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## Yorktown Okays Incentives to Help Small Businesses

By Rick Pezzullo

The Yorktown Town Board unanimously approved a tax abatement program last week with the goal of helping new small businesses in town survive the early pitfalls that often lead to failure.

Under section 485b of the New York

State Real Property Tax Law, any business that invests money to physically improve its location will receive a tax break on the increased assessed value that stems from the improvements. The abatement will decrease over 10 years and the base property taxes will not be

affected or reduced.

"It's a win-win for the town, as well as the public," Town Attorney Michael McDermott said at last week's meeting.

The program has been discussed by town officials for nearly a year and studied by a five-member Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board selected by the Town Board. The board, which looked at identifying the types of businesses that should be offered limited business exemption credits and the geographical areas where the incentives should be concentrated, issued a report

to the Town Board January 9 supporting the program.

Jeff Jankowski, a member of the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, which also wholeheartedly supported the program, said other municipalities have implemented 485b successfully.

"This is not something done in a vacuum. Yorktown needs additional development," Jankowski said. "We're looking forward, not backwards."

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### 40th Grandchild

Philip Jewett Stewart, born on January 29, 2017, is the 40th grandchild of Kenneth Jewett Brown and Gerarda Brown of Mohegan Lake. The proud parents are Zach and Kateri (Brown) Stewart. With the birth of grandchild Philip, there are now 27 boys and 13 girls. They range in age from 26 years to 28 days old; 31 of the grandchildren live in Westchester County. Philip won't be the youngest for long as there is another grandchild expected any day now--a girl.

## Former Officer Pleads Guilty in Fatal Mahopac Crash

By David Propper

The former Carmel Police Department officer involved in a fatal Mahopac car crash in 2015 reached a plea deal with the Putnam County District Attorney's Office last week inside the Putnam County Courthouse.

Ex-cop and former Town of Carmel councilman Richard O'Keefe pleaded guilty to one count of criminally negligent homicide, a class E felony, last Wednesday in front of Dutchess County Judge Ned McLoughlin who is hearing the case, as he awaits sentencing with a court date set for April 19.

O'Keefe, dressed in a black suit and white button down shirt, admitted in court that he drove drunk and sped the night of the fatal crash. Killed in the



Former Carmel cop Richard O'Keefe

car crash was Somers School District teaching assistant and Mahopac resident Frances Ghelarducci, who was in

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# Incentives Tax Approved to Help Small Businesses

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Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace said the first thing any potential business owner asks when they visit Town Hall is how much will the property taxes be. He noted the program affects town, school and county taxes.

"It allows them to get traction in the early years when it's hard to make money," Grace said. "We are committed to moving Yorktown forward and this pro-

gram will not only help new businesses in town but signals yet again that Yorktown is open for business."

Several residents who spoke at a public hearing prior to the board adopting the program expressed skepticism that it would achieve the results town officials desire.

"The Town Board should be careful not to give away the store, or future tax revenue," said former Councilwoman

Susan Siegel.

"My biggest fear is the whole concept of trying to help small businesses in Yorktown will be undermined by this," said Melvyn Tanzman, who has announced his intentions to run for supervisor. "I think we need to have some planning in this town. I don't think having a tax incentive across the board provides that type of planning."

Councilman Tom Diana, a small busi-

ness owner, said the program provides the town with another tool to attract more businesses and increase the commercial tax base.

"We're not recreating the wheel here," said Diana, who noted a similar incentive was given to the Jefferson Valley Mall. "Whenever we can support our local businesses here in town it's a good thing."

# Catalina Calls for Creation of Two New Departments in City

By Rick Pezzullo

Reacting to a recent letter from the Democratic majority on the Common Council that Peekskill follow the principles inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, Mayor Frank Catalina is calling on the creation of two new city departments to sift through state and federal issues that affect citizens.

Catalina is proposing the establishment of the City of Peekskill Department of State and Local Affairs and the City of Peekskill Department of Federal and International Affairs and asked City Manager Richard Leins to have the council discuss staffing for the departments at a work session in the near future.

"These two departments can brief us

on the daily enactments from Albany and Washington, clearly explain those laws to us and offer the council guidance on how to ignore, fight, lobby or honor those laws," Catalina stated in an email. "Why or how can we sit back and let Washington tell us what American soldiers will fight for or actually die for? How can we sit back without taking a stand on international conflicts when it affects Peekskill lives?"

In a letter that appeared in the February 14 edition of this newspaper, Democratic councilmembers Drew Claxton, Kathleen Talbot, Vivian McKenzie and Andre Rainey stated the words on the Statue of Liberty represent "the kind of leadership our country so desperately

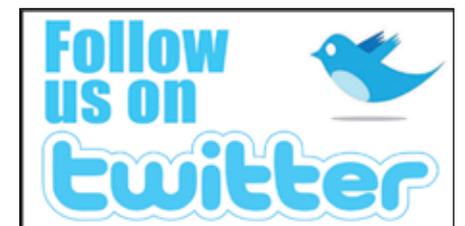
needs right now: empathy not hostility, compassion not hate, and courage not cowardice. We commit to creating and sustaining that kind of culture in Peekskill and ensuring that it's a safe hometown for all our residents."

The Democrats further stated that they look forward to working with Catalina and the Peekskill Police Department "to confirm that our practices our consistent with these principles," noting, "We consider Peekskill's incredible diversity a powerful strength and we want to make it known, in no uncertain terms, that our community is a safe place for everyone, no matter their creed, color, orientation or documentation."

Catalina addressed immigration in his

email, stating, "While I agree immigration is very important, we are after all a nation of immigrants, but other decisions in Washington actually cost us Americans their lives."

During a work session last week, Catalina attempted to have the Democrats explain their motives for penning the letter, but he received little response. Claxton was not in attendance.



## Women: If You Have Pelvic Organ Prolapse Discover your many helpful treatment options...

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### Q: Do I have pelvic organ prolapse?

**A:** This non-life-threatening condition occurs in a woman when damage to the connective tissue and muscles holding up the vagina, uterus and cervix causes these organs to prolapse, or drop, from their normal positions. The most common symptom is bulging tissue at the opening of the vagina. Some women suffer pelvic or back pain.

### Q: Why does it occur?

**A:** Pelvic organ prolapse is mainly caused by vaginal delivery, during which connective tissue and muscles are stretched or torn. That's why a large baby increases your risk, as do multiple births. Other risk factors include older age and genetic tendency, with white women at greater risk. While nearly every woman who has delivered vaginally has some degree of pelvic organ prolapse, most women aren't symptomatic. Typically detected through a routine manual gynecological exam, the condition can become merely intermittent, though it usually worsens over time. While bulging tissue can usually be pushed back into the vagina, it can be uncomfortable and interfere with normal activities.

### Q: What are my treatment options?

**A:** Non-surgical remedies include kegel exercises for strengthening the pelvic muscles. In addition, a pessary – a firmer diaphragm – can be used to hold up the dropped organ. Surgery for the condition restores the position of the prolapsed organs. While it can be performed vaginally or abdominally, the vaginal approach is most common. Following surgery, there is a 20 percent chance of recurrence, though most women enjoy some symptomatic relief. Surgery involves an overnight hospital stay, and you'll likely resume your normal routine in two weeks. In choosing a surgeon, look for a board-certified gynecologist or urogynecologist, or a pelvic surgeon with experience in vaginal surgery.

### Q: Can I prevent pelvic organ prolapse?

**A:** Maintaining a healthy weight reduces your risk, as does not smoking. The good news for women regarding this non-dangerous condition: You have time and you have many options. So you can calmly research the best option for you.

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the back seat of the car hit by O'Keefe.

The Putnam District Attorney's Office recommended O'Keefe be sentenced to a year in jail inside the Putnam County Correctional Facility. The maximum sentence for criminally negligent homicide is usually one and a half to four years in prison.

He has been sitting in county jail since last month as part of his plea agreement.

In a press release, District Attorney Bob Tandy expressed his sympathy to the Ghelarducci family and thanked them for their continued support.

"This was a very difficult investigation," Tandy said in a statement.

