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## Sears in Jefferson Valley Mall to Close Doors This Year

By Rick Pezzullo

The Sears store in the Jefferson Valley Mall is one of 188 "unprofitable" stores that will be closing by the end of the year as part of bankruptcy proceedings filed by its parent company last week.

Also shutting its doors will be Kmart in Mahopac, but Kmart in the Yorktown Green Shopping Center will remain open. Sears has been one of the two anchor stores in the Jefferson Valley Mall

since the mall opened in 1983.

On October 15, Sears Holdings Corporation announced a series of actions to position the company to establish a sustainable capital structure, continue streamlining its operating model and grow profitably for the long term. To facilitate these actions, the company and certain of its subsidiaries have filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in

the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

"Over the last several years, we have worked hard to transform our business and unlock the value of our assets," said Edward S. Lampert, Chairman of Sears Holdings. "While we have made progress, the plan has yet to deliver the results we have desired, and addressing the Company's immediate liquidity needs has impacted



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Sears has been one of the anchors at JV Mall since 1983.

## Candidate Withdraws from Race after Backlash Over Posts

By Anna Young

An Ossining resident running for a seat on the Village Board withdrew his nomination Monday afternoon after receiving a surge of backlash last week when a series of racist and misogynistic posts were discovered on his Twitter page.

First-time candidate David Kezafrika, who was running for one of the two open seats on the Village Board under the support of the Working Families line, came under fire last week after The Northern Westchester Examiner published several questionable posts he made on his Twitter account. Kezafrika announced his candidacy in September, stating he wants to make a difference in his community.

"I am deeply sorry for my tweets" Kezafrika said. "It was never my intention to offend or otherwise add to the discourse of adversity and hatred that is already too prevalent in our country. I am a son, a brother, and an uncle and I respect all women."

Within the last year, more than a dozen

posts referencing rape, race, women and drugs were discovered on Kezafrika's Twitter page under the handle MajorGloryus. Kezafrika, 29, used inappropriate language, such as the N-word, made crude remarks about women being "hoes" and tweeted disparaging remarks about single mothers.

"Why do some of the good looking on the dating sites all have kids?! It's bad enough that they are Hispanic and black. It says a lot about those minorities. Guys have to put up with even more," one tweet said.

"Stop letting ni—gas hit just because they bought you a meal," another tweet read.

Kezafrika also posted that an influx of white people makes him feel "uneasy," that "white unsuccessful people are trash," and how "anything is possible when you sound white on the phone."

"We strongly disagree with the views expressed in David Kezafrika's social media posts," members of the Working Fam-

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## Mission Possible Holds First Event

On August 8, the non-profit Mission Possible was started by passionate people dedicated to making the community a happier and safer place to live. Essentially, the mission focus' on repairing and maintaining the houses of senior citizens, veterans and families in need of some helping hands. On October 20, they hosted their first event, changing the lives of four homeowners. Each one provided a new challenge, such as disassembling and reassembling a swing set, landscaping, home cleaning and organization and moving furniture. In this project, the Mission Possible team repaired and rebuilt a playset that had been rotted after many years of use. The group thanked Taconic Pharmacy, Raymond Opticians and JV Hot Bagels for generously sponsoring the first event. Mission Possible is accepting applications for volunteers and work requests for its spring event. Check out the website: [umcso.com/ministries-mission/youth-mission-possible](http://umcso.com/ministries-mission/youth-mission-possible) or email them at [MissionPossible.UMCSO@gmail.com](mailto:MissionPossible.UMCSO@gmail.com).

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our efforts to become a profitable and more competitive retailer. The Chapter 11 process will give Holdings the flexibility to strengthen its balance sheet, enabling the Company to accelerate its strategic transformation, continue right sizing its operating model, and return to profitability. Our goal is to achieve a comprehensive restructuring as efficiently as possible, working closely with our creditors and other debtholders, and be

better positioned to execute on our strategy and key priorities.”

“As we look toward the holiday season, Sears and Kmart stores remain open for business and our dedicated associates look forward to serving our members and customers,” Lampert added. “We thank our vendors for their continuing support through the upcoming season and beyond. We also thank our associates for their hard work and commitment to providing millions of Americans

with value and convenience.”

It had been previously announced that 46 stores would close by November. The additional 142 stores will close by the end of the year and liquidation sales are expected to begin shortly.

The Sears Auto Center at the Jefferson Valley Mall closed earlier this year and the store had downsized to one floor to make room for a 24 Hour Fitness Center that is expected to open shortly.

Sears and Kmart stores, and its online and mobile platforms, are open and continue to offer a full range of products and services to members and customers. Holdings’ services and brand businesses will also continue to operate as usual. Customers should expect Holdings’ loyalty programs, including the Shop Your Way membership program, and the Sears and private label credit card rewards programs, to continue as normal.

# Ossining Candidate Withdraws from Race after Backlash

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ilies Party said. “These statements are not consistent with the values of the Working Families Party. We support David Kezafrika’s decision to withdraw from the race and issue an apology.”

Following the Oct. 16 publication, Kezafrika said that he never intended to perpetuate racial stereotypes that are hurtful to his friends, neighbors and members of the diverse community he loves. He said he has learned from his mistakes and is reflecting on the impact his words have on the people he cares about.

“Sadly, I will be withdrawing from the race of Ossining Village Trustee,” Kezafrika sent the Working Families Party. “I thank the Working Families Party for

believing in my ability as a candidate. I hope this will allow the community to focus on what’s truly at stake.”

Throughout the week, elected officials condemned Kezafrika’s postings and stressed that his disqualifying tweets do not embody the values of someone who should represent over 25,000 Ossining residents. While few came to his defense, community members also buzzed on social media about the inaptness of Kezafrika’s postings.

“Our community is one of hope, diversity, aspirations and families. We are a village that works together and is stronger because of our diversity,” Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity said. “Comments that disparage women and those of different races have no place in Ossining Village government.”

Ossining Trustee Rika Levin, who was running against Kezafrika in the Nov. 6 election, said that while she doesn’t know Kezafrika very well, she found his posting to be “sexist and quite racist.”

“Given the national landscape we’ve been going through, it’s totally inappropriate,” Levin said. “I don’t know how to react to it.”

Ossining Trustee and mayoral candidate Omar Herrera, who is friends with Kezafrika and publicly supported his campaign, said Kezafrika demonstrated poor judgement in his posts. While he was glad that Kezafrika acknowledged his tweets were wrong and that he made a mistake, he noted the posts were “offensive, inappropriate and very unfortunate.”

Herrera, who is also running on the

Working Families line, said he would be running independently throughout the remainder of his campaign.

With Kezafrika a district leader with the Town of Ossining Democratic Committee, committee chair Thomasina Laidey-Brown said Kezafrika is not endorsed by the Democratic party as a village trustee candidate and never sought a nomination. Laidey-Brown added that Kezafrika’s posts “cannot represent the values of someone representing the Town of Ossining in any capacity.”

“Ossining is a welcoming, open community – which also happens to have immensely diverse representation,” Laidey-Brown said. “These statements in no way represent who we are, and in fact stand in stark contrast to the values we hold.”



## Complete Breast Health

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.

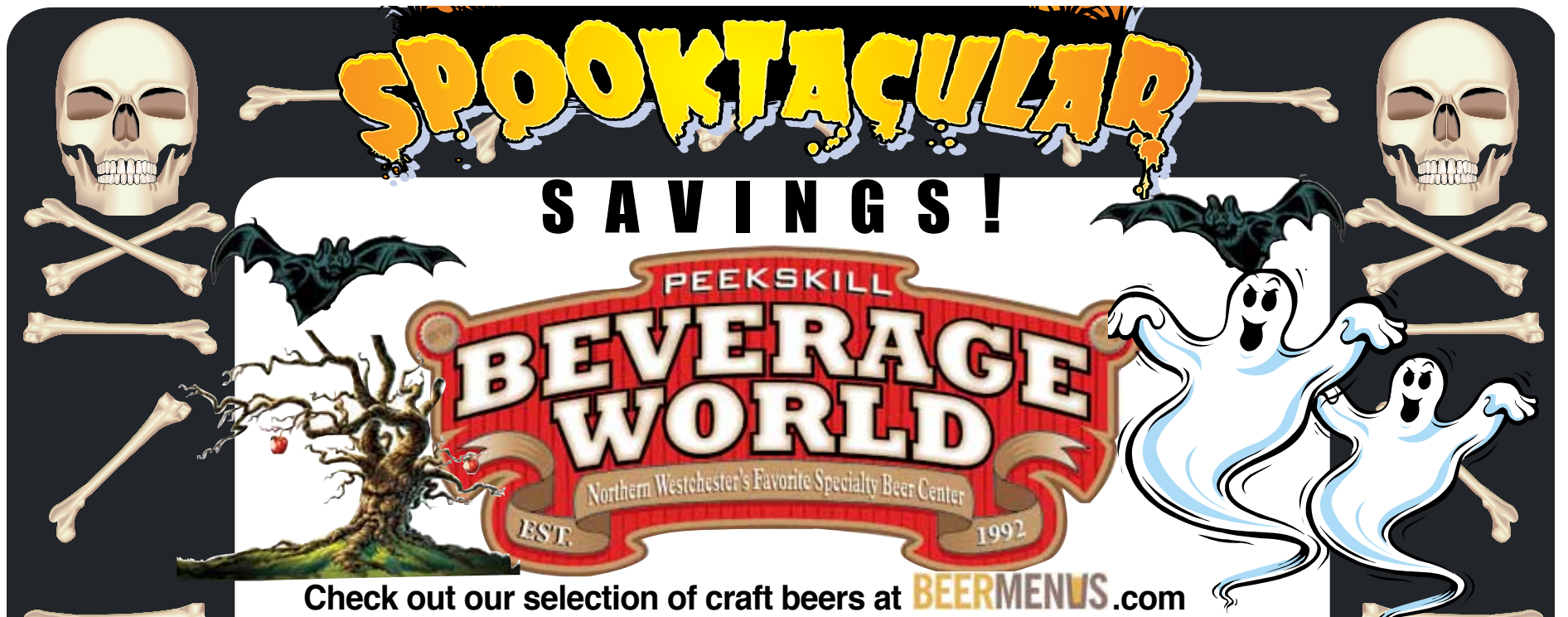
#### Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

**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.

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# Complaint Filed Over Cuomo, Harckham Event at Kiley Center

By Rick Pezzullo

The newly appointed Peekskill Republican Committee chairman has filed a complaint alleging Governor Andrew Cuomo's recent support of Democratic State Senate candidate Peter Harckham at the Kiley Center in Peekskill may have violated the federal Hatch Act.

In his October 14 filing with the Office of Special Counsel in the Hatch Act Unit and during an appearance last Tuesday outside the Peekskill Neighborhood Center, Bruce Bellom singled out the five members of the Peekskill Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for allowing the Kiley Center to be used for political activity.

Bellom contended since a grant of nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was given to the Peekskill Housing Authority shortly after it purchased the Kiley Center in 2003 from the city, the facility, which is utilized for youth programs, was off limits to political rallies such as occurred on October 5.

Joining Bellom in laying blame on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, all of whom are registered Democrats, were State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) and Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill).

"They should know better," Murphy



Governor Andrew Cuomo poses with Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey and Rainey's great-grandmother at Kiley Center on October 5.

said of the board. "This is about equality. This is about everyone getting a fair shake."

Testa said Cuomo was well aware of the restrictions of the Hatch Act since he formerly led HUD. He also criticized two of his former opponents, Nancy Vann, chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, and Michael Kane, vice chairperson.

"They should not get themselves involved in political campaigns," Testa said. "People were invited to this event not even knowing what it was. People were bamboozled to come."

In a widespread email that also ap-

peared on Facebook, Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey issued the following: "Will you join me in Peekskill at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning? (10/5/18?) I'm hosting an event at the Kiley Youth Center, 709 Main Street, PEEKSKILL, NY. I'm aware you all have lives and this is very short notice but this would literally mean the world to me if you could attend, and it's free. I would love it even more if you could bring people with you. PLEASE let me know. Again it's short notice but if this wasn't important to me, I wouldn't waste time asking. If you're working and can't attend, please ask friends to join me."

Vann said the Board of Commissioners and Pat Croslan, executive director of the Peekskill Housing Authority, thought Cuomo was visiting the Kiley Center to talk about a grant or gun violence.

"It had been sort of a mystery. We did not know it would be a campaign event," she said. "We would have said it was not appropriate to have a campaign event there."

