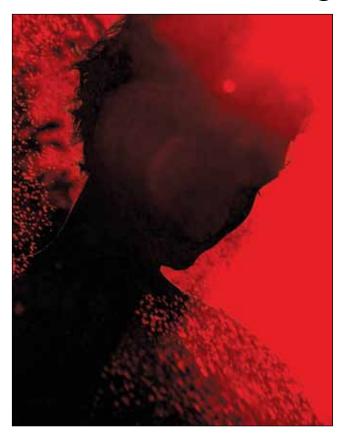
The ensemble of WCT actors performing in Lot's Wife includes: Michelle Daneshvar, Justina Dieck, Jason Fineberg, Julie Griffin, Donna James, Jessica Hickey, Kurt Lauer, Pat O'Neill, Ron Schnittker and Ralph Vandamme.

Gorn noted that while the story is taken from the ancient pages of Genesis, it is sure to resonate with audiences to-day. "God threatened to destroy Sodom for its xenophobia, its hostility towards outsiders and strangers. Unfortunately, today's headlines are full of the same sentiments," he said.

Another significant theme is survivor's guilt, a phenomenon experienced by many Holocaust survivors. Said Gorn, "I spun the story to explore the demands of faith, revealing that the price of survival may be dear."

The play ultimately concludes that the path to salvation is achieved only by simultaneously letting go of the past and remembering it.

Gorn is glad that the production coincides with Women's History Month. Married to a feminist and an unabashed



Lot's Wife will debut March 3 in Ossining.

feminist himself, Gorn first conceived of the play while participating in a women's Bible study group when he began to wonder why God turned Lot's Wife into a pillar of salt simply for "looking back."

"Lot's wife isn't even dignified with a name and is seemingly punished for a very innocent and natural act. This play attempts to reinterpret the story portraying her in a much more positive light," said Gorn, adding that the role of God is played by a woman.

Though the piece was nascent 20 years ago, Gorn credits WCT for bringing it to

fruition since it was developed and dramaturged through WCT's ongoing workshop process that enables member actors and writers to bring new pieces to life.

Lot's Wife will be performed at the new Performance Space, 23 Water Street in Ossining, with evening performances at 8 p.m. on Friday March 3, 10, 17 and 24; Saturday March 4, 11, and 25; and Thursday March 16. Matinee performances will run Saturday March 11, 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. and Sunday March 5, 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. Talkback sessions with the playwright and cast will follow the matinee performances on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Limited seating available; advance purchase is strongly suggested. Tickets are \$25 general admission with discounts available for WCT/OAC members, seniors, students and groups of 5+. Tickets for opening night March 3, which includes an after-party, are \$40. All tickets are available for purchase online at www.wctheater.org.

The WCT Performance Space will feature year-round entertainment at its new venue including some of the Hudson Valley's best theatrical and musical talent. It will be a destination for area resi-

dents seeking high quality entertainment in Ossining's revitalized downtown area. The playwright, the director and WCT

Albi Gorn has had plays produced nationwide and won numerous national playwriting awards at over a dozen theater festivals on the state, regional and national level. His play, It's About Forgiveness, made the Finals of the All-England Theatre Festival, he was a finalist in the Samuel French Festival and won top honors at the Strawberry Festival, and the Aery 20/20. Gorn's plays were staged at the NYC Fringe Festival in 2009, 2010 and 2011. He is a member of Westchester Collaborative Theater, Axial Theatre Company, Aery Theater Company and the Dramatists Guild. He lives in Hastings-on-Hudson with his wife Cantor Robin Anne Joseph, his son Kobe, and daughter Jennie.

Karina Ramsey, executive producer of Westchester Collaborative Theater, is a resident of Ossining. She has directed several productions for WCT including numerous staged readings and the 2015 Living Art Event.

The Westchester Collaborative Theater is a multicultural, cooperative theater company located in Ossining, NY, dedicated to developing new work for the stage and bringing live theater to the community. It is comprised of local playwrights, actors, and directors who employ a Lab approach in which new stage works are nurtured through an iterative process of readings, critiques, and rewrites. When work is ready for production, it is produced for the public at various local venues.

WCT is committed to furthering theater arts in our community. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and a recipient of production grants from ArtsWestchester and New York State Council on the Arts.

Yorktown High School Yearbook Wins First Place Award

The Emerald, the yearbook of the Yorktown High School, has received a first-place award in the 2016 American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) contest/review.

The annual publication is planned and produced by a group of students as part of YHS club, led by advisers Benedetta Varotta and Daniel Moore.

High School Principal Joseph DeGennaro praised the teachers and students for their creativity and efforts. "The yearbook chronicles the school year and the many achievements of students, YHS clubs, athletes and artists," he said, adding that "the leadership of our advisers and efforts by the students are outstanding and the annual final product reflects it. We are very proud of all of you."

The ASPA explained that the "The quality of a school's publications and how they present—themselves to their reading community is a guidepost to the quality of the publishing school. Many studies have shown that the school year-book is the one single item most often saved by graduates and can be located by most people even 10 years later."

Some members of the 2017 yearbook club (L-R:) Emma Atherall, James Brunner, Marissa Ammon, Lisa Sokolik, Solomon Barer, Emma Ralls, Caitlin O'Donnell, Nicole DeCicco, Maddison Spiegel, Madelyn Fortuna, Deirdre Nuebel and Julia Drenga. Many other club members were not present and could not photographed.



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By David Propper

Jimmy Abdelhady's mantra has always been trying to get ahead with a tireless work ethic.

The owner of Silver Spoon Café, Abdelhady has been a staple on Cold Spring's Main Street for more than a decade. Proving that hard work always prevails, Abdelhady is looking forward to taking the next step in his business as he hopes to open a bed and breakfast at his current location.

Vying to expand his café is just another chapter in Abdelhady's remarkable adventure to America and small business ownership.