In a press release issued by the District Attorney's Office, a New York State Police investigation revealed O'Keefe drove at an excessive rate of speed between 52 and 58 miles per hour and he had several alcoholic beverages resulting in a blood alcohol content of .247 percent, which is triple the legal limit.

Tandy, in an interview, said O'Keefe hit the breaks, but only a "split second before" he crashed.

But the accident wasn't just O'Keefe's fault, according to a collision reconstruction report. The second vehicle carrying Ghelarducci, which was driven by Anna Estrada, exited the Route 6 Plaza parking lot and failed to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle driven by O'Keefe. The crash caused the vehicle driven by Estrada to roll on its passenger side and collide with a third vehicle that led to the fatal injuries, according to the report. Estrada doesn't face any charges and had no alcohol or drugs in her system when she was tested the night of the crash.

Chana Krauss, the assistant district attorney on the case, said in court while the driver of the car O'Keefe hit failed to yield, O'Keefe's contribution to the accident was "significant." She said the New York State Police conducted a thorough investigation.

"While nothing can make this right for the children, husband, and sisters... they understand all the factors in this case," Krauss said.

O'Keefe's attorney, David Squirrell, declined comment until after the sentencing is handed down in April.

While O'Keefe admitted to drinking and driving, he didn't plead in court to an official drunk driving charge. Currently, his license is under suspension and has been since November 2015. It's unclear when he can get it back.

In plea negotiations, Tandy said O'Keefe would agree to the negligent homicide count if there weren't any drunk driving charges attached to the plea deal.

"The only repercussion is that he

admitted to it," Tandy said of O'Keefe driving drunk.

O'Keefe, on top of being a former Carmel cop, was a town councilman for one term and Mahopac Board of Education member. He's the brother of current town Councilwoman Suzi McDonough.

On the night of the horrific crash, New York State Police originally arrested O'Keefe on aggravated vehicular homicide and second-degree vehicular manslaughter, both felonies, and one count of driving while intoxicated, a

misdemeanor. A civil lawsuit against O'Keefe and Estrada has been brought forward by the Ghelarducci family.

Tandy made it clear that throughout the investigation and the DA's handling of the case, O'Keefe was not treated any differently because of his political connections. Tandy said the Carmel Police Department had no involvement in the case, two county judges recused themselves for the case, and an assistant district attorney didn't work on the case because of his part-time employment with the Town of Carmel. Additionally,

an outside, private company was hired by the DA's office to do an analysis of the accident.

"It was about as unbiased a presentation as there could be," Tandy said, adding he had never met O'Keefe and "other than his picture in the newspaper, I wouldn't know him if I fell over him."

The Ghelarducci family also supports the plea deal, according to Tandy.

"I really don't give a damn about people's political connections," Tandy said. "I just care about what the right thing to do in a case is."

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# Murphy Garner Support for Water Relief Bond Acts

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) was joined by several local officials last week in Yorktown to publicize two proposed acts that would assist municipalities in improving water quality and upgrading storm water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

"There are two things you cannot live without: oxygen and water," Murphy said. "But the reality is contamination and the quality of our drinking water is a major concern to residents in the Hudson Valley. We have an obligation as public servants to protect the long-term health of our residents."



Senator Terrence Murphy flanked by local officials.

Murphy recently authored the New York State Water Infrastructure Relief

Act, which includes a maximum award of \$10 million annually to support a qualifying municipality's project. Under the legislation, the state would cover 80% of qualified projects, excluding emergencies.

He also announced his support of the \$5 billion Clean Water Bond Act of 2017 which, if approved by voters, would allow communities in the Hudson Valley access to funds to ensure critically needed infrastructure projects are financed.

Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey, who also serves as chairman of the Northern Watershed Committee, mentioned a separate storm water sewer

system (MS4) mandate that forces some municipalities to prevent pollution of New York City's drinking water, which will increase local taxes.

"It is more important than ever that we are able to provide clean water to residents and to surrounding communities, including New York City," Morrissey said.

"Contamination is something we have struggled with in Putnam County," said Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "Many of our constituents' wells have been contaminated by roadway salt. So this is a problem that is very important to all of us."

# AG, Advise Schools on Protecting Immigrant Students

In light of recent federal immigration-related actions that have created fear and confusion in New York and across the country, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia have reminded school districts of their duty to comply with existing state and federal laws that ensure the rights of immigrant children to attend New York's public schools without fear of reprisal.

"Our schools must be places where all students can learn, free of fear or in-

timidation - no matter their immigration status. No family should have to worry that sending their child to school may result in deportation," said Schneiderman. "That's why we'll ensure that all students remain protected under state and federal laws, no matter the draconian immigration policies that come out of Washington. I'm grateful to Commissioner Elia and SED for our continued partnership, ensuring that New York remains a leader in guaranteeing the rights of all students."

"Throughout our long history, New

York State has been a refuge for people from other lands seeking a new and better life for themselves and their families," said Elia. "Home to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, New York has always welcomed immigrants. Indeed, our greatness as a state derives, in large part, from the contributions of immigrants. Our immigrant students have a right to a free education and they must not fear retribution for themselves or family members simply because they attend school. As education and law enforce-

ment leaders, it is imperative that we protect all students as well as the information we have about them to the fullest extent possible under the law."

The guidance provides districts with relevant information pertaining to their duties under the law with respect to their students and the confidentiality of student records. Law enforcement officers may not remove a student from school property or interrogate a student without the consent of the student's parent or

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# John C. Hart Library Receives Large Gift from Woman's Estate

By Rick Pezullo

John C. Hart Library will soon be making several upgrades thanks to a former patron who left the 96-year-old institution in Shrub Oak \$390,854 in her will.

Library Director Patricia Hallinan notified the Yorktown Town Board last week of the generous gift made by Alice Maram, who died on April 15, 2013. The library learned about the funding about a year later but some legal hurdles had to be cleared before the money could be deposited into the library's Trustees Gift Fund.

"The Library Board of Trustees will ensure that her gift to the library will provide a lasting benefit to library users in the Town of Yorktown," Hallinan said.

Maram was a teacher, art collector and a naturalist. According to Hallinan, Maram and her sister, Cora Sanders, spent summers in Shrub Oak Colony

before Sanders and her husband moved there permanently and Maram visited often on weekends and vacations. Maram also eventually relocated to the area full-time. She died at the Fieldhome in Cortlandt.

Hallinan said the library plans to use some of the money to renovate the three public bathrooms and make them Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant for the handicapped and elderly. Plans are also in the works to remodel the adult room and library officials will be reaching out to the community for input on that project.

"This truly is a gift and we're really looking to make necessary improvements to the physical library," said Library Board of Trustees President Michael Resko. "In the long-term it will be incredibly beneficial. In all respects, it's a blessing to the library."

# Yorktown HS Students to Stage "How to Succeed in Business"

One of the most beloved American musicals "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" is coming to the stage at Yorktown High School this weekend.

The Yorktown production features songs including Coffee Break, The Company Way and Brotherhood of Man. The YHS cast includes Kyan Hejazi as J. Pierpont Finch and Amanda Montgomery as Rosemary with supporting roles played by Greg Calidonna (Bratt), Gemma Small (Smitty) and Jack McKeown (Bud Frump).

This musical, often described as sassy and foot-stomping, was chosen because it

has terrific songs and many good parts for student actors, said Bernard Monroe, the show's choreographer. Thomas Arduini, music teacher at Yorktown high school serves as the director of the school's annual student production and the assistant to the director is Sharon Sigler.

Under the direction of orchestra teacher Nancy Torrente high school students have the chance to perform in a professional pit band conducted by Edward Reisert.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. March 3 and 4 and at 2 p.m. March 5. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or in advance at [www.yorktown.org](http://www.yorktown.org).

# AG, Advise Schools on Protecting Immigrant Students

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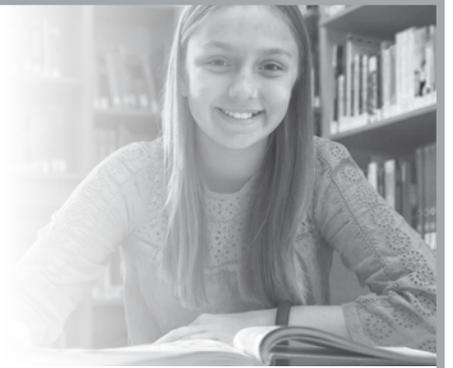
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# Report Concludes Indian Point Power Can Be Replaced

By Rick Pezzullo

A report from a leading utility industry research firm released last week concluded electricity generated from the Indian Point nuclear power plants can be replaced with renewable energy sources and transmission system upgrades.

Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. stated the region can rely on energy efficiency, wind and solar resources after Indian Point closes in 2021 if appropriate policies are implemented.

Last month, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, Entergy and Riverkeeper announced it had reached an agreement to shut down one unit at Indian Point in April 2020 and the other in April 2021, although there are provisions that could keep the controversial facility running for an additional four years.

“Recent transmission improvements, coupled with energy efficiency gains, cheaper renewables and lower demand estimates, show that New York is already on its way to a reliable, affordable, clean energy future,” said Paul Gallay, president of Riverkeeper. “This is a huge opportunity for New York. We’ll have plenty of energy to keep the lights on, even on the hottest days, and New Yorkers won’t face big increases in electric bills.”

Meanwhile, Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi and officials from the Village of Buchanan and Hendrick Hudson School District will be traveling to Albany today (February 28) to testify at a public hearing of the Joint Assembly and Senate Energy Committee to express their concerns, issues and challenges facing the community with the closing of Indian Point.

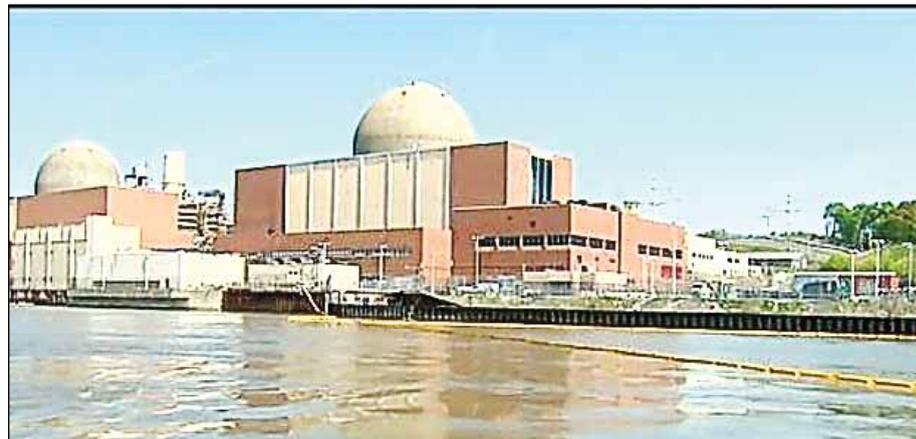
On Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Local 21 Union Hall on McKinley Street in Peekskill, State Senator Terrence Murphy will be holding a public hearing on the same issues.

Two weeks ago, a group of state officials visited Cortlandt Town Hall to meet with local officials. Puglisi said state representatives provided background and reasons

behind what led up to the agreement and their plans to replace the lost power.

“This state team assured us that on behalf of the governor they are committed to working with the local taxing jurisdictions and on trying to mitigate tax impacts to our community and therefore to our taxpayers,” Puglisi said in a press release. “They and we agreed that the time to plan is now because three and four years go by quickly.”

Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.



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# Putnam County Gold Diggers Mahopac

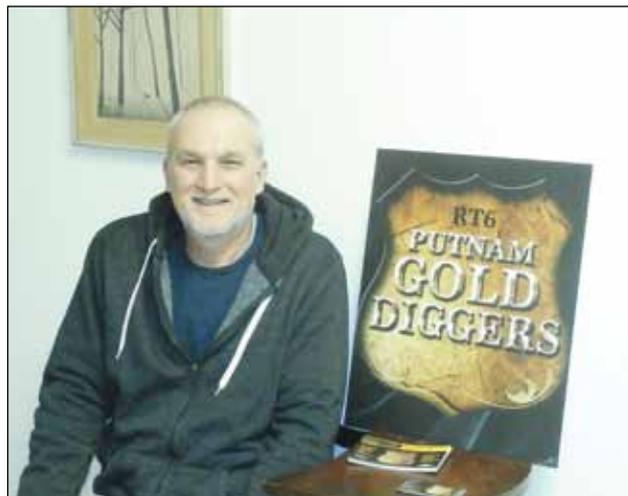
By David Propper

When Mike Basile wakes up in the morning, he can't wait to get to work.

Buying and selling precious metals and other items, Basile sees something new every day. Opening an office for Putnam County Gold Diggers back in October, the Yorktown resident has committed to his new career and never felt better. His business serves Putnam and Westchester counties, as well as surrounding areas in the region.

Basile started buying and selling different items, including gold and jewelry, in 1997, but only part-time. He ran a contracting business and had been doing that for more than 30 years until he retired in 2011 to solely focus on this business.

Basile's interest in this line of work began with the greatest hockey player of all-time, Wayne Gretzky. Basile, a huge fan of Gretzky, had more than 4,500 items of him in his collection from pucks to hockey sticks to cards and jerseys. (Basile, also a big New York Rangers fan, was ecstatic when Gretzky joined the team in 1996. He has paintings of him that he hopes Gretzky might sign one



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Yorktown resident Mike Basile owns Putnam County Gold Diggers.

day.)

Finally, his wife came to him and asked what he was planning on doing with all of it.

He started selling the products on eBay and got hooked from there. Then he had friends who were looking to have him sell so he took on clients and got more clients as word spread about his

service. Basile said, "it just snowballed."

"It's really rewarding, it's a lot of fun," he said. "Every day is different and I actually look forward to going to work in the morning. It's all cool."

Basile buys from several different sources, including clients, storage units he bids on, estate sales and tag sales. Sometimes he'll work with an elderly client who just lost a spouse or the child of deceased parents to evaluate how much certain items are worth in their home.

When he goes to storage or locker sales, Basile said it's nothing like what's shown on popular TV shows like "Storage Wars." He usually breaks even on lockers he bids on.

He'll buy and sell precious metals like gold and silver, artwork and custom

jewelry. If it's an item a client can carry into his office, he'll consider it.

"I'll get my hands on anything," he said.

And as soon as he gets his hands on it, he's ready to unload it again. Unless his wife wants it, it goes on the market.

The biggest profit Basile ever cashed in was a bronze statue he found at a tag sale. Three years ago, a Somers resident was selling multiple items from her home and Basile spotted the statue in the corner. He bought it from the woman for \$320 ("which is what she wanted," Basile said.) and then resold it for an incredible \$14,000.

Basile stressed it's important to give people a fair price when buying items off a person looking to sell. He's been told he gives a little more money than other buyers in the area and that keeps them coming back.

"You have to make money, and they understand that," Basile said. "But you don't want to nickel and dime where they won't come back."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Girls Hoops Incident was Not a True Reflection of Peekskill Community

#### To the Editor:

I would like to commend Dr. David Fine, Superintendent of the Peekskill City School District for the manner in which he handled last week's incident in Tappan NY involving two members of the PHS Girls Basketball team.

In my view, violence of any type, cannot and will not be tolerated in our schools. I

salute Dr. Fine for sharing my "zero tolerance" views and in discussing this with him, I am satisfied that, internally, proper and appropriate discipline was administered swiftly, firmly and, most importantly, fairly with a compassionate view on the entire situation and facts which are not evident with a viewing of a 60 second video.

I hasten to add that I find it repulsive

that The Journal News saw fit to highlight this incident in a disparaging Editorial about Peekskill and our City School District. While everyone is entitled to their opinion, it is copyright like this editorial, that leads to the conclusion, shared by many, that the press has its own policies and agendas that they will pursue, with or without facts to support

their position. While this was a deplorable incident, in reality, it was a 15 - 20 second emotional incident which clearly is not a true reflection of the great work being done in the Peekskill City School District. It certainly was not deserving of the "fake news" editorial as set forth by The Journal News.

MAYOR FRANK A. CATALINA

### Is this What Democracy Looks Like in Yorktown?

#### To the Editor,

On February 21 the town board met and held a "Public Hearing" regarding a new Real Estate Property Tax Incentive available only to non-residential new businesses in Yorktown that make property improvements. The incentive would be a reduction on the increased assessment by 50%.