However, Vann explained city officials have access to the Kiley Center and maintained there were no violations of the Hatch Act since no Housing Authority staff or federal employees were present.



"I'm really angry with the Murphy campaign for making that up," Vann said, noting HUD has not contacted her about Bellom's complaint. "I think it was politically motivated."

Last week, Harckham also dismissed the Murphy campaign's contention that there was any violation of the Hatch Act, calling it "nonsense" and a way for the senator to distract from his failed record.

He said the Hatch Act applies to federal employees and were none at the event, nor were there any state employees paid by federal grants on hand.

"They know they're wrong on the issues, so they want to deflect," Harckham said. "But the funny thing is the lower they go, the more our numbers grow."

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# Man Found Dead Near Kensico Reservoir

By Rick Pezzullo

A Yorktown resident who was reported missing last week was found dead over the weekend near Kensico Reservoir.

Jorge Crespo, 56, who worked as an art teacher at Yonkers Middle School, had been reported missing last Wednesday and his car and cell phone was located Friday near Rye Lake in Harrison. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection released no other information.

Mr. Crespo was the eldest of eight

born on September 23, 1962 in Yonkers. He then moved with his family to Toa Baja Puerto Rico where he lived until his high school years. Mr. Crespo attended Yonkers High School and graduated in 1980 and went on to graduate from Parsons School of Design in 1984. A prolific artist with gallery showings at El Museo Del Barrio, St. John's University, and Wave Hill, Mr. Crespo wrote and illustrated two children's books and was lead illustrator on various other titles. He was a children's storyteller and has artwork displayed at the Jackson Avenue 2 train.

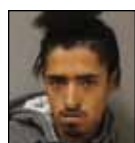
Mr. Crespo returned to graduate school and received a Master of Arts from Lehman College and began a teaching career first at P.S. 25 in the Bronx in 1996 as a Spanish/Art teacher and most recently as a beloved art teacher at Yonkers Middle High School.

He is survived by daughter Mercy Christine Crespo (33), granddaughter Brianna Christine Vargas (14), his mother Maria Antonia Nuñez and father Jorge Crespo, fiancé Jacqueline Garcia, his four brothers, three sisters and 14 nieces and nephews.

## Police Blotter

### State Police

**October 15** - State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Anton D. Birnel, 18, of Cortlandt, for Criminal Contempt in the 1st degree, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd degree, both class E felonies, and Criminal



Anton Birnel

Mischief in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor. On October 15, just after midnight, troopers were dispatched to Lexington Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt for a domestic dispute. Investigation found Birnel engaged in a physical domestic dispute with the victim who was protected by an order of protection issued by the City of Peekskill Court. During the course of the dispute, Birnel punched holes in the walls of the residence, and disabled the phone to prevent the victim from calling for help. Birnel was arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court, and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or \$5,000 bond.

### Yorktown Police

**October 12** - Tracey Hurtz, 56, of Putnam Valley, was charged with petit larceny following an October 8 larceny complaint that she stole an Apple iPhone X valued at \$900.

**October 13** - Joseph Podesta, 37, of Yorktown, was charged with rape in the third degree, a Class E felony, following an investigation. He was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail.

**October 15** - Fredi Villagran, 47, of Yorktown, was charged with aggravated DWI after police received a call about 8:20 p.m. of a possible intoxicated driver leaving a business on Downing Drive. Following a traffic stop, he was also charged with refusing to take a breath test, possessing an open alcohol container and failing to use a signal.

**October 20** - Micheal Freal, 33, of Yorktown, was stopped on Route 6 at the Taconic State Parkway for a vehicle with a visibly distorted broken windshield. Freal was identified by an expired New York State non-driver's ID card. Following an investigation, it was alleged Freal was in criminal possession of a controlled substance for cocaine and heroin.

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# Homesense to Open New Store in Mohegan Lake Thursday

By Rick Pezzullo

Homesense, the newest store from the HomeGoods family of stores, will open a new location in Mohegan Lake at Cortlandt Crossings across from the Cortlandt Town Center on Thursday, October 25.

It will be the first store in Westchester County for Homesense, which recently expanded to the United States. The store will occupy nearly 25,000 square feet in the 130,000-square-foot shopping center, located on 36 acres on Route 6.

Cortlandt Crossing and the Cortlandt Town Center are both owned by Acadia

Realty Trust. A groundbreaking ceremony for Cortlandt Crossing took place in October 2016.

"We've seen an incredibly positive customer response to the Homesense stores we've already opened. As the U.S. home market continues to grow, we are excited to bring consumers an expanded selection of quality merchandise at incredible prices, along with a new shopping experience in which they can discover and curate the home of their dreams, said John Ricciuti, President of HomeGoods and Homesense in the U.S.

Homesense offers an array of large-scale furniture, a rug emporium, an extensive lighting department that includes hanging chandeliers and a "general store" featuring everything from hardware to storage needs. Customers will also be able to shop for seasonal items including outdoor entertaining must-haves and holiday décor as well as unique artwork, decorative accessories and gift-wrapping essentials.

The anchor store in the new shopping center will be a ShopRite superstore, which is scheduled to have its grand

opening on Sunday, November 4 at 9 a.m.

ShopRite's existing store on Route 6 will close once the new superstore opens. The current building is on the market.

Verizon will also be setting up shop at Cortlandt Crossing in a free-standing 6,000-square-foot building. Another 12,266 square feet of retail space is available next to ShopRite.

Two other free-standing buildings, 8,000 and 5,000 square feet, are being constructed, with at least one expected to house a restaurant.

# First Stage of Mohansic Trailway Completed in Yorktown

The Yorktown Trail Town Committee announced the completion of the first phase of the long awaited Mohansic Trailway — a 564 foot boardwalk beginning at Baldwin Road. A ceremony marking the boardwalk's completion was held on October 13.

The boardwalk was built over a four-month period by a dedicated group of 60 volunteers under the direction and supervision of Jane and Walt Daniels. The volunteers worked a total of 741 hours on 32 separate work trips, with the Daniels putting in an additional 14 work trips to prep the

site for the volunteers.

The volunteers ranged in age from 11 to 80 and included nine high school students and two middle school students.

Volunteers will begin Phase II of the Trailway, the construction of three bridges, later this fall and continue next spring. The town is involved with Phase III, preparing the path at the Route 118 end of the Trailway and will be done in the spring. When completed, the Trailway will provide an off-road link between the North County Trailway and FDR State Park and from that park to many of Yorktown's other trails.

The Mohansic Trailway is being funded by two 50/50 matching grants from the Hudson River Valley Greenway: a \$7,500 grant to the Town of Yorktown and a \$12,500 grant to the non-profit Yorktown Trail Town Committee. The Committee's match is being met by a combination of volunteer time and donations that have helped cover the unexpected and dramatic increase in the cost of lumber. Additional donations are paying for the bridges.

Formed in 2014, the Yorktown Trail Town Committee's dual mission is to leverage the town's extensive network of foot

and biking trails to promote economic development while at the same time providing greater recreational, health and social benefits to its residents and visitors.

Earlier this month, the Committee unveiled the installation of 26 directional signs on town roads designed to help residents and visitors locate some of Yorktown's hidden hiking and mountain biking trails.

More information about the Mohansic Trailway and Yorktown Trail Town Committee is available at [www.yorktowntrailtown.com](http://www.yorktowntrailtown.com).



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## Obituaries

### Jan Wines

Jan Harris Wines, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died October 15 in Manhattan. He was 76.

He was born in Brooklyn in 1942 to Andrew ("Roger") and Katharine (Duffy) Wines. He grew up in Brooklyn and Hempstead, Long Island. He attended Holy Name and Our Lady of Loretto grammar schools and Hempstead High School.

After serving in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1966, he married his teenage sweetheart, Barbara P. Ruddy, in 1967. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehman College of CUNY and Master's in Environmental Health Sciences from the Polytechnic Institute of New York.

Mr. Wines, in childhood, is described by family as having been a delightful boy, a cheery companion and friend, enthusiastic Boy Scout, ardent Brooklyn Dodger fan (an allegiance he happily transferred later to the Mets). He maintained a sense of wonderment, curiosity, and optimism

for the people and places he encountered throughout his life.

He began his career in water treatment in 1962 with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. In 1976, he became the Water Superintendent of the Montrose Improvement District, and later the Director of the Northern Westchester Joint Waterworks. In 2002, he retired when he and his wife Barbara volunteered for the U.S. Peace Corps, spending two years in Etropole, Bulgaria. Mr. Wines worked with the town on its environmental issues while Barbara taught English at the Etropole high school. In 2004, after returning from the Peace Corps, he unretired and started a consulting firm addressing water system infrastructures. From 2004 until his second retirement in 2017, he worked with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson on multiple projects to upgrade their water system. Starting in 2008 until his passing, he taught NY State water operator certification courses at Westchester Community College.

Always deeply concerned with environmental issues, Mr. Wines believed greenways and walking trails were essential to the people of the village and county. He was actively involved with helping to protect and enhance local waterfronts, green spaces, and hiking trails. Starting in 1992, and serving until his passing, he was the

Chair of the Croton Trails Committee.

Avid travelers, Jan and Barbara devoted much of their later years exploring more than 20 countries. They loved the adventure and the people they met, making lasting friendships along the way. Most recently, Jan had traveled with his brother to Germany and had been brushing up on his Russian in preparation for an upcoming trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg before he became too ill to continue. He loved music, played guitar, wrote songs, and was also a published author of family history.

Jan was predeceased by Barbara, his loving wife and best friend of 50 years, who passed away in February of this year. He is survived by his brother, Roger Wines, sister, Donna Sauer; and by his daughter, Amy, son Kevin and partner Martina, loving granddaughter Kiersten; and numerous nieces and nephews, some living as neighbors in Croton. Jan and Barbara created a deeply warm and openhearted home, welcoming many generations of family and friends throughout their lifetime together.

Visitation will be held at Edward Carter Funeral Home in Croton on Hudson, Friday, October 26, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Due to space restraints at the chapel, a private memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 27, at 11 a.m., at Bethel

Chapel in Croton, followed by interment open to all at Bethel Cemetery at noon. A gathering to follow at 1 p.m. at the loving home of Jan and Barbara

### Matthew Parrillo

Matthew N. Parrillo, a resident of Cortlandt, died October 18. He was 88.

He was born June 30, 1930 in the Bronx, to Matthew and Josephine Parrillo. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Marietta, his children, Matthew (June), Josanne (James), Vincent (Patricia), Maria, adoring grandchildren, Jessica, Matthew, William, Jenna, Brian, Vincent, Vanessa and two great grandchildren, Sullivan and Emilia. He was predeceased by his brother, Joseph (Sonny) Parrillo.

Mr. Parrillo worked for Ralph Ferrara Inc. in NYC for many years. He served in the Korean War and loved his country. His greatest achievement was his love for his wife and family, of whom he was so proud.

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## Forever in our Hearts

It has been 22 years since...we've hugged,  
talked or laughed together. It has been 22 years  
without seeing those big bright eyes,  
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Matthew Shuster

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Bret Frattellone

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## Anna Jamison Trimpe (Morrarty)

Anna May Jamison Trimpe died peacefully on Oct. 15, 2018, at Woodland Pond, New Paltz. Anna was born on Sept. 20, 1918, in Peekskill, the fourth child and only daughter of Abram and Eva Mae (Cronk) Jamison.

A longtime member of the United Methodist Church of Peekskill, she served as president of the Ladies Afternoon Guild for many years. She was also a chaplain and party planner for the Norcourt Seniors. She loved a good party, and for decades the Trimpe home on Locust Avenue was the site of many picnics, holiday parties and feasts. Skilled at crunching numbers, Anne (as she liked to be called) was also an incredibly lucky dice thrower in the many games of Yahtzee she enjoyed playing with her son Herb and assorted grandchildren. She had quit high school in a fit of pique when she was 16, much to her later regret, but at age 50 she went back to school and got "a real diploma," she said. "I didn't want to settle for the GED."

She was generous, loving and lively, and she always tried to live by the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. She will be greatly missed in the lives of all who knew her, including family, friends and many of the staff at Woodland Pond.

Anna is survived by six grandchildren: Melissa Trimpe Olds (Lawrence), Mark Daniel Trimpe (Alison) and Jenn Trimpe, all of Virginia; Alexander (Amy-Marie Rivera), Amelia (David Wilhelm) and Sarah (Michael DeVaul) Trimpe, all of New York; great-grandchildren Phoenix and Hope Trimpe of Virginia, Calvin and Emmett Trimpe of Brooklyn, Beatrice and Jamison Wilhelm of Kerhonkson, and Adeline and Shelby DeVaul of Rockville Centre, as well as nieces, nephews and their children.