Abdelhady came to the United States from Egypt in 1991 after visiting the country several times. Once he arrived, he started at the bottom, working in the hotel business in Dutchess County as a busboy, security guard and waiter.

"I moved step by step," the friendly Abdelhady said.

During each of those steps, he was looking toward something bigger: opening his own eatery one day. That finally happened in 2005 when he originally leased the building he's in and

Silver Spoon Café Cold Spring



DAVID PREPPER PHOTO

The usually bustling Silver Spoon Café is relaxed during the day last week.

then bought it nine years later. He named it Silver Spoon after his late brother, who had a restaurant by the same title before he passed away.

And that hard work continues today, where Abdelhady said he hasn't taken

a day off in three years. And now he's channeling that hard work into an expansion.

Abdelhady, a Wappinger Falls resident, is working toward turning his restaurant into a cozy bed and breakfast.

Currently, he has two apartments in the upstairs of his building and wants to turn that into five hotel rooms. The plan is under review by the village planning board and Abdelhady hopes he can start the transformation so the rooms are ready by tourism season in the spring.

When visitors eat at his restaurant, he always hears how they have to travel up to Fishkill or other places in Dutchess to their hotel rooms. He knows there is certainly a need for more places to stay in the village.

"Just a lot of people come and say 'we're looking for a room we're looking for a room," Abdelhady said.

And the food he serves already draws a crowd of folks not looking to stay overnight. He hopes to open a second eatery one day soon.

Abdelhady stressed how great the country he immigrated to has been, calling America "wonderful." He knows without this country, his dream would not have come true.

"My dream came true," Abdelhady said. "I'm doing good, I'm doing very good."

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What's the Magic of Camp?

By Michael Thompson, Ph.D.

Why are people so loyal to their sleep away camps? What exactly happens at camp that makes people rhapsodize about the experience thirty or forty years later? Whenever I tell people that I am curious about the camp experience, the stories start to pour out. "I loved my camp," they say in a dreamy voice.

What is it about the summer camp experience — just a few weeks away for perhaps two or three seasons — that goes so deep under their skin? As a psychologist, I am curious about the mystery of camp. What's the magic ingredient?

After a whole summer of sitting in on campfires, cabin chats, and dining hall sing-alongs; after laughing through a lot of silly campfire skits; after watching kids compete in color wars and canoeing contests and stage first-rate productions of Broadway musicals — I'm closer to an answer.

First, it is absolutely magical for kids to be away from their parents. The sweetest, most satisfying moments of child-hood (think back to your own life) are almost always when you are away from your parents. Children are suddenly free to face challenges and accomplishments

that are theirs alone — experiences that don't have to be run through the parental cognitive-ruminative-metabolic-judicial machinery.

Secondly, the relationship between campers and counselors is pure gold. The younger kids love and admire the counselors, and that respect brings out the best in young adults. They are at their most responsible, compassionate,

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Tuesday, Feb. 21

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 pm. 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/.

Information: Senior Benefits 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.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyin-

health.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday -The WorkOut - 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday - Fall Prevention Class - 10 to 11 a.m. Friday - Zumba Gold - 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext.1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library. Senior Exercise: We offer the Workout M-W from 10-11 am. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. Free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

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Hospital Programs: Three programs have been scheduled for the coming days by New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1992 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. Diabetic Friendly Cooking will be held on Feb. 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. Cost: \$15 Registration: 914-734-3780 or teachingkitchen@hvhc. org. Mediterranean Meals for a Healthy Heart will be held on Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. Cost: \$15. Registration: 914-734-3780 or teachingkitchen@hvhc.org Cooking for Seniors will be held on Feb. 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. Cost: \$15. Registration: 914-734-3780 or teachingkitchen@hvhc.org.

Anime Club: An Anime Club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Join us for a chance to watch anime from Crunchyroll with your friends. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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Thursday, Feb. 23

Religion Classes: A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages ae being held at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come - and to bring a friend - even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. We meet (almost) every Thursday in the social hall on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewish-center.org.

IBM Retirees Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club will hold its February meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. The speaker will be James Killoran, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Westchester. Annual membership dues will be collected. Sign in and light refreshments at 1 p.m. Info: 914-528-5916.

Swim Lessons: Swimming lessons are being offered by Society Hill II, 2 Campus Rd., Peekskill. Weekly classes are held on Thursdays and Saturdays. The session dates are Jan. 15 through March 12; March 17 through May 14 and May 19 through July 9. Info: 914-737-4909.

Marching On: Marching On Leonard Freed and the March on Washington will be held from Feb. 23 through April 2 at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. An opening reception will be held on Feb. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Field Gallery is honored to present the iconic civil rights photographs of Leonard Freed. The 22 works on display capture timeless American images: the 1963 and 1983 Marches on Washington, the birth of the Civil Rights Movement, and intimate moments of black history. Marching On is carefully curated from

the personal collection of his widow and printer Brigitte Freed, who will also be at the opening reception to share memories of the now-famous portraits and how they were created. Info: 014-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

Knitting Circle: Support Connection announces the next session of their free monthly program Marge's Knitting Circle will take place today from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Support Connection office at 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, in Yorktown. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register for the program, which is required, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Friday, Feb. 24

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

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.

Baseball Talk In conjunction with Black History Month, noted baseball historian Bob Mayer will present a program entitled Baseball in Black & White at 2 p.m., at the Peekskill Museum 124 Union Ave., Peekskill. Mayer's Power-Point program, accompanied by vintage pictures and memorabilia, will highlight the history of African Americans in baseball, including some of the Black Barnstorming teams that played in the Hudson Valley. His talk will be a modified version of his Baseball in Black & White program that he presented in 2013 at the Adriance Library for the "Pride & Passion" series and exhibit that was sponsored by the American Library For more information, visit www.peekskillmuseum.org; or, call 914-736-0473 or, visit the museum's Facebook page.