A group of 6 residents spoke against the incentive believing that the Board

had not adequately studied the effectiveness of such incentives when weighed against the loss of income to the town. Several studies were submitted that showed the boost to economic development was negligible in practice. Others, including myself suggested that the incentives be limited to smaller locally based businesses and should not include larger national companies such as Lowes.

The legislation was recommended by a task force that included local business leaders selected by the Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

It was quite evident that the four Republican members of the Board had already determined to vote in favor and no contrary evidence or views would be considered. Thus the public hearing was nothing but a sham.

As expected the Board voted in favor

rather than postponing its vote to review the new research available to them.

At the end of the public hearing Supervisor Grace spoke about the benefits making broad unsubstantiated assertions which the public could not question.

We need to put our town government back in the hands of the people!

MELVYN TANZMAN  
Mohegan Lake

### Ossining Village Board Meeting was Appalling

#### To the Editor,

To say the very least I was appalled at viewing last week's Village Board Meeting. This Board, without a doubt, is the most unresponsive and uncaring group of elected officials that I have ever seen! They are extremely rude to the visitors and do not answer any questions when asked. They say they will answer questions at the end, most likely when the

camera goes off so the viewing audience does not hear them.

I personally visited the Mayor at Village Hall on August 2, 2016 with an issue regarding the Con Ed fiasco and brought documentation with me regarding this issue. She never had the decency or courtesy to get back to me regarding this.

Trustee Codman was totally out of control at the last meeting. He was

Chairman of the Downtown Comprehensive Plan and is well aware of what the residents wanted to see in the downtown area. When one of the audience members was speaking the timer went off and she requested to finish reading 2 paragraphs. The Mayor insisted her time was up and she continued to read. Trustee Codman became loud and continued talking over the speaker insisting he would continue until she stopped. I have never seen an elected official act like

this. The Board should be held to higher standards. If Trustee Codman is "unable to stand the heat then he should get out of the kitchen".

I oppose the construction of a roundabout in the downtown area. I certainly hope the residents will continue to speak out on these issues and the dangers it will bring.

Sincerely,

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#### Correction

In a story last week that mentioned a lawsuit filed by Westchester Disabled On the Move in December against the Town of Yorktown, it was reported that the organization was seeking an elevator that would provide disabled residents access to government offices on the second floor.

While the lack of an elevator is mentioned, the organization is only looking for more handicapped parking spaces in front of Town Hall, which the Town Board last week approved the hiring of a consultant to study.

The Northern Westchester Examiner regrets the error.

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# My Friend is an Attorney

**By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.**

This is a real fact pattern.

I recently met with a family whose 86-year-old Mother was admitted to a nursing home for dementia. They sought my assistance in obtaining Medicaid eligibility to pay for the nursing home, which cost \$15,000 per month. Mother is still on Medicare which pays for the first 100 days; days 1-20 are free and days 21-100 are with a co-payment. Once Medicare stops paying, Mother will be paying \$15,000 per month unless she can become eligible for Medicaid.

Mother's only asset is a house which is rented to a tenant. Mother has not lived in the house for the last seven year due to her need for care and assistance and thus, has been shifting her residency between the homes of two children.

Years ago, Mother, and her predeceased spouse, met with their family attorney who drafted a trust. The trust appeared to be an irrevocable trust. The family indicated that their Father went to the family attorney seeking to protect the house and was advised to transfer it to this trust. Mother has no other estate planning documents such as a power of attorney or statutory gifts rider, Last Will and Testament or health care proxy, and the family agrees that she has no capacity to sign these documents.



I reviewed the trust and found that the trust permits the trustees to distribute principal to Mother. If you follow my articles or have heard me lecture, you know that in order for the assets of an irrevocable trust (Medicaid Trust) to be protected, no principal can be distributed to the creators of the trust. Based on this oversight by the family attorney, the house is not protected.

Attorneys find problems and then solve those problems. Unfortunately in this case, my options are limited. As I

stated above, the house is not protected by the trust. Ordinarily, this would not be fatal because a Medicaid applicant's primary residence is an exempt asset for eligibility purposes. The trust protects against a lien or estate recovery. The problem here is that Mother has not used the house as a primary residence for the last seven years, thus it is not an exempt asset. This means that when she applies for Medicaid, it will be counted against her.

Where this happens, we might look to remove the house from the trust and possibly sell it. However, since Mother has no capacity, a guardianship proceeding would need to be commenced which will be costly and take time. Moreover, Mother is the trustee of the trust (and should not be) which raises another legal issue.

Since Mother is in immediate need of a nursing home, the bills will begin to pile up. It is unlikely she can come home to a child's house or her own house unless the tenant is evicted. The nursing home will most likely institute some sort of legal action against the Mother and possibly the trust. Surely, the nursing home will look for an opportunity to discharge the Mother and if the Mother requires a hospital stay, it is unlikely that she will be

allowed to return to this nursing home.

Unfortunately, all of this could have been avoided if the trust was properly prepared and if there was a valid power of attorney in place. This attorney just didn't know. It is imperative that you work with an elder law attorney and not a friend of the family or someone who practices general law. The consequences may be severe, irreversible and costly.

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## Obituaries



Joseph (Joe) Price

### Joseph Price

Joseph (Joe) Price, a resident of Montrose, went home to the Lord peacefully on February 23. He was 87.

He was born May 27, 1929, in Arklow, County Wicklow, Ireland, to John Joseph Price and Delia Kelly Price, who subsequently moved their young family to Fairview, Dublin. In Fairview, Mr. Price attended and learned to speak fluent Gaelic at St. Joseph's Christian Brothers School, graduating in 1945. Prior to emigrating to the U.S. in 1955, he honorably served in the Irish Army National Guard and as a Clerical Officer for Irish Railways (C.I.E.) in Dublin.

On June 8, 1958, he married Eileen Sheila Clifford at St. Mary's Church in Yonkers. The couple lived in Yonkers until moving, just prior to New Year's Day 1967, to Montrose, where they raised six children with an emphasis on academics (and sports), seeing all graduate college. Mr. Price himself attended Pace College from 1957 to 1960, completing all requirements in Accounting, Taxation, Business Law, and Real Estate, and received his Mutual Funds and Life Insurance Licenses from First Investors Corp., NY, in 1964. He worked for the New York Central and Penn Central Railroad as the Director of the Property Tax Department for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1988, after which he began a second career with Westchester County in the Mortgage Department for another decade. Mr. Price was also closely involved with Town of Cortlandt politics for more than 30 years, serving as a Democratic District Leader and a Voting Machine Technician, while also diligently attending and expressing his views at Town Board meetings. He was most recently honored by the Cortlandt Democratic Committee in 2013 for his many years of service to the community and his "steadfast support to the ideals of this committee, the Democratic Party and the United States of America."

An active member and recent "Hibernian of the Year" of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), he was Past President (Verplanck Division 8/Peekskill Division 10, reformed as Division 18) and proudly represented Westchester County as an Aide to the Grand Marshall for the 1967

St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York, and as an Aide to the Grand Marshall for the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Peekskill, on which occasion he received a citation from the New York State Assembly. He was particularly proud of marching in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade for 55 consecutive years since he first arrived in America. Closest to his heart, he was a member of St. Patrick's Parish since 1967, and served as a member of the Parish Council, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and Choir member for many decades. In addition, he was a long-time member of the Peekskill Elks Club #744, where he organized many St. Patrick's Day Dinners, as well as the New York State Assessors Association and the National Association of Railway Tax Commissioners. When Mr. Price joined something, he usually stayed - and served! Always. Service in the interest of others was his life - and what we will remember him for the most.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, of East Northport, NY (formerly Montrose); sister Kathleen and brother-in-law John Newman of Dublin, Ireland; brother Patrick Fergus of San Francisco, CA; sister-in-law Alyce Price of Yonkers, NY; sister-in-law Eileen Gallagher of Dublin, Ireland; son Michael (Claudia) of Natick, MA; son Matthew (Mary Ann) of Ashburn, VA; daughter Maureen (Carl Wesolowski) of Milton, GA; daughter Una (Darryl Smith) of Medfield, MA; son John of Irvington, NY; and daughter Nora (Mark Nolan) of Northport, NY, as well as 18 grandchildren and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews whom he cherished with all his heart. He was predeceased by brother Jack Gallagher of Dublin, Ireland; brother Kevin Gallagher and sister-in-law Lena Gallagher, of Dublin, Ireland; and brother William Price of Yonkers.