She is also survived by former daughters-in-law Mary Dorritie Trimpe, Merrilee Travis, Linda Fite and Patricia Vasquez. Having lived to 100, she was predeceased by "far too many" loved ones, as she said: her parents, of course, as well as her three brothers, Alan (Esther), Clarence (Margaret) and Arthur (Phyllis) Jamison, her first and second husbands, Herb Trimpe and Howard Morrarty, and both her sons, Michael Richard Trimpe in 2001 and Herbert William Trimpe in 2015.

A burial service was held at Hillside Cemetery on Oct. 20, attended by family and friends.



## Letters to the Editor

### Coverage of Homeless Shelter Has Been One-Sided

#### To the Editor:

I was shocked and surprised by *The Examiner's* one-sided inflammatory coverage about the relocation of the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter in Peekskill in the October 9th and 16th editions of the newspaper. Surprised, because I have admired your newspaper's usually high journalistic standards; shocked by your reporter's portrayal of local residents opposing the relocation as being treated unfairly and being intimidated by the hosts and their hired facilitators. I have always thought that the responsibility of journalists is to hear from all sides in a dispute and to report the facts objectively. Your reporter failed to meet these responsibilities by highlighting only one side and by neglecting to interview all parties impacted. Noticeably absent were the voices of those whose lives are most impacted and who are unfairly characterized as drug addicts, criminals, and sexual predators.

I challenge *The Examiner* to interview a homeless resident and to listen about how they ended up in their circumstances and the challenges they live with on a daily basis. These are human beings, not "outsiders" bringing the plagues of crime and lower property values to our communities. The real scourge is the disease of NIMBYISM (Not In My Back Yard).

So let's review the facts as I know them: CHHOP invited neighbors to this forum in an effort for transparency and a community dialog. They hired an outside firm Simple Knowledge to facilitate an orderly and productive meeting. As hosts they set the ground rules including a time at the beginning of the meeting to present the how's and why's of their proposal. I have heard from a pro-relocation attendee at the meeting that the crowd was evenly divided pro and con. Each community presenter was given a time limit for their comments and the organizers tried to alternate pro and

con statements. Ms. Lindsey Fitzgerald was the only speaker who refused to follow the ground rules established by the hosts and insisted on being given additional time. Simple Knowledge tried to respectfully ask Ms. Fitzgerald to wrap up her comments. This was inaccurately portrayed by Ms. Fitzgerald as intimidation tactics and your photo of the facilitator standing (or "hovering") near the speaker seemed to convey that same message. When CHHOP officials refused to commit to seeking an alternative location, Ms. Fitzgerald and other opponents simply walked out. So much for an open discussion of issues and a respectful treatment of those with divergent views. The opposition's tactics smack of Trumpism, vilify the outsider and treat them as intruders in our communities. Homeless folks are residents of shelters and a residential neighborhood with facilities like shopping and transportation is a logical

location for a residence.

Successful thriving communities can co-exist with facilities that serve the less fortunate. Unfounded myths about lower property values are not borne out by communities such as downtown Yonkers where luxury residential units have risen up alongside a homeless shelter. Merchants who claim their business will be negatively impacted by the neighbor should not fear if they provide a reasonable and valuable service. In my neighborhood a very thriving auto repair shop is opposite from an adult home that shelters people with a host of problems, and who frequently hang out around the shop. He often is booked a week in advance.

I ask the *Examiner* to honestly examine their reporting and not act like a partisan promoting fear and prejudice rather than truth and understanding.

Sincerely Yours,

MELVYN R. TANZMAN  
Mohegan Lake

### Harckham Will Support Child Victims Act

#### To the Editor:

The National Institute of Health ("NIH") reports a high prevalence of childhood sexual abuse histories for individuals in treatment programs saying they were physically, sexually, or emotionally abused as children. As many as 80% of individuals going for treatment have histories of childhood abuse and suffer from PTSD. The NIH states that "recalling long-forgotten or repressed experiences of abuse,

many individuals return to substances to suppress their emotional pain and manage their problems."

New York, along with Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Michigan is one of these states with the least victim-friendly reporting laws in the country. New York requires victims to sue by the age of 23, 19 years before the average age at which individuals report their abuse. Many never report their abuse.

Child Victims Act ("CVA") of 2018 extends the filing of charges until a victim is 28, and can file civil actions until they are 50.

Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Sandy Galef, co-sponsored the CVA which passed in the Assembly 5/1/18. Senate Majority Leader, Republican John Flanagan, has refused to let the bill come to the floor.

State Senator Terrence Murphy's public position on CVA is unknown. Calls to his

office go unanswered.

We, the people, need a change in Albany. Democratic Pete Harckham is running against Murphy on Tuesday, November 6th. His position on the CVA will allow childhood abuse survivors to hold their abusers accountable in a court of law. To ensure that individuals are guaranteed due process elect Pete Harckham.

KAREN SEVELL GREENBAUM  
Croton

### Galef Always Stands Up for Her Constituents

#### To the Editor:

Having known Sandy for almost 60 years, I feel overly qualified to attest to her fine character, exceptional abilities and common decency.

From our earliest days together as

counselors at Mohawk Day Camp in White Plains it was evident to me that Sandy was good with people, a possessor of exceptional leadership qualities, and a very hard worker. These same traits have helped her to be the outstanding

legislator that she is today.

Through the years, I have worked with Sandy to help her achieve her many goals, whether it was as advocate for education, the environment, fiscal responsibility, or honesty in government. She always stands up for what she believes in and what will best serve her constituents, never compromising her commendable

principles.

It is for these many reasons that I feel we are fortunate to have Sandy as our assemblywoman and need her now more than ever. Please join me on November 6th and vote for Sandy Galef for New York State Assembly.

LANA HILLER,  
Briarcliff Manor

### Galef Never Stops Serving Her Constituents

#### To the Editor:

We are so lucky to have Sandy Galef as our representative in the NYS Assembly. Sandy does not just do her work in Albany but she brings Albany back to her constituents in the 95th Assembly District. I do not see many other elected officials do what Sandy does for us. In fact, I saw her once again last night at the Westchester Municipal Officers Assn.

meeting in Ossining. She just doesn't stop!

Sandy is constantly reaching out to us to find out what our opinions are on topics that she must deal with in Albany. In her last newsletter she asked us to respond to her environmental questionnaire on what we feel about the future of plastic bags, paper bags and

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## Letters to the Editor

### Murphy Has Been A Leader in Passing Bills

#### To the Editor:

I was bemused by the letter from Mr. Joel Gingold regarding Senator Terrence Murphy. Without citing a single example, he claims that Senator Murphy "takes credit for everything positive that happens in Albany" and the Senator's remark that he "brought Democrats and Republicans together" is "fantasy." Yet Mr. Gingold provides no evidence to substantiate his claim.

There is none. If we look at Senator Murphy based off results, he passed 39 bills this year, the most of any of his colleagues. He is known as a prolific author of legislation, consistently leading each year not only in bills passing his

house, but in bills that passed both houses and are signed by the Governor into law.

Mr. Gingold claims that bills passed by the Assembly were "left to die" by Senate Republicans. But the buzzwords he uses omit the reasons why the bills died, like the bill to let non-doctors perform abortions, into the third trimester, and close any hospital that does not repeal its conscience clause, or enact 'AlbanyCare' socialized medicine with a \$238 billion tax hike to pay for it (larger than the state budget). "Immigration" refers to the sanctuary state bill - where New York no longer collaborates with federal law enforcement - or the 'New York is Home

Act' - the one where illegal immigrants receive welfare, driver's licenses and voting rights, all bills supported by Peter Harckham. Most people are relieved to hear that these bills died in the Senate!

Meanwhile, much like Pete Harckham, Mr. Gingold makes no mention of the countless Senate bills that died in the Assembly, showing his letter is politically, rather than altruistically motivated. Otherwise, he would equally chastise the Assembly for killing bills to let military voters have their ballots count, rebalance the school funding formula in favor of our region, create victim safety zones to keep victims away from their tormentors, put school resource

officers in every school and require a life sentence without parole for cop killers. These are just a few of Senator Murphy's bills which died in the Assembly without so much as a committee debate.

Like Mr. Harckham, Mr. Gingold seems more concerned with illegal immigrants and scoring cheap political points than our military and first responders, school funding, abuse victims or school safety. Facts matter, not empty words. That's why two years ago, 5,000 more people voted for Senator Murphy than voted for Hillary Clinton, and I will be voting for him again in November.

HELEN ARNOLD  
Yorktown

### Theatrics at Yorktown Town Hall

#### To the Editor:

Real drama but seemingly fake outrage on the parts of Republican Councilmen Diana and Lachterman at the October 9th Yorktown Town Board meeting. As if by cue, both Councilmen Diana and Lachterman expressed extreme indignation that the majority Democratic Council-members would

dare stop vacillating after 9 months of their Republican foot dragging and finally vote to appoint a law firm (Democratic leaning) instead of several individual attorneys to represent the entire Town of Yorktown at a 20% across the board savings for taxpayers. Was this dust-up simply their 2019 re-election commercial or did Councilmen Diana

and Lachterman see it as threatening the status quo of revolving-door political bureaucrats and their attorneys for hire that largely control most of what happens behind the scenes in Yorktown? The hypocritical Councilmen Diana and Lachterman showed no concern about the conflict of interest surrounding the hiring of our previous (Republican

leaning) Town Attorney. Yorktown's previous Town Attorney's legal resume includes while serving as a Town of Somers Judge he presided over a pivotal portion of the former supervisor's son criminal court proceedings just 5 months prior to being hired.

ROBERT JEFFREYS  
Yorktown

### Disgusted in Yorktown

#### To the Editor:

The recent altercation between Councilman Patel and Councilman Lachterman is a great disappointment to me. I have supported both of you. You should be working together to move our town forward, be respectful of each other and set an example for all to follow?

You owe the citizens of Yorktown an

apology. Republican and Democratic party officials should condemn this kind of behavior. Not doing so, suggests that you are ok with it. Step up to the Plate Ron Stokes, Matt Slater and Elliot Krowe, Yorktowners are waiting to hear from you!

BOB GIORDANO  
An Independent Voter and Voice

### How Schools Spend Money is Eye Opening

#### To the Editor:

Regarding your recent story "State Funding Shortfall Hurts Local School Districts and Taxpayers" - really?

The Peekskill schools spent \$80 million in 2015 and will spend \$95 million in 2019. That's \$30,000 per student, per

year. That really is a whole lot of money.

Perhaps how the money is spent is more at issue than claiming \$95 million isn't enough. Parroting what politicians and school district officials say doesn't really qualify as informing the public.

JIM ROBERTS

### Galef Never Stops

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Styrofoam containers. I have no doubt that we will hear from her soon about the results of this survey.

Sandy sponsors local town meetings so we get first-hand knowledge of what is happening in Albany and we can also express our opinions very directly to her about issues through an open dialogue. Several times a year she sponsors Town Forums on topics such as Election

Reform, Paid Family Leave, Single Payer Health Care, National Popular Vote, Sexual Harassment so that we can offer our input before the New York State Legislature votes on these measures.

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# Proposed Law to Place Fee on Plastic Bags in Croton Debated

By Anna Young

Croton-on-Hudson residents and members of the Village Board were divided last week over an updated version of a proposed law that would place a fee on single-use plastic bags and encourage patrons to bring reusable shopping bags.

Following several meetings where residents urged officials to pass a village-wide ban on plastic bags, the board voted 3-2 last Monday to review a measure that would place a 20-cent fee on both plastic and paper bags. Mayor Brian Pugh said the current policy is preferred by the Food Industry Alliance, a trade group that represents the grocery industry who has threatened legal action if the village enacts a ban on plastic.

ShopRite, the only major grocer in Croton, is a member of the Food Industry Alliance.

"The Food Industry Alliance (FIA) indicated to us that a 20-cent fee on bags would be acceptable," Pugh said. "Our friends at FIA have a history of bringing litigation against communities that institute ban policies."

Pugh cited that Hastings-on-Hudson was the victim of a lawsuit by the FIA that cost upwards of \$100,000. He said defending a lawsuit against a ban would not be the most efficient use of village resources, adding that the money could

support other environmental initiatives. Pugh added that legislative cooperation rather than legal conflict could see a 50 percent reduction in plastic.