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Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services at 6:15 p.m. and Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays, after the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. During the month of February, Rabbi Sternstein will introduce a siddur called Siddur Eit Ratzon, which is filled with modern translation, transliteration, meditation and commentaries. It is designed to work for the traditional "davener" who is familiar with Hebrew text and for those who want to join in communally sung parts. Siddur Sim Shalom will also be available for those who prefer to use the regular siddur. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated, and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, visit or call (845) 528-2305.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Serv-

ices: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is being held indoors through April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 34 S. Highland Ave. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarth-Markets.com.

Viking Ship Talk: The National Maritime Historical Society presents 'The Viking Ship Draken Harald Harare' with Captain Bjorn Ahlander today at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. Registration & continental breakfast is slated for 10:30 a.m. with the lecture to follow at 11 a.m. The suggested donation is \$5 to \$10. Join us for a lunch with Ahlander after the presentation. The cost for the lunch, which includes a cash bar, is \$25. Cost: \$25 prepaid and cash bar and reservations are required. Sign up today, call us at 914-737-7878, Ext. 0, or e-mail us at nmhs@seahistory.org.

Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Solaris Paintings Exhibit: The paintings of Janina Kulesa are on display from Feb. 25 through March 3 at the

Solaris Sports Club at 201 Veterans Rd., Yorktown. An artist reception will be held on Feb. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Info: www.jkaloi.com.

Sunday, Feb. 26

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: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Monday, Feb. 27

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Fitness Classes: Mainstream, The Institute for Mature Adults at Westchester Community College is hold Stay Strong and Fir (fall prevention) will hold Chair Yoga classes on Mondays through Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave.

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.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

First Presbyterian Events: A series of

programs are scheduled for the next two days at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd., Yorktown. On Feb. 28 the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our Confirmation Class will be flipping pancakes and our youth will be serving our annual pancake supper. The cost is \$8 per person or \$20 per family. All proceeds will go to help support youth participation in mission trips. Ash Wednesday services will be held on March 1 at noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a light lunch (soup and sandwiches) provided in Fellowship Hall immediately following the noon service. All who attend the noon service are invited to join us for lunch. For more information about the programs, visit www.fpcyorktown.org.

Civil Rights Movement: From 6 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave. Peekskill, From Civil Rights to Black Liberation, A Talk with Dr. William W. Sales, Jr. will be held. Do we know all that we need to know about the Civil Rights Movement? Join Sales as he explores the social context and the major debates associated with the Civil Rights Movement and its leadership and critics, especially Malcolm X. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Do the ideas of liberation and self-determination, major themes of the late Sixties and the following decades have any relevance today? Info: 014-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

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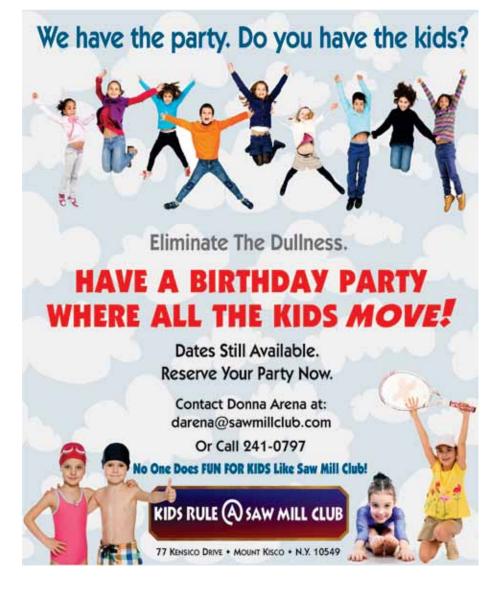


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Is the Scale the Home's Most Used Gadget?

Considering that one out of every three women and one out of every five men in this country are on a diet, might the bathroom scale be the most utilized gadget in the home? I can't speak for anyone else, but I know that for many years, I've had

an almost unnatural relationship with my scale

Each and every morning, I surrender myself to it just before jumping into the shower. If this simple act stopped there, it might be considered perfectly normal behavior, but a secret ritual has developed over the years. I tap the glass surface of the attractively designed gadget, step on it lightly and wait with baited breath as digital figures start their little dance until the final number pops up in an excessively large digital display, the only reading I am able

to achieve without my glasses. More often than not, I don't accept

the preliminary hard evidence of my imprudence. Surely the scale must need to "warm up" before it gives me an accurate weight. I step off and on the scale again, but this time, I lower my weight slowly as I lean on a shelf nearby. The result of this little trick may actually be higher than the first reading.

Convinced that the floor tiles where the

scale rests must be uneven, I step off again and nudge it along the floor a few inches to another spot and try again. If I get a more favorable weight, I will stop there. If not, there may be a couple of more nudges along the floor, before I am forced to call

> out to my wife, "Honey, do you think the scale is off this morning? Maybe it's the change in the weather?"

> I will resist elaborating on the fact that for a while I had two scales in the bathroom, each a different brand; I'd weigh myself on both and then accept the average weight between them.

With our distant ancestors, not fettered by body image issues spawned by the media, it was the need for measurement in commerce that created the first scale.

Evidence of the earliest scales in Roman times shows that they were actually balancing systems, using two plates attached to an overhead beam fixed on a central pole, much like the smaller version held by Lady Justice. The weight of any object for trade, like gold, was measured by placing it on one plate and weight-setting stones on the other, until equilibrium was

In the late 1700s, British balance maker Richard Salter invented the spring scale which measures the pressure exerted on a spring to deduce the weight of an object. Spring scales are still fairly common today, but are not as accurate as the new and sleek scales that came with the digital age.

The first automatic vending machine was a large spring scale that was imported to America from Germany in the late 1880s. People would go to a local store or arcade where they availed themselves of a coin operated weighing scale, requiring a penny to see one's weight. During the 1920s and 1930s, the Peerless Scale company operated a scale on almost every corner and weighing in was considered an affordable novelty, even in the middle of the Depression. To feed interest in this pastime, fortunes were added to the ticket that was dispensed, then the names and pictures of movie stars who paid to have themselves promoted through this

By the 1940s, improvements in mechanical scale technology made smaller, inexpensive spring scales available for the home, and they stayed pretty much the same until the digital age when they advanced to digital models operated by batteries.