Relatives and friends are invited to the viewing on Friday, March 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Edward F. Carter Funeral Home in Montrose. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, at St. Patrick's Church in Verplanck. Interment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, also in Verplanck. Mourners/Celebrants are encouraged to wear "a touch of the green" in honor of Mr. Price's Irish heritage.

### Joan Sewalk

Joan M. Sewalk, a resident of Peekskill, died peacefully February 21 at Phelps Memorial Hospital. She was 90.

She was born June 26, 1926 to John V. and Grace Clinton Carlin. She married James M. Sewalk on October 16, 1946 at the Church of The Assumption in Peekskill. The mother of 16 children, her life's fulfillment came from her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a woman of strong beliefs and values, ones she im-

parted to family and friends. Famous for her energy, she lived her life to the fullest. Her career began at the City Bank of New York in Manhattan, continued at St. Joseph's Home in Peekskill, and concluded at Peekskill City Court. She was committed to her community and volunteerism at the Assumption School and Church where she was a lifetime parishioner.

She leaves behind countless friends whom she dearly loved. She is survived by her children Jane Sewalk, James C. Sewalk, Jill Travis, Jack Sewalk, Julie Vangelder, Joel Sewalk, Janel Johnson, Janice Shulman, Janene DeChristopher, Jody Wakefield, Jeff Sewalk, Joyce Cuccia, Joyann Sewalk and Jessica Love. She is also survived by 25 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and much adored nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by daughter Joan Dabbs, son Jay Mark Sewalk and siblings William, John, Grace and Romayne. Donations in her honor can be made to the "Church Of The Assumption" or the "Franciscan Sisters of Peekskill."

### Virginia Bourne

Virginia C. Bourne, a lifelong Peekskill/Cortlandt resident, died peacefully February 21. She was 94.

She was born on January 4, 1923 in Peekskill, to Millard F. and Catherine (No-hai) Brown. She graduated from Peekskill High School in 1940. On January 26, 1945 at St. Christopher's Church in Buchanan, she married Robert S. Bourne, who predeceased her in July 1981.

She enjoyed crocheting, tending her plants; but most especially she loved all her grandchildren, and spending time with them. She is survived by her three children: Beverly McNamara, Roberta (Michael) Bleakley and Robert S. Bourne Jr. She is also survived by her brother Millard F. Brown Jr.; 13 grandchildren: Thomas McNamara III, Tammy McNamara, Tara McNamara-Pulitano, Robert McNamara, Catherine Gaertig, Richard Meyer Jr., Jennifer Hovnanian, Scott Meyer, Shannon Savva, Carrie Litos, Michael Bleakley Jr., Christopher Bleakley and Robert Bourne III; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Along with her husband, she was also predeceased by her sister Geraldine Brown.

### Otto Gazzigli

Otto H. Gazzigli, a resident of Peekskill, died February 20. He was 82.

Mr. Gazzigli was a repair and maintenance worker for the Lakeland School District. He was born in Port Chester on March 20, 1934 to Louis and Muriel Merritt Gazzigli. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1952 -1955, attaining the rank of Sergeant 1st Class. On July 7, 1958, he married Barbara Rozmus

in Port Chester. She survives, and resides in Peekskill.

Mr. Gazzigli is also survived by his sons Scott (Douglas McNally) Gazzigli, of Newburgh, Daniel (Stephanie) Gazzigli, of Shrub Oak, and Christopher Gazzigli, of Garrison; two grandchildren, Laura and Christopher Gazzigli; a daughter-in-law, Jodi Gazzigli, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey Gazzigli, a sister Joyce, his mother, Muriel and stepfather Everett Slater.

### Anthony "Tony" Cannizzaro

Anthony J. "Tony" Cannizzaro, a former long time Peekskill resident and detective in the Peekskill Police Dept., died February 22. He was 86.

He was the husband of Cathy Monea Cannizzaro. They lived in Patterson at the time of his death. There will be a funeral mass on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. at Assumption Church.

### Barbara Pryor

Barbara R. Pryor, a longtime Cortlandt resident, died February 22. She was 90.

She was born April 2, 1926 to David and Margaret (Weaver) Reid. She was predeceased by her husband James W. Pryor in 1980. She is survived by her three children: Jim Pryor, Suzanne Whitney and Peggy Stent; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and will be deeply missed.

### Mauro Manicchio

Mauro Manicchio, a resident of Ossining, died February 23. He was 73.

He was born in Castelmauro, Italy on March 20, 1943 to Angelo and Rosa (Sticca) Manicchio. Mr. Manicchio was a dedicated member of the Ossining community working for the Ossining Union Free School District Building and Grounds for 31 years, retiring in August 2005, and was also a 50-year member of the Christopher Columbus Lodge #692.

He was predeceased by his brothers Nicola, Antonio, and Francesco. He is survived by wife Elisabetta, son Tony (Michele), son Mike (Nicole), grandchildren Mariella and Julianna, brother Giovanni, sisters Giulia DiMascia, Filomena (Luigi) DiSisto, Maria Manicchio, Anna Robinson, mother-in-law Assunta Conte, brother-in-law Arcangelo (Marsa) Conte, sister-in-laws Celestina and Carmina Manicchio. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

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**8:00PM - Kyle's Pub**

**8:30PM - Birdsall House**

**9:00PM - Division Street Grill**

**9:30PM - Ruben's Cafe**

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# Bee Gees Show Brings Saturday Night Fever to Paramount

World-renowned Bee Gees tribute The Australian Bee Gees Show is coming to the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill, NY on Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m.

It's Saturday Night Fever every night with The Australian Bee Gees Show – A Tribute to the Bee Gees. One of the most successful and adored acts in musical history will be recreated on the Paramount's stage in an 85-minute multimedia concert event.

Performers David Scott, Wayne Hosking, and Michael Cliff take on the trio's clothes, style and moves to showcase five decades of the Brothers Gibb's success as rock and disco legends, while audiences groove to their memorable music

and are immersed in the disco era. The Australian Bee Gees have captivated the audiences at Las Vegas' Excalibur Hotel & Casino for years to fantastic reviews. You'll hear hits like "Stayin' Alive," "You Should Be Dancing," "How Deep Is Your Love," and "Jive Talkin'."

"Showgoers at one of this band's shows get a lot more than a few disco songs, The Australian Bee Gees Show capture the very essence of the original Bee Gees." – Nina King, Las Vegas Magazine

The Paramount Theater, a Westchester County Landmark, has been an important part of the Hudson Valley's cultural life for 86 years. Under the leadership of Kurt Heitmann, Red House Entertainment acquired the theater in May 2013

for the single purpose of reviving it as a vibrant downtown venue for Live Music and HD quality digital entertainment.

"The folks of The Australian Bee Gees Show know how to put on a show," Heitmann said. "Their performance marks a gold standard for tribute shows, and I know audiences will love going back to one of music's great eras."

Event: The Australian Bee Gees Show – A Tribute to the Bee Gees

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017 @ 8 PM

Tickets: \$30, \$40, \$50

For tickets & more information visit [paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com) or call the box-office at 914-739-0039. Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown Street, Peekskill NY.



The Australian Bee Gees are performing at Paramount March 3.

# Piff the Magic Dragon Unleashes Night of Comedy at Paramount

America's Got Talent finalist and Vegas phenomenon Piff the Magic Dragon is coming to the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill, on March 2 at 8 p.m.

When people see Piff take the stage for the first time they don't know exactly what to expect of the man in the brightly colored dragon costume. His show has been described as Larry David in a dragon suit performing amazing magic tricks, plus the "World's First Magic Performing Chihuahua" —the loyal Mr. Piffles.