"I think that either a ban or a sufficiently high fee would go a long way, either policy could achieve the objective of encouraging reusable bag use," Pugh said. "I think at a 20-cent fee virtually no one will use a plastic bag."

The proposed legislation would impose a fee of 20-cents on both paper and single-use plastic bags in an operating space of over 5,000 square feet, which only includes ShopRite and CVS. The ordinance would still allow plastic bags to be used for meat and produce, prescription drugs, newspapers and unwrapped prepared goods.

In addition, customers using the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) would be exempt from paying a fee on single-use bags.

The law would establish a Reusable Bag Task Force that would encourage the board to consider increasing the fee, an outright ban on plastic bags, and expansion of the definition of covered stores to include additional establishments if plas-

tic has not decreased by 50 percent.

While Trustees Ann Gallelli and Ian Murtaugh agreed with the proposed measure, Trustees Amy Attias and Sherry Horowitz argued the village should enact a ban on plastic, place a fee on paper bags and not be threatened by the FIA.

"I do not care what is acceptable to the Food Industry Alliance. I don't care if he sues us, we can save money in other places," Attias said. "As a board we have a fiduciary responsibility to our residents in this village, but we have a way deeper responsibility to our planet."

Residents in attendance were discouraged by the board's current policy, including members of the Croton Climate Initiative who originally presented the board with a petition with over 1,000 signatures from residents, shoppers and businesses in support of a ban and a 10-cent fee on paper bags.

Croton Climate Initiative leader Lisa Moir said she was extremely frustrated with the board's decision. She added further discontent with the board's refusal to consult the Climate group before presenting the proposed law to the public.

"I am disappointed and dismayed that the leadership in this room has not been able to listen to their constituents and make perhaps the difficult decision,

but a decision that is for the health and safety of its constituents and residents of this village," Moir said. "Other towns have taken the responsible act of passing legislation."

About a half-dozen other communities in Westchester have previously approved similar laws, including New Castle and Pleasantville. Last spring, the county announced plans to create a law prohibiting single-use plastic bags. Governor Andrew Cuomo has also toiled with the idea of placing a state-wide ban on plastic.

"I think 20-cents for a plastic bag is not going to do the trick, the whole idea is to change people's habits and to force them into bringing their own bags," Deborah Hayn said. "So, I just don't understand why other towns can do it and we can't?"

Pugh said both proposed policies, a ban on plastic and a fee for paper and a fee on both paper and plastic, will be thoroughly vetted through the environmental review process. He said the board will continue to consider both policies and reach an outcome that will satisfy both the public and the board's responsibility for fiscal stewardship.

"This tonight is far from a final decision," Pugh said.

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# Committee: Murphy Misled Public on Harckham Double Dipping

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee Sunday night released four findings against state Sen. Terrence Murphy for issuing misleading or unsubstantiated campaign statements, including one that charged Democratic challenger Peter Harckham having simultaneously worked two state jobs.

Harckham brought the complaints to the bipartisan committee recently after a barrage of Murphy campaign literature also alleged that Harckham acquired his jobs at the Office of Community Renewal and Thruway Authority as a result of his connection with Joseph Percoco, a top state official convicted of bribery earlier this year.

Furthermore, Murphy's campaign stated that while serving on the county Board of Legislators Harckham was conflicted because he voted to give millions of taxpayer dollars to Conifer Realty to build its Chappaqua affordable housing project, and A-HOME, a non-profit organization which Harckham had previously served as its president.

In a statement released Monday morning, Harckham said Murphy has circulated misinformation because he didn't want to address critical issues that the district's constituents care about. He demanded that Murphy, a two-term Republican incumbent, stop spreading falsehoods and issue an

apology to 40th State Senate District voters.

"He deliberately made unsubstantiated allegations and spread falsehoods in an attempt to distract the public from the real issues in this race such as women's reproductive health, common sense gun safety, adequate school funding, justice for child abuse victims and other topics," Harckham stated.

In its finding on the state jobs, the committee said "(t)he statement by Mr. Murphy's campaign that Peter Harckham was 'double dipping,' holding 'two full time, low-show jobs' at the same time is misleading and unsubstantiated." The committee offered no further explanation on that complaint.

Last Tuesday, Harckham made his tax returns from 2015 to 2017 available for inspection by the media. His 2015 returns showed he earned \$19,761.36 as county legislator until he resigned to become the assistant director for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal. Harckham said he started the state job in June to oversee the distribution of Community Development Block Grant funds Westchester had recouped from the federal government. He earned \$52,785.29 in that capacity in 2015, according to the returns.

Harckham said he left the Housing Trust Fund Corp. job in June 2016, having earned \$56,465.80 before switching over to the New York State Thruway Authority, where he

took the position of director of intergovernmental affairs for the New New York Bridge Project. His salary for the remainder of 2016 was \$55,486.75 with the Thruway Authority.

For the entirety of 2017, Harckham remained in that position earning \$123,990.58. He left earlier this year at the end of April to run for state senator.

He said the jobs were successive, not concurrent.

"It's either gross stupidity or gross dishonesty on Sen. Murphy's part," Harckham said on Oct. 16.

Murphy campaign spokeswoman Martha Ruiz Jimenez said the committee didn't issue a finding on whether Harckham double dipped, but focused on whether he drew the entirety of the \$311,000 he had earned from the state simultaneously.

Jimenez cited records from the Public Record Reporting Information System that lists annualized base salary and actual salary paid to the individual and used those figures to compute the number of weeks worked at both jobs in 2016. As a result, there would have had to have been a three-week period of overlap, from July 16 to Aug. 4 where Harckham held two positions at the same time.

"His tax returns, and W-2 stubs, do not refute the allegations," Ruiz said last week. "There are no dates on either document which would distinguish whether the jobs

are concurrent or consecutive."

On the Conifer matter, the committee called the statements from the Murphy campaign false.

"Mr. Harckham was president of A-HOME, but Allied Community Enterprises, not A-Home, was involved with the Conifer project, and therefore the statement is false," the committee found. "Also, to state that this is 'another conflict of interest scandal regarding State Senate candidate Peter Harckham' is not factual."


But Jimenez cited a public comment at a New Castle Town Board meeting in 2012 by Joan Arnold, executive director of A-Home, that her organization was acting as Conifer's local non-profit partner.

Regarding Harckham's complaint on any connection to Percoco, the committee concluded that "the statement made by Mr. Murphy's campaign about Mr. Harckham's attainment of positions is unsubstantiated as it lacks a factual basis. In addition, the statement is misleading. The statement implies corruption by association and is in violation of two of the Committee's principles."

The committee also found that the Murphy campaign mischaracterized a committee finding from June in two Facebook ads. The committee concluded Harckham had engaged in an unfair campaign practice.

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# Con Edison to Implement New Storm Preparation Steps

By Anna Young

With winter rapidly approaching, Con Edison announced last week a series of initiatives that its representatives say will improve storm response and preparation after back-to-back nor'easters in March left thousands of residents without power for days.

Reacting to the deficient response by Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) to the dual winter storms, United Westchester, a group of elected officials advocating for utilities to change how they handle severe weather, issued a 49-page response on the ways storm response can be improved.

Of the 11 key recommendations made by United Westchester in May, County Executive George Latimer said he was satisfied that eight of them will be implemented by Con Edison.

"We all know that we had a very difficult experience last March and for a subsequent period of time after," Latimer said at the Oct. 16 press conference. "Storms Riley and Quinn devastated Westchester, and the time and effort it took to recover from that created quite a dialogue over where we are and what we can do together to make this better."

Con Edison President Tim Cawley said the utility will be investing \$100

million in Westchester over the next four years to fortify its overhead electric delivery system against severe storms. A pilot program will also be created to remove hazardous trees on private property, have advance storm staffing and improve communication with the public by ensuring the accuracy of information provided to customers and how it's transmitted.

Cawley added that customers can sign up to receive pre-storm reports and information about outages and restoration via text messages.

The utility will seek earlier access to contractors and mutual aid crews to come into the area and help with repairs, including the ability to fly crews in rather than have them drive from more distant locales in widespread regional storms; work with municipalities to identify critical roads and community facilities that would receive priority clearing and restoration; and provide additional training for municipal liaisons to better inform local and county officials during outages.

Cawley credited United Westchester for its report and for providing a list of improvements the utility needed to make. He added that Con Edison is keenly focused on continuous improve-

ment.

"With weather patterns changing and storms becoming more devastating, we want to take every step possible to fortify our equipment and make sure customers have the best restoration information possible so that they can make plans," Cawley said.

Following the storms, Latimer called for Con Edison and NYSEG to fire its senior management after both utilities failed to adequately prepare, and struggled to restore power and provide accurate information to customers and officials regarding outages and estimated restoration times.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), who spearheaded United Westchester, said the prolonged outages were unacceptable and stressed to the utilities the need to make substantive changes. While he acknowledged Con Edison's implementation of improve-

ments would be a long-term process, he said the initiatives will restore some level of confidence for county residents that progress is being made and officials are working together to ensure the implementation is robust.

"There is no way to predict the weather, but we know that if we are working in advance and cooperatively we have the best possible chance to not repeat some of the instances that happened last year," Latimer said. "We approach this time with a certain vigilance, but a certain cooperation and understanding that it takes local municipalities and the professionals of Con Edison together cooperatively to deal with what's coming."

During last week's announcement, no mention was made regarding any potential changes in NYSEG's response to future severe storms.

## Cortlandt Woman Dies in Car Crash

A Cortlandt woman died Friday from injuries suffered after her motorcycle and a car collided on Route 6.

Westchester County Police reported that about 5:50 p.m., Daniela Aida, 37, was traveling east on Route 6, and a Lexus sedan, driven by an unidentified 47-year-old man, was traveling west. The Lexus was making a left turn

toward an entrance ramp to the Bear Mountain State Parkway when the crash occurred.

Aida was taken by ambulance to New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt, where she died. The man was not injured.

No charges were filed, but an investigation continues.

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## E.O. Curry Funeral Home Peekskill

By Neal Rentz

Yorktown resident Joseph Giordano Jr. said last week he is a fourth-generation funeral director. His great-grandfather, Ralph, started the Giordano family business in 1923 in the Bronx.

Giordano is continuing his family's legacy by taking ownership of the E.O. Curry Funeral Home in Peekskill earlier this month.

Giordano, 35, has been a funeral director since the age of 20.

Though E.O. Curry is the first funeral home Giordano has owned, he previously managed his family's business, the Ralph Giordano Funeral Home in the Bronx, for about five years.

Giordano said he took the funeral director position at E.O. Curry with the intention of eventually purchasing the business from Edward O. Curry, who decided to leave the business.

Though Giordano has to deal with customers experiencing one of the most difficult periods of their lives, he said that is part of the reason he has stayed in the funeral home industry.

"That's what keeps me coming back being able to help somebody during the hardest part in their life," he said. "You're



NEAL RENTZ/PHOTO

Yorktown resident Joseph Giordano Jr. took ownership of the E.O. Curry Funeral Home in Peekskill earlier this month.

only three or four days here with us at the funeral home. And to make that process as easy as possible for them is what keeps me coming back every day because when I get that thank you note or card or whatever they may send the next

week saying I'm so happy you helped us through the grieving process, you made my mother or father or whoever the loved one was look beautiful, that's what makes me wake up and be enthusiastic about being a funeral director."

Giordano explained why he wanted to own a funeral home. "Family businesses are always tough to work for," he said, adding he also did not like the daily commute to the Bronx from Yorktown, particularly with he and his wife, Danielle, having an eight-month-old daughter, Vivviana. His current commute to work is 10 minutes, Giordano said.

Giordano said he also went into the funeral home business because he wanted to follow in his family's footsteps. Several members of the Giordano family have been funeral directors including his father, Joe Sr., Giordano said. "That's what drew me to the business," he said.

He said there are some downsides to the funeral home business, such as long hours and getting calls at the middle of the night from clients. But Giordano said he is satisfied with his career choice.

"What was the best part about it was that I knew that it was a tradition and my great-grandfather did it," Giordano said. "I can only hope to keep their traditions going for the next 50 years."

The E.O. Curry Funeral Home is located at 313 N James St. in Peekskill. For more information, call 914-737-0083 or visit <http://www.eocurryfuneralhome.com>.

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# Solaris Sports Clubs Spooky Halloween Bash



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## The Lakeland Education Foundation to Honor 3 at Dinner

The Lakeland Education Foundation (LEF) will honor three district staff members at its annual Casino Night, Silent Auction, and Dinner Dance to be held at the Villa Barone in Mahopac on Saturday, March 9.