Today, bathroom scales come in many models and range from the inexpensive and simple to the more elaborate, supported by technology, where we can also know our Mass Body Index.

Through the years, I've met a few people who have told me they never get on a scale and don't have one in their homes. Their only weight monitoring system might be to cut back on dessert when they feel their pants getting a little snug. This system is so foreign, so unfathomable to me that I can only marvel at it.

But, judging from the number of bathrooms I've visited as a realtor, I would say that these lucky people are in the minority and that the bathroom scale is one home gadget that is here to stay.

I can still remember our family's first clunky scale with the dial that protruded like the front of an old Edsel. I was only about eight when it was purchased and in those days, I was interested only in seeing the numbers climb to prove that I was growing tall and strong. Today, it's a different story, feeling as I do that, in this instance, less is more.

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Making Difficult Decisions is a Lot Easier These Days

The wine industry has evolved, and its production of quality wines at lower price points, has significantly improved, more in the past decade than perhaps in the previous century.

The introduction of new technology

and new techniques has raised the overall quality, quantity and diversity of wines available to consumers. The profile of many of today's wines is dramatically different from the mass-produced, massmarketed wines of yesteryear. There been a sea change in winemakers' approaches to making wine, utilizing recent developments to enhance the quality of their wines.

The phenomenon of high quality wines at value prices once again came home to me for a recent event. Over the twenty plus years I have been conducting wine tastings, I have honed my skill at selecting crowd pleasers, yet for each event I labor considerably over matching wines with guests.

One of the events I support is a networking gathering near Grand Central Terminal organized by Chapin Hill Advisors (chapinhill.com). Kathy Boyle, the energetic founder and president, for years has been bringing together professionals from numerous industries to meet and greet.

Several few weeks ago, I assisted her at one such event. My role was to select, purchase and present fifteen wines to the 100 professional guests that had

> signed up, as well as offer my comments on each wine. The challenge for me was to select wines that would satisfy the divergent tastes and preferences of a large group.

On the (very) snowy day of the event, midway on my train ride, I received a frantic call from Kathy. "I'm here at the wine shop to pick up the eight cases of wine. The store is closed because of the snow!" she frantically exclaimed.

"What should we do?"

I thought for a second and anxiously responded: "We'll resort to Plan B."

"Plan B?" Kathy shot back, with tinges of relief and anxiety in her voice. "And what is Plan B?" Here was my moment of truth. All of my planning and selection was on the line.

"I'll call you right back," was all I could muster, trying to sound comfort-

Plan B? There was no Plan B. There was never a need for a Plan B. Pick up

the wines and bring them to the event; a simple task that requires no Plan B. Except it did.

Trying to stay calm and clear-headed, I called Kathy right back. "Trust me. I'll find alternative wines near the venue and will get them to the event in plenty of time." "Whew," she exclaimed, confident from the reassuring tone of my voice.

Now what do I do? In two hours, 100 guests would be arriving to sample wines that were locked in a storeroom in Westchester.

When situations arise that require acute problem-solving skills and innovative solutions, what is the increasingly logical course of action? "Google it."

So I did. "Wine shops in Grand Central area" I frantically typed. I found three shops. I chose the closest.

Racing to the store, I ran up and down the aisles seeking out familiar regions and producers. The selection was sparse and the producers unfamiliar. The wine shop staff was of no help; their manager had stepped out.

Furtively checking my watch (90 minutes to showtime), I drew upon my accumulated years of wine knowledge. I scanned the shelves for regions with excellent reputations that embraced modern technology and techniques.

I then checked the back labels for the name of the importer/distributor, confident that selections from reputable companies would be of high quality and value.

Fifteen minutes later, my fifteen selections were complete, and I was ready to transport the eight cases of wine, none of which I had tasted before.

Mission accomplished. Plan B implemented and successfully executed. And all with 5 minutes to spare before guests were scheduled to arrive.

And the wines? A big hit, every one of them eliciting favorable comments.

More anecdotal proof that the wine industry has evolved, and significantly improved, more in the past decade than perhaps in the previous century. Now we just need to work on Mother Nature's whims.

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- 25. Sound quality
- 28. "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" director Julian
- 30. Sleep
- 33. Third guy with the same name
- 34. Big galoot
- 35. Troublemaker
- 36. D.C. setting
- 37. Deuce in poker
- 38. Service call

39. That Muse

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- 1. Artful move
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- 4. Mix-up
- 5. Little in Paris
- 6. Yemen gulf
- 7. Sunday seat
- 8. Time piece
- 9. Jimmy
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- 17. Woodland
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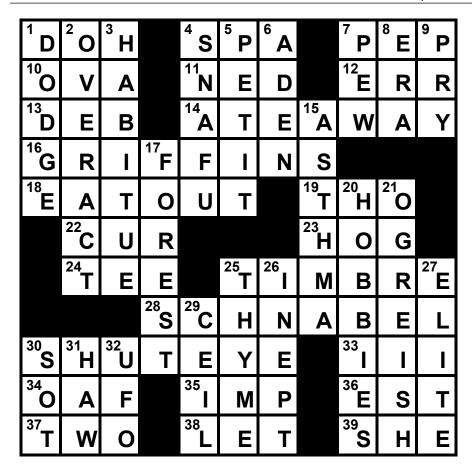
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Michael Thompson, Ph.D., is the coauthor of Raising Cain. He is presently writing a book about camps and overnight school trips called Homesick and Happy.

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Putnam Visitor's Bureau Chairman Arraigned on Theft Charge

By David Propper

The Putnam County Visitor's Bureau board chairman was in Village of Cold Spring court February 8, where he pleaded not guilty to swiping copies of The New York Times from a local merchant.