Piff stole the show on Penn & Teller: Fool Us in 2011. A year later he was on the

road with Mumford & Sons, opening for the band during their UK tour. In 2014 Piff crossed the Atlantic to headline a show at The Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas.

However, Piff is best known as the breakout star of the tenth season of NBC's America's Got Talent. Howard Stern and Howie Mandel were huge fans and singled Piff out as one of the funniest and most unique acts in the history of the show. After making it to finals, Piff was offered a solo show at Las Vegas' iconic Flamingo hotel where he now resides three nights a week.

Piff's got over 40 million YouTube hits

to his name and has performed at iconic venues around the globe, such as Radio City Music Hall, Shakespeare's Globe, the O2, and the Sydney Opera house. On his days off, Piff tours the USA, where he has broken records at major comedy clubs and sold out Foxwoods & Borgata.

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downtown venue for Live Music and HD quality digital entertainment.

"We're very glad to welcome Piff back," Heitmann said. "His is truly a one-of-a-kind act and will leave our patrons both amazed at his magic and breathless from his jokes. Don't miss this show!"

Event: Piff the Magic Dragon, Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 8 PM, Tickets: \$30

For tickets & more information visit [paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com) or call the box-office at 914-739-0039. Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown Street, Peekskill NY.

## A Focus on the Rising Popularity of the Red Blend Category

The latest trend in wine sales is the increasing predilection of American wine consumers for red blends. American winemakers have been vigorously attempting to satisfy this new preference for several years.

Typically, these American wines take the form of a blend of traditional grapes – Merlot, Syrah, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, often with a smidgeon of a lesser-known grape.

This trend is not unique to American consumers or winemakers.

In the Bordeaux region of France, blended wines are very much the norm. Ever since the Romans planted the first grapevines in the area more than 2,000

years ago, a succession of wine estate owners have sought the perfect blend suited to each vintage's variability. Great pride is taken in producing a wine each year that expresses the philosophy of an estate's winemaker and the characteristics that will foster the reputation of an estate for a certain style of wine, one that exemplifies the characteristics of its forbearers.

In the Tuscan region of Italy, the history

of blended wines is similar – until recently. For centuries, strict governmental regulations dictated the composition of wines, from the types of grapes permitted, to the volume of those grapes in a bottle.

However, in the mid-1970s a splinter group decided to defy such norms. They began planting new-to-the-region grape varieties in an outpost of the designated Tuscan subregions (Chianti, Montalcino, et al). They believed that the southwestern areas of Tuscany could produce world-class wines from the grape varieties grown in Bordeaux – Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec.

These mavericks began producing wines in earnest in the Maremma subregion from the early 1980s; their wines are colloquially referred to as Super Tuscans. A number of the producers owned vineyards in other Tuscan regions and began their regulation-defiant ventures slowly, with wines dominated by the ubiquitous grape of Tuscany – Sangiovese – and supplemented them with newly planted vineyards bearing the signature grapes of the Bordeaux.

Others were more defiant, producing wines bereft of Sangiovese. This latter group's ambition was to produce a Bordeaux-style wine, but with a Tuscan sensibility that was reflective of the unique soils, weather and elevations of the Maremma. Today, a number of those wines have succeeded in capturing worldwide acclaim and popularity – and lofty prices. The most noteworthy wines include Tignanello, Ornellaia, Solaia, Maseto and Sassicaia, all fetching retail prices of \$100 and higher.

I am focusing on these Super Tuscans with a fresh memory of an exclusive tasting I was fortunate to attend last week.

The proprietors of Tenuta dell'Ornellaia presented the latest vintage of their signature wine at a New York City tasting and luncheon. The event was unique in that the winemaker, Axel Heinz, "Oenologist and Director of Estate," was the presenter and led the attendees in a tasting of the individual wines that comprise the Ornellaia blend. The estate is planted as a living laboratory, each of the 50 plots planted to one of four grape varieties that best suit the growing conditions across its 240 acres.

I sampled nine of the individual wines

considered for the signature 2014 vintage, each wine a unique expression of its terroir. It was a virtual tour of these vineyards, as Axel described his experience in directing the amazing journey of each Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot plot, from hybridizing the plants, to harvesting, to vinifying, to blending, to aging and finally to palate pleasure.

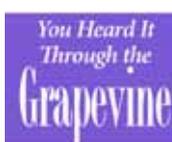
Each wine possessed its own fingerprint, presented its own signature and imparted its own aroma and flavor profile. Each was a living, breathing organism, on a journey to pleasing the palate of consumers.

Next week, I'll more fully describe the attributes of each wine sampled. And I'll present recommendations of local wine-shops for sourcing economically priced American blends. All in all, red blends to satisfy discerning palates – and wallets.

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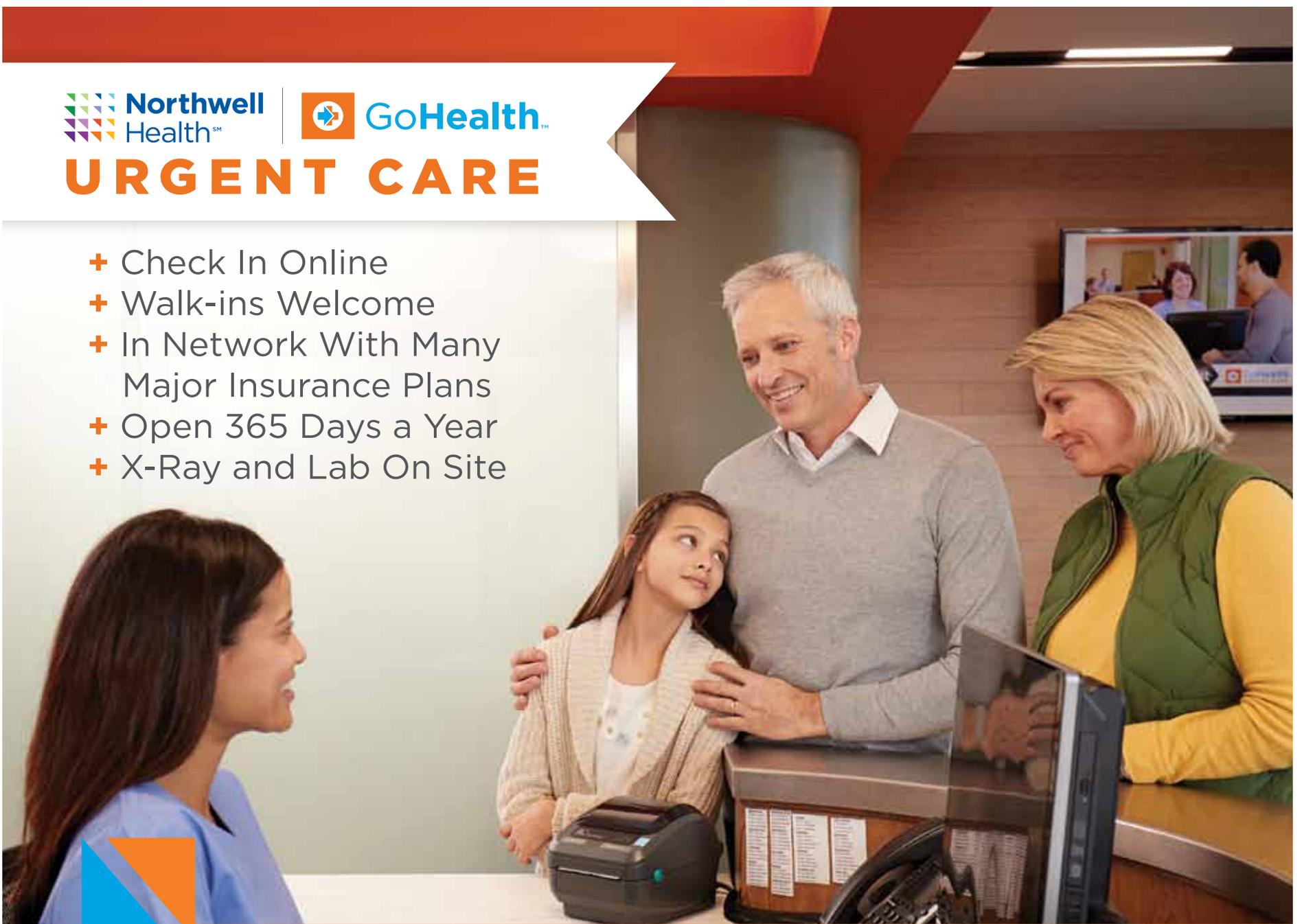
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## Tuesday, Feb. 28

**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.

**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.hyinhealth.com.

**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.

## Wednesday, March 1

**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 a.m. 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.

**POUND Program:** POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914-960-4097.

**Anime Club:** An Anime Club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. 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.