Three outstanding supporters of the LEF and the students of the Lakeland Central School District are this year's honorees: Dr. Elaine C. Alden, Donna Bolner and Jacqueline Woodruff.

Alden is the Instructional Coach at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Bolner serves as an Assistant Principal at Walter Panas High School. Woodruff is the principal at Van Cortlandtville Elementary School.

"What a humbling honor it is to accept the designation," said Woodruff. "The Lakeland Education Foundation enriches the educational experience of thousands of children each year. To be recognized by such an organization is a tremendous distinction, which I am proud to receive. Being a part of the Lakeland Community is not only rewarding but also a privilege I will cherish forever," added Woodruff. She began in Lakeland in 2001.

"As a teacher for many years, I saw the direct benefit to students from a grant I received from the foundation," said



Donna Bolner

Bolner. "As an administrator, I wanted to recognize teachers' instruction and support student learning, and the Lakeland Education Foundation allows me to do both." She has been with the district since August of 2014.

"It is an overwhelming honor to be recognized as one of the LEF honorees for the 2018-2019 school year," said Dr. Alden. "I am extremely grateful for LEF's consistent support as it has allowed me to provide the Benjamin Franklin community of teachers and students



Dr. Elaine Alden

with resources and activities to further enhance the exemplary pedagogy, which is already in place, to create and foster lifelong learners and problem solvers," she added. She began her Lakeland career in 2004.

Created in 1994, last year the Foundation as topped \$1 million raised and donated to benefit the district's students.

The Lakeland Education Foundation seeks to provide opportunities for the students and staff of Lakeland to expand learning opportunities, to maximize the



Jacqueline Woodruff

potential of each student, and to augment the fine work that is already underway in the Lakeland Schools.

"The Lakeland Education Foundation has been working hard for the past 24 years to enhance the educational experience for all Lakeland students," said Diane Kness, LEF President.

The money raised at the evening's activity will be used to help fund the Foundation's grant program. For more information or to sign up to attend the event, go to [LEF@LakelandSchools.org](mailto:LEF@LakelandSchools.org).



# SAVI SCOUT: Making Breast Surgery Easier for Women

By Alice Police, MD,  
Regional Director of Breast Surgery for  
Northwell Health

For women who need surgery for early-stage breast cancer, the goal is to remove all cancer cells while leaving as much of the breast as possible. A new breast cancer treatment option called SAVI SCOUT is helping surgeons target and remove tissue more effectively while offering more comfort to patients.

SAVI SCOUT is the first technology that uses radar in human tissue.

The SAVI SCOUT surgical guidance system uses radar to target, or localize, tissue that needs to be removed. It's like a GPS for abnormal tissue in the breast. It helps us go straight to an abnormality very precisely. It tells us exactly where something is in the breast that we need to take out. SAVI SCOUT replaces the practice of inserting hooked wires into the breast to mark the site of a tumor, which doctors have been doing since the 1970s.

Tiny technology with tremendous benefits

With the SAVI SCOUT system, a radiologist injects a radar wave "reflector" into the breast to show the location of the lesion, as indicated by an ultrasound or mammogram image. The reflector is tiny—smaller than a grain of rice—and the patient can't feel it. It's made of metal



and has little antennae; it looks like a teeny little airplane. It's also MRI-compatible and doesn't go off at airport monitors. Patients are often worried about that.

Less anxiety, less discomfort

SAVI SCOUT is a much better way to target tumors than traditional wire localization. It's more accurate and it's also easier on the patient. With wire localization, a radiologist must insert the wire into the breast on the day of surgery. The patient has to come in hours early and sit around with the wire hanging out, often causing discomfort and anxiety, while she waits for the operation. There is also a chance that the wire will move, requiring that the site be re-excised.

The SAVI SCOUT reflector can be put in up to 30 days prior to the operation. The patient doesn't have to wait around on the day of surgery and she can have her surgery earlier in the day. Patients

have less anxiety because of shorter waiting times. And it makes surgery scheduling much easier, so from that standpoint it makes the whole process more timely and efficient.

A higher level of precision and accuracy

In the operating room, I use a console connected to a flexible wand to help guide the surgery. The wand sends an infrared light into the reflector, which turns it on, causing the reflector to emit a signal that's picked up by the wand. A continuous readout on the console shows me how far I am from the reflector and it directs me straight to the lesion. During the procedure, I remove the abnormality and the reflector. We take pictures of what we take out, and we can see the little reflector is there.

Smaller incisions and a better cosmetic result

Overall, women have a great outcome with SAVI SCOUT. I make smaller incisions because I go straight to the lesion, and I remove less normal tissue, so women have improved cosmetic results. Researchers are still gathering data on whether use of the SAVI SCOUT system increases the chance that all cancer cells are removed during surgery, reducing the need to reopen the site. There's no conclusive data on that, but it's my belief that it

does.

Our goal is to save the breast

We're doing a lot more breast-conserving surgeries today and treating early breast cancers due to improved imaging. We're not doing mastectomies as much anymore. Our goal is to save the breast, so we want to know exactly where the problem is to take out the cancer and leave as much normal tissue as possible. While surgeons use SAVI SCOUT primarily for breast cancer surgery, they can also use it to remove benign lesions from the breast and cancerous lymph nodes from the armpit.

How many breast cancer patients can SAVI SCOUT potentially help?

Let's say there are 50,000 new breast cancers a year, and two-thirds of them are not mastectomies, that's 30,000 to 35,000 a year—and that's just the cancer surgery. We also use it for benign surgeries. So it's probably going to be up to 70,000 women a year who potentially could use this technology, instead of wires. That's a lot!

Editor's note: Dr. Police was the very first surgeon in the U.S. to use SAVI SCOUT technology after the system was approved by the FDA in 2015. She brought the technology to Northern Westchester Hospital and Phelps Hospital a year ago.

To learn more, visit [nwhbreastinstitute.org/DrPolice](http://nwhbreastinstitute.org/DrPolice)

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## Tuesday, Oct. 23

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

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

**Somers Library Events:** Several events have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. Planning for the Unimaginable will be held on Oct. 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration is required; register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease will be held on Oct. 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Michele LaRue Performs Halloween Hauntings: Two American Tales of Suspense will be held on Oct. 27 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Actress Michele LaRue will perform two American tales of suspense. Written in the days of ominously flickering candles and kerosene lamps, "The Shadows on the Wall" and "The House that Was Not" continue to startle. Winter Art will be held on Mondays, 10/29, 11/5, 12, 19 and 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your watercolors, salt, and a little rubbing alcohol, and we're going to create magic. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Admissions & Financial Aid: What it Takes to get into College Today will be held on Oct. 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 24 starting at 7 - 8:30 pm at the

Somers Library. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call us at 914-232-5717. Our programs are funded by the Friends of the Somers Library through your donations. Tween/Teen Home Alone Workshop - Grades 5 - 8 with Adult. Thursday, October 25, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. What would you do if you were home alone and there was an emergency? In this workshop, for preteens who spend time alone at home and the adults who love them, you'll learn how to stay safe from EMT Joan Lloyd. Seating is limited. Registration is required; please register each person separately. Please go to our online calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call us at 914-232-5717. Our programs are funded by the Friends of the Somers Library through your donations. Thanks for your support!

**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](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com). On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: [hyinhealth@gmail.com](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) or [www.hyinhealth.com](http://www.hyinhealth.com).

## Wednesday, Oct. 24

**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 on M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. The programs are free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

**POUND Program:** POUND™ Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fus-

ing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are 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.

**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](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**For Men Only:** Support Connection, announces a free program: Wing Night: For Men Only will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at Travelers Rest, 25 Saw Mill River Rd (Route 100), Ossining. It is open to men whose lives are affected by a spouse or a partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. To learn more or to preregister, which is required; call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290?

**New Torah Course:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Road will be offering Wrestling with Faith, a new six-session course by the acclaimed Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. The course begins tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information and to sign up visit: [www.ChabadYorktown.com/JLI](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com/JLI), or call 914-962-1111.

## Thursday, Oct. 25

**Art Exhibits:** A series of exhibits are being held at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. "Between I & Thou," is on display through Dec. 17. Peter Bynum's "Illumination of the Sacred Forms: Divine Light Mission and Sanctuary" is running through Dec. 17. Info: 914-788-0100, [www.hvcca.org](http://www.hvcca.org) or Facebook.

**Acting Classes:** The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

**REB Talks:** The REB Talks will be held at 7:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl. Yorktown Be a part of a bi-monthly discussion on topics that are worth sharing with others. Each evening will begin with a brief screening of a speaker who discusses an important and engaging topic. We then will spend our time discussing the ideas and the challenges this presenter raises. All are welcome to attend and all are encouraged to

listen, learn and grow For more information, please call 914-962-7500.

## Friday, Oct. 26

**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 7 p.m. during the summer. 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 [rabbiiw@optonline.net](mailto:rabbiiw@optonline.net)

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 8 p.m. Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:30 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. 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](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

## Saturday, Oct. 27

**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. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more infor-



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mation, 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)

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. 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).

**Halloween Train Show:** The 11th annual Halloween Train Show and Fall Festival at Lasdon Park in Somers will be held every weekend in October from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The principal attraction of the event will be the huge miniature-railroad layout featuring Lionel Trains in the Main House. There will be music, entertainment, face painting, storybook readings and selected vendors. The Veterans Museum will only be open those weekends by advance appointment. Admission is \$5 per child and \$10 per adult. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Lasdon in order to support these programs and

events. The event is presented by Westchester County Parks and the Friends of Lasdon. Lasdon Park is located at 2610 Amawalk Road (Route 35) in Somers. For more information, go to [westchestergov.com/parks](http://westchestergov.com/parks), [lasdonpark.org](http://lasdonpark.org) or call 914-864-7268.

## Sunday, Oct. 28

**Muscoot Farmers Market:** More than 20 vendors will offer fresh produce and local food products every Sunday through October at Muscoot Farm, located off Route 100 in Somers. Info: 914-864-7282 or [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**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.

**Bingo:** Bingo will be played tonight at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org)

## Monday, Oct. 29

**Jewish Center Classes:** A variety of classes have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond

Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible-led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, will be held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women, led by Marsha Sternstein, will next be held on Nov. 20. Talmud and Contemporary Issues- led by Wendy Segal—is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Introduction to Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew, led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein, is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah, led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought), led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The next class is scheduled for Nov. 20. Info: 914-245-2324 or [YorktownJewishCenter.org](http://YorktownJewishCenter.org).

**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](http://www.musicalmunchkins.com).

**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, Oct. 30

**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. There will be no

**Teen Halloween Party:** A Teen Halloween Party will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Save your spot by signing up ahead of time. Info: 914-737-1212 or [peekskill.org](http://peekskill.org).

**Postcard Club:** The Taconic Postcard Club, hosted by the Yorktown Museum, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Museum in the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St. on the top floor. At the monthly program members exchange postcards. This month's speaker is Bob Stonehill, who will talk about "The Highs and Lows & How I Got Started in Postcards." The program is free and open to the public. Info: 914-962-2970



## NewYork-Presbyterian HV Hospital President Recognized

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital president Stacey Petrower, M.P.A., was recognized by Crain's New York Business as one of 2018's Notable Women in Healthcare. The award honors the professional, civic and philanthropic achievements of women in the healthcare industry in the New York City metro area. The elite, inaugural class includes 78 health care executives, researchers and clinicians who have promoted diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

"Stacey Petrower continues to focus on ensuring that NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital has engaged the correct strategies needed to attract the most talented and highly skilled staff to ensure we deliver the highest quality, most compassionate and efficient healthcare in the region. We believe that she is the embodiment of our mission and values at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Hudson Valley," said Karen Westervelt, Group Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, NewYork-Presbyterian Regional Hospital Network. "We are honored that Crain's New York Business has recognized her leadership and cho-



Stacey Petrower

sen her for its inaugural list of Notable Women in Healthcare."

A senior leader in healthcare for more than 20 years, Petrower joined the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital system in 2003 and held leadership roles in corporate services and operations. In 2016, Petrower was named president

of NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital. She is responsible for the overall leadership and operations at the Hospital which is located in Cortlandt, as well as the Medical Offices located in Croton-On-Hudson and Cold Spring.