Cold Spring resident and former village board candidate Barney Molloy, who is also an aide to Westchester County Legislator John Testa, is accused of taking four copies of the newspaper from Cupoccino Café that was valued at about \$10, according to an article in the Highland Current. On four weekdays in November and December 2016, Molloy allegedly untied the bundle of the newspapers delivered to the business and removed one copy, Cold Spring Police Department officer Thomas Ciero stated, according to the Highland Current.

He was charged with misdemeanor theft, according to the Highland Current.

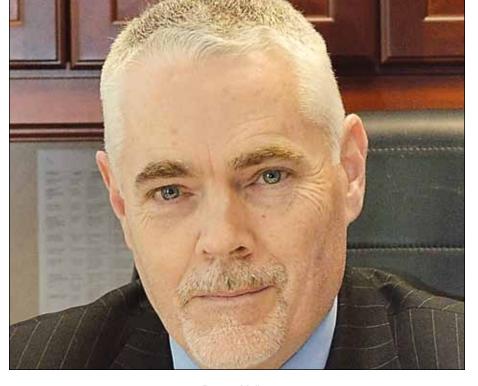
Molloy stood next to his attorney as he was officially arraigned by village Justice Thomas Costello after he waived to have the charges read into the record. When Molloy previously appeared in court on January 25, he didn't have an attorney present.

After he was arraigned and told to reappear on March 8 at 1 p.m., he briskly left village hall. When asked if he had any comment, Molloy said, "None whatsoever." In a past article in the Putnam County News and Recorder, Molloy said he was a regular customer of Cupoccino and claims he settled any money he owed the Main Street business every few days.

Attending the court proceedings were several involved Cold Spring citizens, including Village Trustee Steve Voloto, Planning Board Chairman Matt Francisco and Kathleen Foley of the Historic District Review Board.

Molloy has been active in Cold Spring politics and government since moving to the village several years ago. He was the Planning Board chairman during a time when the Butterfield redevelopment project moved forward and ran for mayor in 2015 and for trustee in 2016, losing both times by large margins. He sits on the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce board.

Voloto, after Molloy was arraigned, said he came to the proceeding because of Molloy's activity in the village and county and he wanted to see how



Barney Molloy

the charges against him turned out. He also said for someone who claims to be a stickler for the rules, "he finds himself on the wrong side of the law again" in reference to a past driving while intoxicated charge from several years ago.

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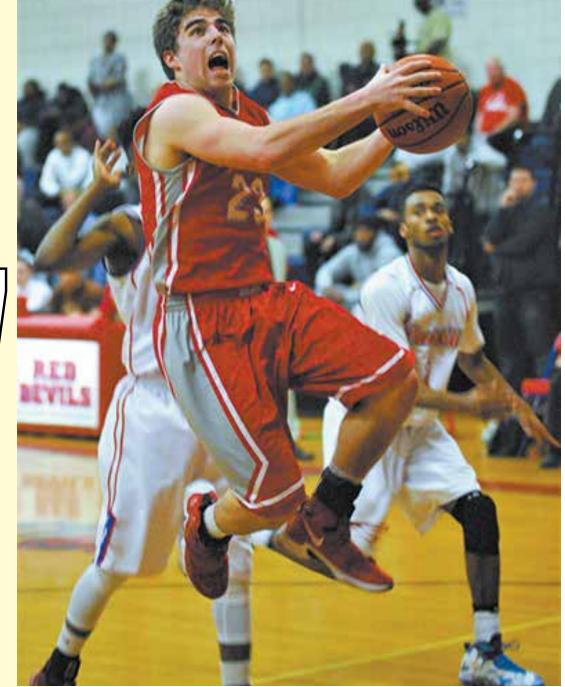
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Somers senior G Matt Pires beats two Peekskill defenders to the hoop for two of his eight points in the 10th-seeded visiting Tuskers' 54-50 victory over the No.7 Red Devils in the opening round of the Section 1 Class A basketball tournament last Saturday when Somers advanced to Thursday's quarterfinal round to face second-seeded Tappan Zee, the 12th-ranked team in NYS... see Boys' Hoops Notebook

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Just Four Teams Left Standing After Feisty 1st Round

Yorktown, Somers, Croton, Put Valley Survive, Advance to Quarters

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

The odds were against most of the locals going in. With so many out-bracket games to be contested -- and nobody in their respective Section 1 tournaments with anything better than a No.7 seed -- the chances of many teams surviving the first round of the tournament were against those teams in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region.

However, four teams survived Saturday's opening round to advance to this week's quarterfinal round, including Class AA Yorktown (16-5), Class A Somers (12-10) and Class B's Croton-Harmon (14-7) and Putnam Valley (11-10). It was the end of the line for Class AA's Carmel (7-14) and Ossining (5-17) and Class A's Peekskill (14-7), Panas (11-11), Lakeland (6-15) and Brewster (6-15).

Those left standing, though. were one win away from playing on the section's grandest stage, the Westchester County Center and the Final 4.

CLASS A

SOMERS G Matt Pires had 17 points and Gio Tradito added 15 for the 10th-seeded Tuskers in a 52-46 overtime triumph of No.23 Nanuet in last Thursday's outbracket round. Somers went on to meet No.7 host Peekskill Saturday when the Tuskers advanced to the quarters behind a 54-50 victory and will travel to No.2 Tappan Zee Thursday.

Somers junior swingman Lorenzo Bicknese; he of the smooth stroke, was



Somers F Marc Maestri meets up with Peekskill's CJ Redd (L) and Joe Dabbs (R) in Tuskers' 54-50 Class A playoff win over Red Devils.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS (PLEASE VISIT WWW. HVSP.PHOTOS FOR MORE)

Peekskill big man Amadou Traore can't catch up to Somers G Gio Tradito, who scored game-tying hoop in Tuskers' 54-50 win over Red Devs.

on fire, draining a game-high 26 points, including four 3s. If 26 points could

somehow be quiet, his were. He simply kept Somers in the game with a steady, silent stroke that kept Peekskill from taking the game over.