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

**Torah Studies:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., is proud to announce Season one (11 classes) of the Torah studies course. The program brings you a series of stimulating text and discussion based classes that take place on a weekly basis. Our lessons will engage you in a multidimensional way by challenging you intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. They explore contemporary issues through a Torah perspective as well as tackling timeless questions in the Jewish tradition. The classes are open to all, whatever your level of learning may be. The fee for the full season is \$36, which includes textbook. Each class is independent. For more information, to view the topics of the classes, or to register call 914-962-1111.

## Thursday, March 2

**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 yorktown-

jewishcenter.org.

**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. 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.

**The Boy Friend:** The Kennedy Catholic Players proudly presents: Sandy Wilson's "The Boy Friend" on March 2, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and on March 5 at 2 p.m. Advance Purchase: all seats \$15 p.m. all seats are \$20 at the door. A Sunday brunch tickets is \$40. Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. and brunch will be served at 1:15 p.m. To purchase tickets online visit www.KennedyCatholic.org/Spring-Musical. For more information call 914-232-5061 Ext. 226 or e-mail: players@kennedycatholic.org. Kennedy Catholic High School is located at 54 Route 138, Somers.

**Cancer Support Group:** A Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. in the Yorktown offices of Support Connection, 40 Triangle Center, Suite100, Yorktown. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.support-connection.org

## Friday, March 3

**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.

**Temple Beth Am Shabbat:** Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net

**Beauty and The Beast Jr.:** The Yorktown Stage is presenting "Beauty and the Beast Jr," on March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; March 4 at 1 and 7 p.m. and on March 5 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are: adults' \$20; seniors (over 62) and students (12-22) \$16; children (under 12) \$14. Yorktown Stage is located at 1974 Commerce St. Info: .914)-962-0606 or www.yorktownstage.org.

**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.

**Performance Space Opening:** 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. It will be presented at 8 p.m. on Fridays March 3, 10, 17 and 24; Saturdays, March 4, 11, and 25; and Thursday March 16. Matinee performances will run Saturdays,

# Happenings

March 11, 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. and Sundays, 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. Because limited seating is available advance purchase is strongly suggested. Tickets are \$25 for general admission with discounts available for WCT/OAC members, seniors, students and groups of five or more. Tickets for opening night March 3, which includes an after-party, are \$40. All tickets are available for purchase online at [www.wctheater.org](http://www.wctheater.org).

## Saturday, March 4

**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 Services:

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](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com).

**Food Forum:** The Bedford 2020 Food Forum will be held today at Fox Lane High School in Bedford. Bedford 2020 will celebrate local Hudson Valley food, farming, cooking and more. Bedford 2020 is seeking volunteers to help with the event. To sign up to volunteer or for more information about the Bedford 2020 Food Forum, contact Bedford 2020 at [info@bedford2020.org](mailto:info@bedford2020.org) or call 914-620-2411.

**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 [DowntoEarthMarkets.com](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Shabbat Across America:** Celebrate Shabbat with thousands of Jews in syna-

gogues across North America at this interactive prayer service and Shabbat dinner. It's a fun and song filled evening that unifies Jews everywhere as one people. Adults - \$22. Children- \$12, children under 4 are free. Come to First Hebrew at 1821 Main St. (Route 6) on the border of Cortlandt and Peekskill, just west of Beach Shopping Center at 6:30 p.m. RSVP: 914.739.0500 or [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org). Visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Torah Study:** Study Torah at Temple Beth Am will be held at 9 a.m. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him at [rabbiv@optonline.net](mailto:rabbiv@optonline.net).

**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.

**Better Health.** Transition to Better Health will be held at 3 p.m. at the Somers Library. Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? You don't need to be suffering. Learn how to make food your medicine and medicine your food. Register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call the library

at 914-232-5717.

**Wine Desert and Song:** The Yorktown Jewish Center Men' Club presents a wine, dessert and song event at 8 p.m. at the Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Please join us for an evening of kosher wine tasting, light refreshments and delicious desserts while enjoying the talents of the "West Rock Players." The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Please contact Paul at 914-473-9338 or the YJC at 914-528-7228.

## Sunday, March 5

**Purim Celebration:** A Purim Celebration for Women will be held at noon at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Recapture the joy and triumph of VASHTI and her companions. Enjoy belly dancing, music and a luncheon feast of mid-Eastern food. The cost is \$15 for YJC members; \$18 for non-members and \$10 for children and teens. Info: Marcia Stone at 914-528-7228 or [marciastone@aol.com](mailto:marciastone@aol.com).

**Sunday Concert:** Harp2Harp will be presented at 2 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m., 1139 Main St., Shrub Oak. The performers will Wendy Kerner and Teresa Mango. Info: [www.yorktownlibrary.org](http://www.yorktownlibrary.org).

**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.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LEARNING ANALYTICS GROUP, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/2011. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **2435 Pinetree Pl Yorktown Hts, NY 10598 Purpose: any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STONE HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC.** Filed with SSNY on January 3, 2017. Office in Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Lisa Stone 2245 Mark Rd., Yorktown Heights NY, 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF: HALITE GROUP, LLC.** ART OF ORG. filed with SSNY on 12/30/16. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process: **156 Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: any lawful acts. Provides management consulting services.**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC**, a foreign limited liability company ("LLC") Cert. of Authority filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/16. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **David B. Petshaft, P.C. 222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

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**LEGAL NOTICE G ELITE SPORTS AND FITNESS, LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/16, with an existence date of 01/01/2017. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, **39 Hilltop Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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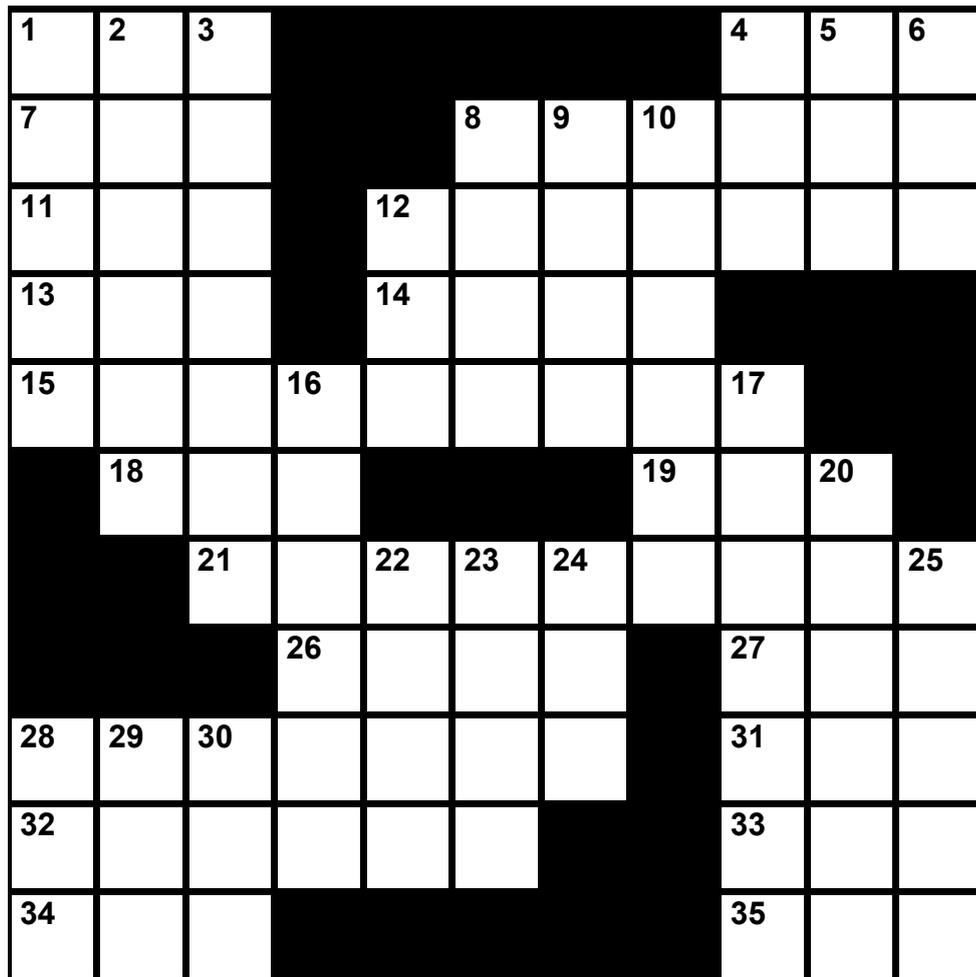
## ACROSS