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

Founded in 1889 by the Helping Hand Association, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, located in Cortlandt Manor, New York, serves residents of the Hudson Valley and Westchester County. The 128-bed facility provides a wide range of ambulatory care and inpatient services with 420 physicians on staff in 62 specialties. The hospital is home to the region's only "No Wait" emergency department, which sees more than 40,000 visits per year. The hospital's Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, the first of its kind in the region, provides patients with access to an extraordinary level of expertise and resources, including highly skilled and dedicated oncologists from ColumbiaDoctors, the faculty practice of Columbia University Medical Center, Medical

oncology, radiation oncology, the infusion center and support services are centrally located in one building on the Cortlandt Manor campus. NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital has received a string of national awards for patient satisfaction as well as clinical excellence, including the Guardian of Excellence Award from Press Ganey to Ambulatory Surgery in 2014 and 2015 for patient experience. For more information, visit [www.nyp.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.nyp.org/hudsonvalley) or call 914-737-9000.

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# Seller's Remorse: Regretting Moving On

It happened again a few nights ago: I dreamt that my wife and I were experiencing an issue with our old home, which we moved from more than three years ago in downsizing. When I awoke, I felt a slight feeling of loss and regret. While both my wife and I feel that we made a good decision to move from a six-bedroom house that no longer served our circumstances, we sometimes share feelings of sadness and/or nostalgia when we think of our former home. At least I do; my wife had no problem letting go of the old place but, for some reason, I did, especially immediately following the sale and our move to new quarters.

As a realtor I have occasionally heard the term buyer's remorse, which means either that a buyer regrets a housing purchase after the fact or walks away from a deal before it is consummated.

But what about seller's remorse?

One might think that any seller would be glad to find a buyer, especially in the current market which has somewhat stalled. But sometimes sellers lose their enthusiasm for selling, for a variety of reasons listed below. I have heard it said that if a homeowner is experiencing seller's remorse, it is probably

because he or she is really not motivated enough to sell.

Readers who are aware of my history would know that a couple of years ago my wife and I sold a home in which we had lived for many years. Barely had the listing appeared on the Multiple Listing Service when I received a call from an agent asking if she could bring a client to the house that very afternoon.

As it happened, I couldn't show the house that day because one of our suppliers was delayed in finishing a carpentry job in a bathroom, and that part of the house was somewhat in disarray. I asked for a delay of one day for the showing. During that time, as I continued my last minute touch-ups, I suddenly realized that I was experiencing a certain sense of sadness. Oh, my, I thought, is this the feeling of seller's remorse?

I have observed the phenomenon just once when making an offer to a seller on behalf of a client. At the height of the market, I had found a perfect buyer who offered full price for a home, but the seller dragged his feet in accepting the offer until, finally, his agent told me that he was just not able to deal with selling at that time and

was withdrawing the listing.

A while back I read something about seller's remorse on About.com which attributed the cause of seller's remorse to the homeowner just not being motivated enough to sell in the first place, because they don't have a good enough reason to do it.

It suggested on the site that a prospective seller check with the list of reasons most homeowners sell to see if the motivation is really there.

Here are the top reasons homeowners decide to sell:

- 1) Home is too small for a growing family;
- 2) To upgrade, based on the premise that people long for a bigger, more expensive and grander home.;
- 3) To fix a mistake in buying the wrong kind of house;
- 4) Job transfer;
- 5) Personal relationships, divorce;
- 6) Neighborhood changes;
- 7) Empty nest;
- 8) To be closer to family to see them more often;
- 9) To be further from family to see them less often (!);
- 10) Retirement;
- 11) Health problems;
- 12) Deferred maintenance. Some homeowners prefer to buy a new home

rather than fix what needs to be fixed;

13) Home improvement perfection. A segment of the population loves to fix up a home, and once it's perfect, they grow restless and want to start the process all over again. (Not me. My brother-in-law is that way. I don't know where he gets the energy. As for me, I just sat back and enjoyed my renovation handiwork for many more years);

14) Some people can't stand sitting on equity without having all that money in their pockets;

15) Lifestyle change. Some mature Americans want to cash in and buy a co-op or condo with less maintenance and then travel or find some worthwhile work

As I survey the reasons that most homeowners decide to sell, there were only two points out of 15 that applied to my wife and me. Especially since we like our new home so much at Trump Park in Yorktown, we could hardly classify ourselves as having seller's remorse when we decided to take the big step.

There was, however, a slight feeling of sadness which I experienced (more so than my wife) but I think it was a normal reaction to having sweet memories of our long-term living experience in our special, former home.



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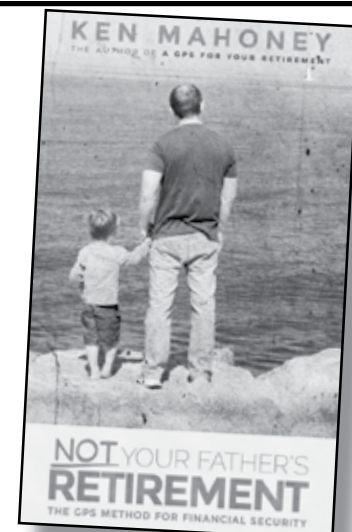
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10. Flap
11. Something to dig up
12. Sign, the contract
13. Vietnam War Memorial designer
14. Arranged in table form
16. \_\_\_ general rule
17. Since
18. Orange aquarium denizen or new Yorktown swim school
20. A lick \_\_\_ promise
21. A Swiss army knife has lots of them
25. The man who had a "Plan" or Yorktown home security company
29. Designer Ralph
31. Him, to Henri
32. In defiance of
33. Recipe instruction
34. \_\_\_ hurry
35. Ed's request
36. Low mark

37. Certain snake
38. Make a goof
39. Magazine revenue source
- Down
1. Costa del Sol port
2. The Wizard of Menlo Park
3. Disney duck
4. Recurring theme
5. Of a Middle Eastern country
6. Mortgage amounts
7. Snoopy's first owner
8. \_\_\_ the finish
9. Its cap. is Kiev
15. "Yeah"
19. Plug
22. Popular tea maker
23. Sidestepped
24. Playground equipment
26. Spring
27. Smooth over
28. Show of contempt
29. Cortlandt professional pix purveyor, Grand \_\_\_
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32. Domingo, for one

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*Evelyn Conklin*

Evelyn Conklin, of Niskayuna, formerly of Peekskill, died peacefully October 4 at Glendale Skilled Nursing facility, where she had been residing. She was 89.

She attended Peekskill schools, and upon graduating, attended the NY Foundling Hospital in Manhattan and then St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Yonkers, where she earned the degree of LPN. She was always proud of the fact that while she worked for 29 years for Westchester County (Grasslands Hospital), she was retired for 34, thus enjoying retired life longer than her working life.

She is survived by her sister, Virginia

Kovalik of Tucson, AZ, as well as her six nieces and nephews, who were like her own children; Carol Kovalik(Michael), Maureen Drexler(John), Donna Karpinski, David Kovalik(Michele), John Kovalik, and Larry Kovalik. Ten great nieces and nephews, and six great-grand nieces and nephews also survive her. Her parents, Mary and Harold Conklin, as well as her husband, James Hamilton; whom she married later in life, predeceased Evelyn.


She had a great love of medicine and because of that, her wishes were that her body be donated to the Albany Medical College. A memorial service will be held at the Assumption Church sometime in the next year. Notification of the service will be published.



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# Embarking on an Exploration of Spanish Wines

In my research and travels as your wine adventures columnist, I have the opportunity to attend several wine showcases offered exclusively to the wine trade during the year.

Recently, the Foods and Wines From Spain consortium presented its 25th annual "Spain's Great Match." My invitation was enticing: "meet the winery representatives, importers and distributors of Spanish wine, while discovering new wines, varieties and regions." My impression of the event? ¡Viva España!

My day-long sojourn of walking from the tasting floor to seminar halls re-inspired my appreciation of Spanish wines and food, so much so that I've decided to reprise and update a series of column themes I wrote several years ago in this space.

My continuing – and growing – affinity for Spanish wines is largely attributable to the progress made by a new breed of pioneering winemakers. The Spanish wine industry is an amalgam of the old and new. The older generation of today's winemakers are emblematic of their forebears, staying the course of old-world techniques. The younger generation, as they transition into and assume

decision-making roles, have embraced 21st century techniques and technology in their pursuit of more modern expressions of the 100-plus indigenous grapes of Spain.

Yet the centuries-old wine industry and its recent growing popularity in the United States is more than a wine-centric phenomenon. It is the combination of wine, food, culinary innovations, passionate people, art, architecture, design and a deep-rooted geopolitical history. It is this broad influence on the American palate that has formed a cultural profile that is the foundation for a rich culinary experience.

I began experimenting with Spanish wines in the 1980s. Typically, the wines were produced from a region I was unfamiliar with (Rioja), a grape I was unfamiliar with (Tempranillo) and wines that were nondescript. In the past decade, I've thoroughly enjoyed the arrival on the American shores of high quality, unique wines, grown from previously unknown grapes.

A brief history: Phoenicians planted vines over 3,000 years ago. It wasn't until the 12th century that winemaking surged as French and Italian monks, banished from Catholic Western Europe

for political power-brokering, migrated to Spain, planting vines they brought with them. In the 19th century, French vineyards were devastated by the Phylloxera insect and the French ventured over the Pyrenees to save their vines. While there, they introduced modern techniques and the Spanish wine industry began to gain legitimacy. Fast forward to the 21st century and we see the confluence of these factors in the wines available in the states.

Today, Spain has the most acreage dedicated to vines anywhere in the world and is third in wine produced. The spectrum of Spanish wines runs from sparkling wine to whites to rosés to young reds to full-bodied, aging-worthy reds. There are 69 designated wine-producing regions bearing the highest classifications. Two bear the highest (DOCa) and 67 the next highest (DO). The next tiers, DO de Pago, VdlT and VdM are subsets of the 69 regions. The premier wine-producing regions and the dominant grape in each region are listed below. It is these regions we will explore in depth in future columns.

1. Rioja (DOCa, Tempranillo). 2. Priorato (DOCa, Garnacha). 3. Ribera del Duero (Tempranillo and Garnacha). 4. Penedès (Cava, Macabeu, Xarello and Parellada). 5. Rueda (Verdejo). 6. Rias

Baixas (Albarino). 7. Navarra (Tempranillo). 8. La Mancha (Airen, Garnacha). 9. Jumilla (Monastrell). 10. Jerez (Palomino).

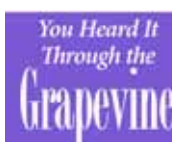
Don't be intimidated if you're unfamiliar with one or more regions or grapes. Within a few columns you'll have sufficient familiarity to feel comfortable with the vocabulary, and most importantly, to walk into your local wine shop and begin experimenting with these hot wines. Soon you too will be chanting ¡Viva España!

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at [bcoleman@a-homehousing.org](mailto:bcoleman@a-homehousing.org) or 914-741-0740.

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# Evan Forbid!

**No.6 Somers Upends  
No.11 Hen Hud, Braces  
for Yorktown  
Showdown**



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Somers F Evan Mazzola, who scored a pivotal goal in the sixth-seeded Tuskers' 2-0 opening-round win over No.11 Hen Hud last Friday, drills a shot in Somers' 6-0 win over visiting Riverside in last Thursday's Section 1 Class A outbracket win. Somers was set to face No.3 Yorktown, the defending sectional champions, Monday in a highly anticipated showdown between two of the region's premier programs... see Soccer Notebook



# Sports

## Soccer Notebook

# Five Local Clubs Survive, Advance on Soccer Pitch

## Somers vs. Yorktown, Winner Will Advance; Mahopac, Somers Girls Move On

By Ray Gallagher  
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When the doors closed last week on the regular season of the 2018 Section 1 soccer campaigns, another door opened, sparking hopes of grandeur among a slew of local teams that qualified for the post season.

Thursday's upset-filled boys' outbracket round spilled into Friday's opening round and unleashed a bevy of shocking feats, including the No.1 Class A seed, Horace Greeley, and No.2 Tappan Zee, going down in the opening round, which justly opened up the field to a host of serious challengers that advanced to last night's quarterfinals. Indeed, Class A soccer in bonkers.

Things got super busy on the girls' circuit on Sunday with the usual suspects – Mahopac and Somers -- advancing.

### BOYS RESULTS

#### CLASS A

**No. 6 SOMERS** (14-4) made short work of No. 27 Riverside in a 6-0 rout. Jose Giron notched his first varsity hat trick for the Tuskers while Drew Lasher, Diego Giron and Daniel D'Ippolito provided insurance markers.