"We knew they were going to come out and give us their best shot in the second half," Bicknese said. "We just had to play our game and we did that. We knew we had what it takes, and we got our big man back, Nick (Gargiulo), and he was huge today with something like 15 rebounds and played amazing. We needed a big athletic body against these guys."

Tusker guards Gio Tradito (9 points) and Matt Pires (8 points) handled Peekskill's pressure when the Red Devs finally ramped it up in the second half, erasing a 22-14 halftime deficit to take a 40-37 fourth-quarter lead before blowing it down the stretch.

"Coach (DiCintio) told us to expect their pressure," Tradito, a sophomore, said. "We had to slow it down and not get caught up in



Peekskill's CJ Redd goes up for two of his 15 points in 54-50 season ending loss to Lucas Fecci and Somers last Saturday.

it, and do what we do on offense. We'll take our chances on the road against TZ next and I wouldn't want to do that with anybody but these guys."

Peekskill junior swingman C.J. Redd and G Shion Darby had 15 points apiece for Peekskill, which turned around a two-win 2016 season but played a sub-par first half. The Red Devils had put themselves in position to win, having taking the game over in the third quarter with the kind of legendary defensive pressure that secured five-straight Section 1 titles from 2005-09, but Peekskill withered down the stretch and Somers' superior athleticism prevailed.

Somers will seek its first trip back to County Center since 2015 when the Tuskers snapped a 23-year drought.

The real **PANAS** team showed up in the 17th-seeded Panthers' 71-60 win over No.16 host Sleepy Hollow, which failed miserably to match up against the Panas back court. Panther guards Stephan Reyes (24 points) and Brandon Hodge (20 points, five rebounds and four assists) were too much for the Headless Horsemen to handle. Panther F Brandon Ramos added 18 points and seven boards as Panas advanced to face No.1 Byram Hills Saturday in the firstround where the defending champion



Peekskill's Marcus Ruff (4) and CJ Redd put clamps on Somers G Matt Pires in Red Devils' loss to Tuskers Saturday.

and state-ranked (No.1) Bobcats made short work of the Panthers in a 71-50 season-ending rout.

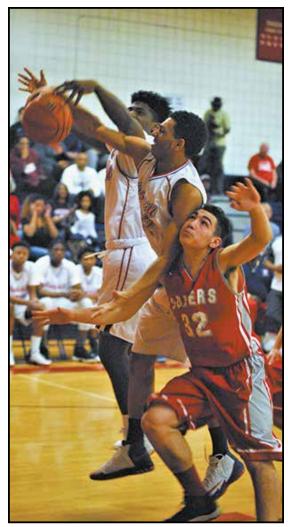
No.11 **HEN HUD** went on a three-point bender in a 60-37 thumping of No.22 LAKELAND, which failed to contest the



Lakeland's Tim Fallo is checked by Hen Hud's Dylan Fraser in Hornets' out-bracket loss to Sailors, who were later eliminated in first round.

Boys Hoops Notebook

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Peekskill's Nadame Tucker (L) and Joe Dabbs work for rebound against Somers G Lorenzo Bicknese in Red Devils' season-ending loss to Tuskers Saturday.



Yorktown captain Matt Severino saved his best game of the season for Huskers' Class AA playoff win over Clarkstown South Saturday.

perimeter in the first half when the Sailors went deep nine times. Swingman Matt Mikulski scored 11 points for Lakeland, who much more was expected of. Sailor G Dylan Fraser had 18 points on six 3-pointers for the Sailors, who went on to fall against No.6 Albertus Magnus, 60-46, in Saturday's firstround challenge.

Rob Pigat led No. 25 BREWSTER with 18 points in the Bears' 69-60 outbracket loss at No.8 Ardsley.

CLASS B

CROTON HARMON, the No.8 seed, defeated No.9 Irvington, 49-36, behind Rory Parker (18 points) Charlie Goldberg (16 points) and Sean Macarchuk (10 points). Parker and Goldenberg, the seniors who seem like they've been around forever because they have, have left the program in good hands no matter what happens down the stretch.

"We couldn't be prouder of this group that continues to prove everybody wrong," firstyear Croton Coach Ben Martucci said. "The vocal leadership of Goldberg and Parker has carried us, and continues to carry us. This young and inexperienced team continues to follow their lead by executing our game plans to the best of their ability, especially on the defensive end. The effort and enthusiasm are great; what a pleasure they are to coach. Very fortunate to work with a group like this."

Croton will play at No. 1 Briarcliff in Wednesday's 6:15 p.m. quarterfinal with an eye on their first Final 4 since 2012.

PUTNAM VALLEY, the No.10 seed, continued to impress in a 56-45 dismantling of No.7 Bronxville, which had handled the Tigers back in early December. However, a different Tiger team emerged in the post season, one with four sophomores in the starting lineup, including Darnel Shillingford (16 points), Ryan Soto (13), John Millicker (11) and defensive menace TJ Brescia, one of the most unsung two-way players in Class B this season.

"Millicker and (Kevin) Gallo hit four big 3's between them," fourth-year PV Coach Mike McDonnell said. "TJ Brescia,



Yorktown junior G Marc Spinelli drives for two in Huskers' playoff win over Clarkstown South.

as always, anchored our defense. The whole team gave a much-needed effort on defense, including Anthony Fabiano and Marc Zadrima. This was our best team rebounding effort as everyone contributed."

Putnam Valley will play at No. 2 Pleasantville at 5 p.m. in Wednesday's quarterfinals. It won't be easy, but a victory would secure the Tigers of a fifthstraight trip to the County Center Final 4. If this young unit fails to do so, it would fully expect to return and contend for the sectional title in both 2018-19. Jot that down and remember who said it first.

CLASS AA

No.7 **YORKTOWN** survived and advanced against No.10 Clarkstown South, winning 55-46 behind senior F Tanner Dyslin. A healthy Dyslin is a capable Dyslin, one that can go for 25 points and six rebounds while leading the Huskers to the quarters against No. 2 host Spring Valley (4:30 Friday), which is ripe for the picking after struggling with No.17 Suffern in the opening round.