1. Awesome
4. New Peekskill restaurant
7. Kimono part
8. Item in a KFC bucket
11. Equaled
12. Salty area
13. Ordinal suffix
14. Not for
15. Compass point or Mahopac tax preparer
18. Cold and wet
19. Boat gear
21. Shade of yellow
26. Small stream dam
27. Neighbor of Swed.
28. CSI morgue inhabitant
31. Tina Turner's hubby
32. Spanish beaches
33. Sibling's nickname
34. Of the preceding month, abbr.
35. "For \_\_\_ a jolly good . . ."

## Down

1. Second crop of a growing season
2. Someone who handles a nuisance
3. Kitchen cleaner

4. Military hospitals
5. "What's the \_\_\_?"
6. Flier's concern, briefly
8. N.B. part
9. Pro \_\_\_\_\_
10. Inventor of the stock ticker
12. Morse code sound
16. Like most streets
17. Sully
20. Newbie
22. Bulgarian currency
23. Fades away
24. Go off
25. Word with "rehearsal" or "code"
28. Heart of a PC, abbr.
29. End of the Three Musketeers' motto
30. "Can't Help Lovin' \_\_\_ Man"



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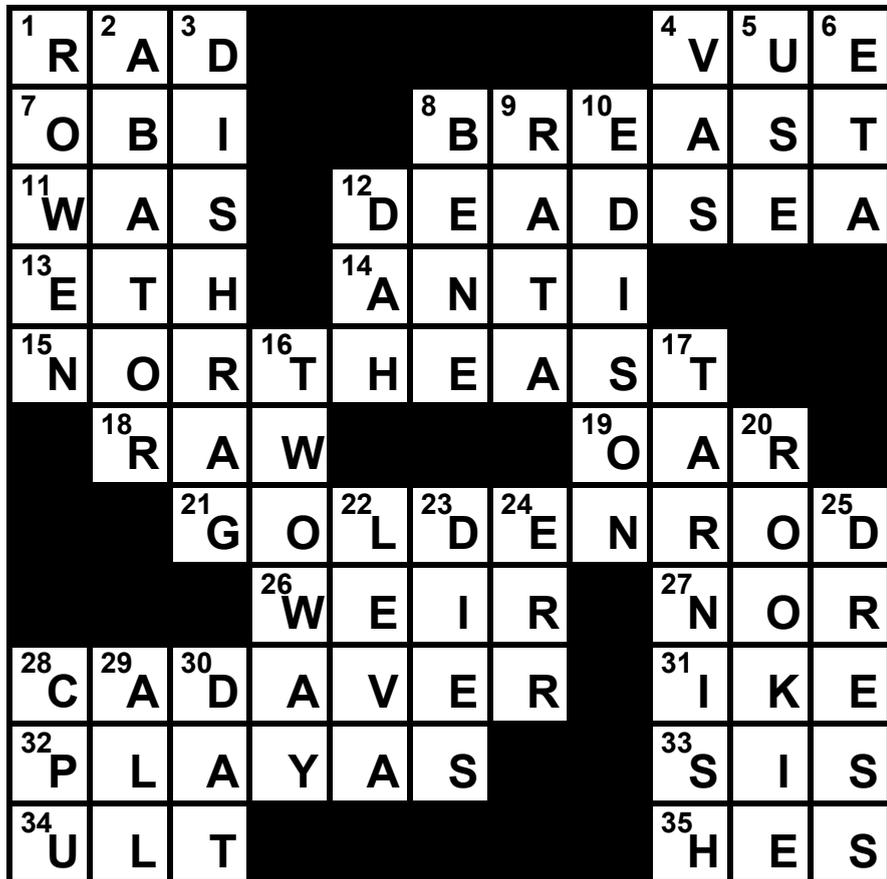
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How well I remember my first paint job when I was out on my own, a college freshman with my own somewhat shabby studio apartment, more just a big room with a shower and sink, that was partly below grade level in a 1920's home. The walls of that room were a dingy shade of gold that seemed to have years of cloudiness layered on them by many former occupants who were smokers. I remember a friend of mine, an art student, told me to just put two coats of quality paint on the walls as the best sanitizer ever, and I'd have a totally new place. And, he was right.

The paint rolled on effortlessly in a way that paints today don't perform. I didn't give a second thought to the content of that paint and why it may have performed so well. But it had to be because it was laden with lead.

Today New York State requires that realtors have sellers and buyers sign a

disclosure acknowledging what they know or don't know about the existence of lead paint on any given property when it is sold, because exposure to lead paint dust or chips can cause serious health problems, particularly to children and pregnant women.



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For children, symptoms of repeated lead exposure can range from behavior problems and low IQ to growth delays.

The history of lead in paint is very interesting in that its dangers had been known for many years prior to its discontinuance in 1978, but the industry chose to keep that information to itself, even disclaim it. In fact, early on, one of the major producers which

had "Lead" in its company name, actually boasted to consumers that its paint was beneficial to health because of its durability and washability.

The issues today involve being aware of peeling or chipping lead paint that may be ingested by children and airborne dust that may result from sanding as prep work for re-painting.

In my own case, when I painted many times prior to 1978, thankfully the walls did not require any sanding.

Unwittingly, after lead based paint was no longer available, I contained exposure to lead simply by rolling on the new paints that were lead-free.

Guiltily I admit that my first experiences with the new non-lead paints were disappointing in terms of how they laid on, by comparison.

It's been a long time since I've done a paint job or renovation on my own, and today, it is mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that any contractor or worker who conducts renovation work in a pre-1978 property must be trained and certified in EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) if it is to disturb lead-based paint.

Homeowners may do the work themselves, but it is important to do the work properly to not create new risks for lead exposure. During the work, the homeowner must avoid stirring up dust or creating fumes containing lead.

For homeowners who attempt the work themselves, here are some general guidelines:

- Seal off the area using plastic sheets;
- Disconnect heating/cooling ducts to the area under renovation;
- Remove all furniture, food, and other items from the construction area;
- Cover the floor with tarps or plastic;

Avoid sanding, torching, grinding, sandblasting, or using a heat gun on surfaces containing lead paint;

Clean up the construction area often using a HEPA filter vacuum and damp mop; and

Wash hands often, especially before eating.

Additional information can be found on the National Lead Information Center website (<https://www.epa.gov/lead>) or by calling 1-800-424-5323.

The possible presence of lead paint in a house shouldn't be a deterrent, as long as two basic rules are followed. If the paint is in good condition, it can simply be contained with a fresh coat, but the surface should never be sanded. If the surface needs work, that's the time to call in a professional who knows the proper methods to deal with it safely.

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## Somers Qualifies for Class A Final 4, Tuskers Will Dance at County Center for 1st Time

Somers junior Liv Lipski (L) celebrates with teammates Hannah Angelini and Dani DiCintio (R) after the second-seeded Tuskers defeated then-defending Section 1 Class A champion Rye, 56-40, in last Thursday's quarterfinal round of the 2017 Section 1 tournament. By eliminated seventh-seeded Rye, the state-ranked (No.13) Tuskers advanced to the Class A Final 4 for the first time in school history where they will face sixth-seeded Tappan Zee Thursday afternoon (3:00 p.m.) at the Westchester County Center... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

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