The Tuskers went on to post a 2-0 win over **HEN HUD** Friday when Lasher and Evan Mazzola scored for Somers with the assists going to Lucas Fecci and Jon Riina, which set up last night's quarterfinal doozy with Yorktown; winner moves on to the Final 4.

The Sailors (11-7) didn't go down without a fight after a solid season.

"It was a great season," Hen Hud Coach Chris Cassidy said. "We had a close-knit



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Hen Hud freshman Yanni Schaatman is narrowly denied by Somers Captain Max Grell and G Connor O'Donoghue in Sailors' 2-0 Class A playoff loss to Tuskers last Friday.

team that fought to the end. This team had a strong bond that will last forever."

**No.3 YORKTOWN** (12-5) advanced with a 3-1 win over Roosevelt. Timmy O'Callaghan scored twice for the Huskers, who advanced to host No.6 Somers in what was expected to be a wild one last night. Shane Dahlke added a goal for the reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers. Jorge Torres-Solari, Rocky Bujaj O'Callaghan each had an assist while G James D'Alessio made four saves.

"It was a solid win," Yorktown Assistant Coach Justin Huff said. "Overall, we played well. We were able to get in our whole team and give them a taste of sectional play. It was a great experience for the team. We're just trying to get

better each day and clean up the mental errors. The Somers game is going to be an absolutely packed-out, tremendous atmosphere; something the boys have earned every right to experience."

**No. 25 LAKE LAND** (5-13) broke up one side of the bracket with a 1-0 double overtime triumph of No. 8 Nanuet when senior Noah Kemp drove a corner kick into a pool of players, including Matt Bussell, who promptly deposited a rebound into the back of the net. The Hornets then fell hard in the opening round in a 6-1 loss to No.9 Rye.

**No. 13 BREWSTER** (10-8) had its hands full with No. 20 Lourdes in a 1-0 Bears win in last Thursday's outbracket, but Giovanni Zanetti assisted on Patrick Feehan's goal with five minutes left to advance and visit No. 4 Byram Hills, which posted a 3-1 opening round win to eliminate the Bears.

**No.11 HEN HUD** (11-7) has quietly produced a terrific season and added to that in a 2-1 win over No. 22 Harrison when Ethan Furphy and Matt Torres each scored a goal for the surging Sailors, who won four of five heading in to the field of 16.

### CLASS AA

**No.1 OSSINING** (14-1-2) went off on No.16 Carmel (5-13) in a 7-0 shelling of the visiting Rams. Pride stud Nolan Lenaghan notched a hat trick in the first 20 minutes of the game, part of a 6-0 halftime barrage. Eric Monges scored twice and Mateo Marra finished with one goal and one assist. Marra's team-best 23 goals is two shy of the record set by Alex Tejera, one of the best players in



Somers' Ethan Cukaj heads shot on goal in Tuskers' 6-0 win over Roosevelt.

school history, which tells you the kind of player Marra has morphed in to.

Kevon Evans had the final goal for the Pride who was set to host No.8 Scarsdale last night.

**No. 16 CARMEL** played its finest game of the season the day before, knocking off No. 17 Clarkstown North, 3-2, in double overtime when J.D. Vargas scored twice and Danny Weiner scored the



Brewster D Ryan Cabiati goes high to clear zone in 1-0 win over Lourdes last Thursday.



Brewster M Giovanni Zanetti gets some legit hang time in Bears' 1-0 qualifying round win over Lourdes last Thursday.



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## Soccer Notebook

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Yorktown's Matthew Regan works through traffic in Huskers' 3-1 Section 1 Class A playoff win over Roosevelt last Friday.

golden goal 56 seconds before OT expired and advanced the Rams to No.1 Ossining.

**No.11 MAHOPAC** (8-9) was eliminated in a 3-0 loss to No.6 RCK.

### GIRLS RESULTS CLASS AA

**MAHOPAC** (13-5) set the tone quickly in its 4-1 win over visiting Ursuline Sunday, getting a goal from junior F Grace DiVincenzo on the fifth-seeded Indians first possession. The 12th-seeded Koalas struck back to tie it when the Indians took some time to adjust against the howling winds, and once they changed sides it worked to Mahopac's benefit as Hailey Pereira, Maddie DeCola and Mia 'Monsta' Klammer (1A) added second-half tallies for the youthful Indians, who graduate just four seniors and travel to face No.4 Clarkstown South today. Zina McInerney



Mahopac's Emma Goodrow doles out a hug to Grace DiVincenzo after 'Divi' first-half goal in 4-1 playoff win.

and Carly Steinberg added assists for Mahopac, which needs to find the final gear from this point on.

"That's been our story: Score a quick goal and we don't put a team away until the second half," Mahopac Coach Ross Fumusa said. "We let the other team build momentum. It's like we are playing against ourselves at times on the field, but we had a strong second half, which was good. We performed when we needed too. Some of the girls were emotional at the half because they felt the end of the season and their high school soccer careers were staring at them. The girls came together to make sure it

didn't happen today.

"We wanted the wind at our backs in the second half," Fumusa added. "We figured if we could be leading by halftime, the wind would be beneficial because Ursuline played a kick and chase game over our defenders. We weren't expecting to be tied at half but the wind certainly helped that second half. Overall, we were happy with the second half and happy to advance."

**No.14 CARMEL** (4-13) had its season end in a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to No.3 Clarkstown North.

### CLASS A

**SOMERS** (14-3) eliminated a spirited **No.12 LAKELAND** (11-7) squad in a 1-0 shutout behind finisher Alex Pittman's lone tally from playmaker Dahlia Pepe in first half. The dynamic duo will lead the fifth-seeded Tuskers into the quarters where they will visit No.4 Pearl River – the reigning state champs -- today with a Final 4 berth on the line.

"It's been a great combination this year," Somers Coach Paul Saia said. "Three of



Mahopac's Carly Steinberg forces issue in Indians' 4-1 Class AA playoff win over Ursuline Sunday.



Brewster senior M Daniel Hasa runs the end line to set up potential scoring threat in 1-0 win over Lourdes.

our last four games have been 1-0, and the other was 2-1, and two of those games went into OT. I'm proud of how our kids have played in these tight games. Hopefully, it helps us to handle the pressure going forward and helps to define us as a team."

After a solid regular season **No.11 WALTER PANAS** (11-6-1) suffered a 4-0 season ending loss to No.6 Tappan Zee.

**No.17 YORKTOWN** (9-8-1) suffered a 1-0 season-ending loss to No.1 Albertus Magnus.

### CLASS B

**PUTNAM VALLEY** (5-10-1) had a tough draw as the No.15 seed and

its season ended prematurely in a 4-0 loss to No.2 Bronxville. The Tigers lost seven games this season by one goal, leading to the poor seed. Second-seeded **HALDANE** F Lili Westerhuis and G Abigail Platt provide the Blue Devils (6-8-1) with a lethal duo at both ends of the field, which should be enough to procure Haldane's eighth-straight Section 1 Class C title. Their depth, talent and strength of schedule have prepared the Blue Devils for the rigors of the post season, and they should have enough to get past Schechter in the finals on Oct. 28th at Arlington High (3 p.m.).

## Ferrante Repeats as Section Champ, Eyes NYS Title

Yorktown senior tennis star Caitlyn Ferrante repeated as Section 1 singles champion last Thursday, posting a methodical 6-0, 6-2 win over Briarcliff junior Rebecca Lim at Harrison High School. Ferrante will return to the NYSPHSAA at Tri-City Tennis Club in Latham for the NYSPHSAA tournament on Oct. 26-28. Ferrante hopes to improve upon last year's performance when she received a rough draw and fell to eventual state champion Julia Andreach, 6-0, 6-0, in the state semis.



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## Sports

## Grid Notebook

# Class A Somers, AA Carmel a Win Away From the Dance

## No.6 Putnam Valley Breaks up Class B Bracket, Stuns No.3 Nanuet

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In the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region of Section 1 football, several great coaches come to mind, but this season two, in particular, are at the forefront when you consider consistency and the competitive nature of the programs they have developed over the years.

Somers grid Coach Tony DeMatteo is nearly unrivaled; not just in this neck of the woods, but in NYS, as his originally seventh-seeded Class A Tuskers (6-2) enter yet another Final 4 this Friday (7:00 p.m.) against No.2 John Jay CR.

And Class AA Carmel Coach Todd Cayea quietly goes about his business as the preeminent football coach in Putnam County history, serving the sixth-seeded Rams (6-2) for 24 seasons while setting up a Saturday (6 p.m.) semifinal showdown with No.2 New Rochelle, the model along the Section 1 circuit for much of the past 20 years.

Both of these legendary local coaches have their respective teams one win away from challenging for the Section 1 championships at Mahopac High on the weekend of November 2nd, but each will have to do so on the road in hostile environments against superb programs with forward-thinking coaching.

### CLASS AA

CARMEL knew full well that the road to a Section 1 title ran through New Rochelle, the state-ranked (No.6), three-time defending Section 1 champs, who



RAY GALLAGHER/ADRIENNE KAMALSKY PHOTOS

Carmel's Alex Beauchesne breaks free from the field in Rams' 27-20 win over host Mamaroneck last Friday.

And with its offense finally cranking now, Carmel believes it is ready to give New Ro' its best shot after a 27-20 victory over host Mamaroneck in a Section 1 Class AA quarterfinal last Friday.

Carmel senior RB Sam Duke was as lit as he's ever been during a career game, leading the Rams to a fifth-straight win. Duke pounded the third-seeded Tigers, particularly in the second half, rushing for three scores and led a Carmel attack that amassed 291 yards rushing on 58 carries. Duke led the way with 34 carries for 153 yards, including the winning score with just over two minutes remaining.

"We are starting to come together," Duke admitted. "We're still not close to our potential, though, but we are going to treat this week like any other week. We will prepare hard and put our hands down and play Carmel football."

Carmel senior QB Peyton Cayea added 16 carries for 89 yards and connected on 9 of 18 passes for 73 yards through the air. Carmel RB Andrew Bumgarner rushed for 50 yards and scored a TD.

"Mamaroneck gave us some fits with the tempo of their offense," Coach Cayea said. "Once we settled in I thought we played better. Sam and Peyton, again, were solid on offense and I was really proud of our offensive line. As a unit, they have made great progress from week to week and Coach

(Jim) Donahoe has done a great job mentoring them. We showed a lot of resiliency in how we dealt with adversity throughout the first half. I'm real proud of our guys.

"New Rochelle is new Rochelle," he

added. "We are very excited about having an opportunity to play them and need to have a great week of preparation. I'm sure our kids, coaches and football community will be excited for this one."

The offense will need to click as it has the past two weeks in order for the Rams to survive and advance. Alex Beauchesne (4 receptions, 29 yards), Joe Mascetta (2 grabs, 22 yards)

Aiden Babnick (1 catch, 7 yards) and Duke (2 catches, 22 yards) will need more of the same in the passing game because a one-dimensional attack would kill the Rams' hopes of advancing to their first title game since 1998.

"I think it'll be a great game," Duke said. "If our offense keeps playing how it has been playing and our defense keeps it up I think we will be in good shape."

### CLASS A

If you look up the word **SOMERS** in the imaginary football dictionary the definition would say:

Epitomizes what a T-E-A-M is all about. An 0-2 start might have doomed many a program, but Coach DeMatteo continued to push all the right buttons, including something as simple as placing ribbons on the feet of his players before the Tuskers went to war with state-ranked (No.25) Lourdes.

The simple pre-game move paid late dividends when WR Lucas Fedele hauled in the first catch of his career, a simple nine-yard out from QB Jackson Kossow on the game's final play, which allowed Tuskers (6-2) to win their sixth straight and advance to face No. 2 John Jay, which beat Somers 34-20 way back in Week 1.

"Well, we had a bunch of adversity in the game, but we all had ribbons on our feet to remember that we are a brotherhood, so when anything bad happened we would look down to remember that we can get through it," said FB Jack Kaiser, who scored two more TDs and raised his season-long total to 24 for the season. "Those ribbons reminded us to believe and trust in each other and they

worked. This is by far the greatest win of my sports career."

Fedele held on to win the game, but after collapsing in a heap of leaping Tuskers one thing stood out: Teammate Daniel Ross sprinted across the field to retrieve injured teammate Charlie Balancia, whom he helped over to the dogpile to join the celly.

Clearly, these Tuskers are not the same Tuskers John Jay saw in Week 1.