Junior G Marc Spinelli added nine points, grabbed four rebounds and dished three assists for Yorktown while senior captain Matt Severino chipped in with six points, eight rebounds and six assists in a well-rounded game. Point guard Sol Barer was solid on the dish, finding open Huskers all night.

"It was an unbelievable performance from Tanner in just 30 minutes," Yorktown Coach Kevin Downes said. "Spinelli and Severino both played fantastic as well. I thought we played very well defensively.



Yorktown senior F Tanner Dyslin came in to the Class AA playoffs like a wrecking ball in Huskers' opening round win over Clarkstown South.

South is a solid team and very well coached. They made some runs and I was proud of the way we responded each time.

"This is a resilient group that continue to play well together," the coach added. "Spring Valley will be a huge test for us. At 19-2, they are very athletic and one of the top teams in AA the last few years. We will have to play well, but I'm confident we will show up to compete."

No.16 **OSSINING** trounced No.17 **CARMEL**, 55-36, behind a flurry of fury, jettisoning out to a 32-5 halftime lead. Ossining's Robert Valdez had 14 points and senior G Jay Criss added 10 points and seven rebounds. Not sure what this says about the future of Carmel, but they are sure to rattle some cages after scoring just five first-half points. Ossining went on to play at No.1 Mount Vernon Saturday in a first-round game the stateranked (No.17) Knights won with ease, 85-64. Kasheim Trotter led Ossining with 17 points.

PUTNAM/NWE FAB FIVE HOOPS POLL

No.1 YORKTOWN – Class AA Huskers are on the kind of roll that just might end 7-year County Center drought.

No.2 SOMERS – Class A Tuskers may not survive No.2 TZ but the Dutchies are in for a fight.

No.3 CROTON – Goldberg and Parker, plus slew of complimentary players, give the Class B Tigers a puncher's chance vs. Briarcliff.

No.4 PUT VALLEY – I'll put this Class B unit up against almost any team in Section 1 next two years (maybe not Mount Vernon, maybe).

No.5 PEEKSKILL – Class A Red Devils will rue that first-half effort vs. Somers

HM HEN HUD – Program has turned the corner under Coach Hirsch.

Sports

Major Representation for Locals at Quarterfinal Turn

Ossining, Panas, Somers, Lakeland, Put Valley Survive, Advance

By Tony Pinciaro

When the seeds were released for the Section 1 Class A Girls' Basketball Championship, Walter Panas received something unexpected.

The Panthers slipped past Somers on the final eve and were surprisingly seeded first in the tournament, with Somers, Hen Hud and Lakeland seeded second, third and fourth, respectively.

"We were definitely surprised because it's not that we thought we weren't good enough, it's just something we never experienced or expected," said senior Carlyn Mucci. "Earning the top see means so much to us because it shows how hard we've worked this season and also how far our program has come."

PANAS (16-5) went on and played to its seed with a convincing 52-33 victory Brewster in a first-round game.

The Panthers will host No. 8 Harrison in a quarterfinal

-round game, 5 p.m., Thursday. The winner advances to the Class A final four at the Westchester County Center.

Danielle Merante led Panas with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Mucci finished with 11 points and Kellie Brown added nine points. Panas coach Matt Evangelista said it was Mucci's defense that set the

"Carlyn played phenomenal defense on one of Brewster's best players," Evangelista said. "Kristen Kelly handled Brewster's defensive pressure very well and Jade Pagel played great minutes for us off the bench, getting eight rebounds and taking charge."

Mucci understood her role and focused on it from the opening tip.

"I guarded their point guard and my job was to take her out of the equation offensively and keep her from shooting," said Mucci of Brewster's Maggie DePaoli. "I focused only on what she was doing and



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS Panas 8th-grader Kristen Cinquina put on some major moves in Panthers' opening-round Class A win over Brewster Saturday.

trusted my team would defend everyone

A victory would send Panas to rarified air. Evangelista is researching the last time a girls' basketball team made the final four. As exciting as it sounds, Mucci said she and her teammates are focused on Harrison.

"If everything goes well on Thursday, and we win, it will mean so much to our program and team," Mucci said. "Our team hasn't won a sectional game in years and to talk about the County Center right around the corner is new to us, but a goal we've had all season."

Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said the

difference in the game was Panas' defense.

"We could not have played a worse first half and Panas deserved most of the credit," he said. "They swarmed Borsari whenever she touched it and denied DePaoli all game. Panas' energy was through the roof and we were sleeping for the first 16 minutes. Panas took a 27-10 lead at halftime.

"The second half we finally woke up but it was too late. Panas was the team that was playing with something to prove and they did a great job on the 50/50 balls, hustle plays, and they shot extremely well."

Borsari led the Bears with 15 points.

"Jules left with two minutes to go and got an amazing ovation from the crowd and the entire Panas team," Castaldo said. "Jules has been a tremendous leader for this team, and a great player for the past four years. We will miss her greatly."

SOMERS (16-5) took the first step toward a trip to the Westchester County Center for the final four. The Tuskers overcame No. 15 John Jay-Cross River, 51-48, in their third meeting of the season

The Tuskers will host No. 7 Rye,

Sniper Liv Lipski had a game-high 19 points, including five more treys. Somers' coach Marc Hattem noted that Lipski has 17 3-pointers in her last three games.

"Liv's recent hot streak is a credit to her working on her shot at practice, and just being comfortable, right now," Hattem said. "Her release point and balance have been great."

An early run to start the fourth quarter gave Somers a sizeable lead, but John Jay did not quit.

"We made a run early in the fourth



Lakeland's Alexa Cole splits pair of Nyack defenders in Hornets' narrow opening-round Class A playoff win.



Panas' Kristen Kelly finds a seam in front of Brewster's Julia Borsari in Panthers Class A playoff win over Bears Saturday.

quarter to enable us to build the lead, but they forced us into some turnovers and we made a couple of bad decisions," Hattem said. "They played great and had a chance to tie it late.'

LAKELAND (14-7) survived a scare from No. 13 Nyack in a 44-43 win.

Lakeland will host No. 5 Eastchester, 5 p.m., Thursday in a quarterfinal game. The winner advances to the final four at the Westchester County Center.

Lakeland coach Miranda Lustig said her team led by double digits throughout the game before Nyack raised its level of play in the fourth quarter, including two 3-pointers in the final 30 seconds.

Rieley Walsh hit key free throws in the final minute, but the Hornets did have to defend against the last shot.

"We made some mistakes down the



Lakeland's Val Potenza gets baseline in Hornets' Class A playoff win over Nyack Saturday.

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Brewster's Jessica Miele is guarded by Panas' Jade Pagel in Bears' opening-round loss to Panthers Saturday.

stretch, but the senior leadership pulled the girls together," Lakeland coach Miranda Lustig said. "At this point, we just take nothing for granted. The girls realize that every possession counts and that it's anyone's game. I know the girls will bring the intensity and passion on Thursday."

Colleen Walsh had 11 points, 13 rebounds and seven steals and Kelsey Walsh added 11 points.

HEN HUD was shocked by Beacon, falling 44-42, in the opening round to end an otherwise sterling campaign.

PUTNAM VALLEY (14-7), seeded sixth, opened play in the Section 1 Class B Championship with a 69-26 triumph over No. 11 Edgemont.

The Tigers, a 2016 Section 1 final-four participant, will play at third-seeded Valhalla, Wednesday. The winner advances to the Westchester County Center.

Eighth-grader Arianna Stockinger had a game-high 26 points, as the young Tigers improved to 14-7 this season. She was one assist shy of a triple-double, adding nine assists, 14 boards and six steals. Her 11-point third-quarter effort sealed the deal. Morgan Winogradoff and Kelli Venezia added 10 points apiece.

"I'm just so proud of this group," firstyear Putnam Valley coach and alumnus Kristi Dini said. "We have no seniors and six out of our 10 players were either modified or JV players last year.

"They lost four great leaders and seniors last year, including a Division I player, but they've all stepped up and decided since their first day of practice that being young would not be an excuse. They've worked so hard to get themselves in the position they're in. This was one of our best team wins. Everyone contributing, sharing the ball, making the extra pass and committing to defense. It was fun to watch."

OSSINING (16-5), the top seed in Class AA, overwhelmed No. 17 White Plains,



Putnam Valley freshman G Kelli Venezia goes up for two in 69-26 playoff win over Edgemont Saturday.

97-64 behind 51 points from UConnbound Andra Espinoza-Hunter. It was her fifth 50-plus-point game of the season.

The Pride, on a four-game winning streak, will host No. 9 New Rochelle, Thursday in a quarterfinal game. The winner advances to the Class AA final four at the Westchester County Center where the Pride will look to secure a seventh-straight title.

Ossining blitzed White Plains with a 37-point first quarter. Kailah Harris finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds and five assists and Kelsey Quain 14 added 14 points and five steals.

Brewster opened with a 52-44 victory



Putnam Valley G Cyera Daughtry draws foul in Tigers' rout of Edgemont Saturday in Class B playoffs.

Girls Hoops Notebook first half, leading us with eight



Putnam Valley 8th-grader Arianna Stockinger dropped careerhigh 26 points, grabbed 14 boards and dished nine assists in Tigers playoff win over Edgemont Saturday.

over Ardsley in an out-bracket game before dropping a 52-33 verdict to Panas.

"The outbracket game was the first time where we played for all 32 minutes and we had several players step up on both ends of the court," Brewster coach Mike Castaldo said. "Kristen Stefacnick was huge in the

first half, leading us with eight points. She did a great job of getting to the rim and hitting tough shots."

Julia Borsari led Brewster with 17 points, Maggie DePaoli added 12 points and Stefancnick finished with 10.

YORKTOWN (12-9), seeded 12th, encountered 2016 Section 1 Class AA finalist North Rockland in the first round and the seventh seed came away with a 57-46 win.

Yorktown coach Kevin Clark pointed out the Cornhuskers went into halftime with a 35-33 lead.

"The girls played a terrific game and displayed real heart and determination," Clark said. "They played with great effort and did everything possible to win a game against a talented AA opponent. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them."

Kat Severino led Yorktown with 17 points. Emily Nigro contributed 11 points and Alyssa Francese added 10 points.

Yorktown finished second in the league behind perennial champion, Ossining.

No.4 Lourdes beat No.13 **MAHOPAC**, 58-20, in a first-round game.

Bar Rescue at Mahopac! Johanson's Bar Routine Secures

All-Around, Team Title for Indians



In addition to shining on floor, beam and vault, Mahopac junior Callie Johanson worked a wondrous uneven bar set to tie Olivia Frederick of Wappingers for the Section 1 all-around title, each scoring 37.175. Amanda Grigas of Lakeland/Panas/Putnam Valley finished third (34.8), and Johanson, who repeated as the all-around champion, led Mahopac to its second-straight Section 1 title, barely outscoring Lakeland/Panas/PV 167.375 to 166.85. All three will represent Section 1 at the upcoming NYSPHSAA meet on March 4 at Cold Spring Harbor High School on Long Island, and will be joined by Chloe Lee of Mahopac (bars); Sydney Hughes of Mahopac, Zoe Markou of Wappingers and Caitlin Pellegrino of Lakeland/Panas/Putnam Valley (on beam); Jadyn Koss of Clarkstown, Jana Frattellone of Lakeland/Panas/Putnam Valley and Jessica Healey of Wappingers (floor); and Cassie Traina of Mahopac, Lilli Oliviero of Lakeland/Panas/Putnam Valley and Amber Vane of Brewster (vault).



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