"We can't wait for John Jay," Kaiser said. "(Bryce) Ford is very, very good, but we have improved so much since the first time we saw them. We are just going to have to figure out a way to stop him and we'll be good."

### CLASS B

In the career of every young coach, there's that one defining moment that stamps his arrival. For **PUTNAM VALLEY** Coach Ryan Elsasser, that moment likely came across the Hudson River in last Saturday's stunning 14-8 double overtime triumph of No.3 Nanuet. The Golden Knights crushed the sixth-seeded Tigers (2-6) by three touchdowns just two weeks ago and the Tigers were in a free-fall mode. Most pundits had written them off, but the PV defense stood firm and held the Golden Knights scoreless in regulation, including a game-saving goal-line stand at the two in the second half.

In overtime, the Tiger offense came to life when senior WR Darnel Shillingford hauled in a pair of TD strikes from QB Quinn Strang, one on the opening play of overtime. Nanuet answered with a touchdown and a two-point conversion



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Kennedy LB Cole Esposito of Cortlandt Manor has been a menace for opposing offenses to deal with.

have won 11 of the last 15 since 2003. What Coach Cayea's Rams have going for them is a stout defense, which is the one thing that gives the Rams a shot against a Huguenot offense that ranks among the best in the section.



Somers OL Mackenzie Joyce, RB TJ Deagan and the Tuskers are one win away from a third-straight Section 1 championship appearance.

to send the game to a second OT session. Shillingford scored again from Strang and FB John Listwan added a two-point conversion before DB Joe Cioffi picked off

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## Sports

## Volleyball Notebook

# Mahopac, Hen Hud Set to Contend for Sectional Titles

By Tony Pinciario

It did not take long for the **MAHOPAC** varsity volleyball team to become one, even with the graduation of six seniors from the 2017 squad.

"Right from when tryouts started and the final team was announced, we immediately started with team bonding, especially with three sophomores coming up," said senior and co-captain Francesca Cammarata. "All of the seniors came together and we decided we have to grow together as a team and not like individuals."

The approach and immediate team chemistry has resulted in an outstanding season for Mahopac. The Indians are currently 15-1, league champions (7-0) and in line for a top-two seed for the Section 1 Class AA Volleyball Championships. Mahopac concluded the regular season against R.C. Ketcham, Monday.

Mahopac increased its win total to 15 with sweeps of archrival Carmel and Scarsdale 'B' and a four-set triumph over Arlington.

Cammarata, along with fellow seniors, co-captain Carah Vitkus, Dorinda Murray, Taylor Ebinger, Megan Burgland and Angela Garafalo were returnees from a Mahopac team that reached the 2017 Section 1 quarterfinal round.

"I think, at first, we were a little intimidated with only three of us who started back, but as practices went on we started to become a more confident team," said Cammarata, a three-year varsity player. "This year we've had three sophomores really step up and added that to last year when we had two. We took them in, like a family, and really made them feel welcome and they were part of the team. Two are in the starting rotation and all three are thriving on varsity."

The addition of the three sophomores, including starters Leah Vitiello and Caroline Feeley, has made Mahopac a difficult team to play against, especially at the net.

"The three sophomores are pretty tall so it gives us a pretty big front row,"

Cammarata said. "We've been able to attack the net on the opposition and when they're attacking us, we've been able to block or deflect balls at the net. And our defense has really stepped it up this year."

Mahopac is hoping to carry the momentum and energy from the regular season into sectional play.

"This season has been amazing," Cammarata said. "All the girls are so excited and we have so much energy for every game. We're having a lot of fun while we're playing and we're enjoying ourselves. And we seniors appreciate the positive energy from the juniors and sophomores."

Cammarata collected 14 assists, nine kills and two aces as Mahopac opened its week with a 25-11, 25-15, 25-14 win over Scarsdale 'B'. Vitkus added eight kills and 18 digs.

After dropping the first game, 25-21, to Arlington, Mahopac stormed back to take the match, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21 behind Vitkus' 17 kills and 22 digs.

Cammarata rang up 32 assists, along with six kills and five aces and Vitiello chipped in seven kills.

Vitkus led the way in a 25-16, 25-9, 25-13 victory over Carmel, finishing with 16 kill, eight digs and eight aces. Cammarata contributed 13 assists, five kills and six aces, Burgland had 10 digs and Ebinger had eight assists.

When it comes to volleyball in Northern Westchester, it's difficult for teams to get noticed because of the presence of Hen Hud, John Jay and Panas.

However, **LAKELAND** has made a strong case to be recognized among the elite this season as the Hornets sport an 11-4 record.

Lakeland improved its mark with sweeps of **SOMERS** and undefeated Pearl River.

The Hornets only graduated one player from the 2017 team that finished 10-7 and qualified for sectionals.

"This year, our team has much more confidence in ourselves and in what we could accomplish," said senior and captain Anna Tomasini. "We only lost

one player, while many other teams lost a lot of their seniors from last year. We all played together over the summer, and worked extremely hard to improve our skill set as well as our team chemistry."

Tomasini and classmates Jessie Grosson, Christina Kubiscko, Haley Sanjurjo, Kim Teves and Jenna Kenneally form the nucleus of the team for veteran coach Steve Fallo.

Lakeland showed it was a contender in Class A by winning nine of its first 11 matches. The only setbacks were to Tappan Zee and district-rival, Panas.

"The key to us having a great season is really our connection as a team and all working together rather than individually," said Tomasini, a four-year varsity player. "When we keep a high energy level the entire game and give it our all every time we step on the court, we can beat any team that is on the other side of that net."

When the Section 1 Class A Volleyball Championship begin this week, Lakeland is among a group of teams that can win the title. However, the depth of excellent teams in Class A will make it tough on everyone.

"I do agree Class A is stacked with very talented teams," Tomasini said. "However, while talent is obviously important, for any team to come away with the title, they need to work as a whole and dedicate their entire heart to the game. They need to play every game like it is the last time they will step on the court and take nothing for granted."

Whatever the future holds for Lakeland in sectionals, it will not take away what the Hornets have accomplished this season.

"This season has been the best season I have played for the Lakeland volleyball team, so far," Tomasini said. "Our team has become more like a family this year and we will continue to work hard and fight together through each point, set, and match."

In the 25-21, 25-21, 25-23 triumph of Somers, Emily Kubiscko finished with 11 kills and 15 digs, Tomasini added kills, Victoria Tsui registered 12 assists and

Christina Kubiscko had 12 digs and four kills.

Lakeland handed Pearl River its first loss of the season, 14-25, 25-11, 25-16, 25-14 as Emily Kubiscko had 18 kills and 18 digs.

Christina Kubiscko rang up 22 digs and Tomasini added 12 kills.

Emily Kubiscko had seven kills and 22 digs in a loss to John Jay-Cross River. Caitlin Wisker and Tomasini each had five kills.

**HEN HUD** closed out the regular season with wins over John Jay-East Fishkill, Horace Greeley, Peekskill and Poughkeepsie to finish 18-0, including the league championship.

The Sailors also swept Cornwall, in a best-of-three, to win the Panas Invitational.

Hen Hud will begin preparation for the Section 1 Class A Volleyball Championship, which commences, Friday. Should the Sailors receive the No.1 seed, they will not alter their approach.

"Getting the No. 1 seed would show us that all of our hard work has paid off," senior Ashley Perez said. "As for our preparation, I don't think it will change all that much. If anything, we might have some pressure, but a little pressure never hurt anybody."

Two-time defending Section 1 Class A champion and 2017 state titlist, **WALTER PANAS**, is playing its best volleyball of the season as it will begin defense of its title this week.

Panas swept Brewster and beat Lakeland, in four games, raising its record to 10-3. The Panthers close out the regular season last night against Somers. A victory would have given Panas the league title.

Since losing three of its first five matches, the Panthers have reeled off eight consecutive wins.

"We are playing and looking better every game and continuing to improve," said senior and captain Alexis Diaz. "There was high confidence going into the games with Brewster and Lakeland, and that definitely showed."

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a pass in the end zone to seal the deal.

Putnam Valley advanced to play at No. 2 Pleasantville — the defending state champion — in next Friday's (7 p.m.) semifinal.

"This was an impressive game for both teams," Elsasser said. "It was physical in the trenches on both sides. The team went into today's game with a specific game-plan and executed it. Today, the team came together and fought together. We had multiple goal-line stands and a blocked field goal in a crucial part of the

game. Darnel Shillingford came up big in the first OT with a 20-yard TD catch on the first play. John Listwan followed that up with a hard sweep into the end zone for two. Nanuet scores and ties it and in the second OT Darnel Shillingford catches another TD pass for the lead. Nanuet drove back down the field but Cioffi cut off a route in the end zone and came up with a game-ending interception. The team came together and played hard for the guys around them. I am very proud of them for what they accomplished today."

## CHSAA

**KENNEDY CATHOLIC** beat a AA team Friday night, taking down St. Joe's by the Sea, 37-34, to improve to 6-1 under third-year Coach Dominick Tassone, who, undoubtedly, has the Kennedy program back on the righteous track. Behind the likes of Myles Proctor, Seth Surret, Zach Sellinger, Eric Volpi, Wyatt Rumpf, Cole Esposito and others, the Gaels have emerged as the front-runners for the Class A NYS championship after Brendan Lebitsch nailed the game-winning 32-

yard field goal to send the cool kids on the grassy knoll home as a bunch of happy campers.

Proctor dashed for 165 yards and two TDs and added 75 receiving yards and another score. TE Volpi (4 grabs, 85 yards, TD) and RB Surret (11 rushes, 55 yards, TD and a passing TD) led a dynamic offense while Esposito (sack) and Rumpf both blew up the line of scrimmage and notched double digit tackles for the Gaels, who draw visiting Cardinal Spellman next Friday (7 p.m.).



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Comfort & elegance in this 4BR/2.5BA Colonial. Brazilian cherry floors, custom moldings, bonus room. IG pool, outdoor kit & FPL.  
Karen O'Connor C. 914.262.5563



**Katonah** | \$729,000  
Exquisite 4BR Colonial on 1.9 acres. EIK w/granite & SS, FDR, fam room w/FPL. French doors to deck. Private & level yard. Cul-de-sac.  
Maria Tomaselli C. 914.319.2962



**Patterson** | \$469,000  
One level living in this 3BR/3BA sprawling Ranch set on 1+ private acres! EIK w/granite & SS, HWF, spacious fam room. Near I-84.  
Noor Dunn C. 914.393.7588



**Tarrytown** | \$465,000  
Impressive 2BR/2BA Vintage-style home. High ceiling, walk out basement. New porch, roof & boiler. Walk to town and train!  
Candace D'Addario C. 914.602.3041



**Cortlandt Manor** | \$449,000  
Updated Ranch offers 3BR/2.5BA w/private yard ideal for entertaining. Updated kit w/silestone counters & SS. HWF & brick FPL.  
Douglas McGowan C. 914.629.9045



**Mahopac** | \$439,900  
This 4BR/3BA Raised Ranch offers legal apt w/own entrance. EIK, open layout, SGD to deck overlooking patio and private yard.  
Joan Spota C. 914.490.8383



**Mahopac** | \$429,000  
Impeccable 4BR/2BA Ranch. EIK w/granite, HWF, updated baths, SGD to deck. LL family room. Private, level yard. Great curb appeal.  
Maria Tomaselli C. 914.319.2962



**Mahopac** | \$425,000  
Lakefront 3BR/3BA. Enjoy beach & clubhouse. EIK, HWF, large LR, deck, storage. LL with own entry. Manicured property. Near train.  
Joan Spota C. 914.490.8383



**Yorktown Heights** | \$410,000  
Updated 3BR Ranch offers curb appeal, EIK w/granite & SS, HWF, CAC, deck & patio. Walk out basement, walk up attic. Near Taconic.  
Patricia "Patty" Canniff C. 914.907.5916



**Carmel** | \$365,000  
Fabulous Raised Ranch on corner lot w/lake rights. EIK w/granite, deck, updated baths, HWF, FPL, walk out LL. Near train & shops.  
Susan McDonald C. 914.263.0943



**Yorktown Heights** | \$325,000  
Pristine & spacious 2BR/2BA in 55+ JV. Updated kit w/SS, HWF, SGD to deck. Amenities include pool, clubhouse & tennis.  
Maureen Connolly C. 914.419.6251



**Ossining** | \$268,000  
Fantastic views in this 1BR/1BA unit in gated community. Bright kit, den, plenty of closet space. EZ NYC commute. Pool, clubhouse.  
Candace D'Addario C. 914.602.3041



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