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Residents Urge County Officials to Join Crusade Against Shelter

By Anna Young

The controversial relocation of the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter in Peekskill dominated the conversation during a forum with County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator John Testa (R-Peekskill) Saturday morning.

During the 90-minute meeting at The Factoria that attracted more than 40 residents, opponents of the relocation shared their concerns and urged both officials to join them in their crusade to encourage Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) to listen to residential concerns and find an alternate location for the homeless shelter.

"I don't think it's the right spot for it," said Brian Dee, owner of Brian's Automotive, located adjacent to the proposed relocation site. "We've tried many times to speak with CHHOP and their board, but they don't want to talk to us because they don't know what to say to us. They won't talk to us, they really won't."

While CHHOP held an informational forum on October 3 on the relocation, residents said they were discouraged when they weren't given the adequate time to discuss the project with those in charge. Dee added that nobody is against a homeless shelter but would rather see it in an area that won't sig-

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PHOTO BY ANNA YOUNG

County Executive George Latimer and Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) listened to residential concerns last Saturday at The Factoria at Charles Point in Peekskill.

Ossining Mayoral Candidates Spar Over Lost State Grant

By Rick Pezzullo

With Election Day looming, the two candidates running for mayor in the Village of Ossining sparred last week over the inability of the village to receive a \$10 million state economic redevelopment grant.

On her website, Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity maintained Trustee Omar Herrera, who is looking to unseat Gearity on November 6, jeopardized the village's chances of being awarded a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant from the MidHudson Region of the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) when earlier this year he proposed a

building moratorium be set in place in Ossining.

"The REDC will only entrust \$10M to a community with leadership that is committed to smart economic development. New Rochelle sent a clear message to the DRI decision makers that they are committed to smart economic development that reflects their community's priorities," Gearity stated in congratulating New Rochelle on being the first Westchester community to get the funding.

"Unfortunately, the current political climate in Ossining sent a very different message. When my opponent began

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Teaching Moment

Bubbles, the mascot of Goldfish Swim School, helped the Yorktown school's assistant general manager Debra Carucci and Maria Ajito illustrate the basics of water safety during a recent visit at Our Montessori School.

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nificantly impact neighboring residents and businesses.

Both Latimer and Testa said that while county officials don't have a decision-making role in the relocation, they would research the issue and work with residents, city officials and members CHHOP to increase transparency as the frustration continues to intensify.

"Maybe we can help broker a solution, even if we're not directly responsible," Latimer said. "We may be able to get parties around the table and see what we can do to resolve this, if that's possible. It may work, it may not work, but that's a reasonable request."

CHHOP is currently proposing relocating its year-round, 24-hour shelter for homeless adults in northern Westchester to a residential neighborhood on 851 Washington Street. The shelter, which has operated on 200 North Water Street since 1988, is planning to move in 2020.

Members of CHHOP have previously said the new location would provide a safer environment for residents to ensure they stay on the premises. Residents will be provided with dorm-style rooms, a kitchen, and a common area for programs and emergency services during the day. Currently, residents

must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most days because CHHOP does not have space to accommodate them.

Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor and enclosed space.

While the building on Washington Street is in dire need of expensive repairs and restorations, CHHOP is seeking to purchase the facility for about \$900,000. Besides needing approvals from the city's planning and zoning boards, they need a special use permit from the Common Council.

CHHOP executive director Cynthia Knox, who was met with criticism during Saturday's forum, said construction and rehabilitation of the new facility would be an 18 to 24-month process. She added that an application has not been submitted to the city yet.

Throughout the meeting, many felt their concerns haven't been heard by city officials or CHHOP.

"What would be nice would be for our elected officials to step up and help us with this because on more than one occasion we've been trying to have them hear our voices," said Lindsey Fitzgerald, who is spearheading a petition with more than 1,000 signatures opposing the relocation. "What we find

out is that the homeless shelter is very well connected with City Hall, there's a lot of conflict of interest, and the people in our neighborhood do not feel represented by City Hall."

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey and Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo signed a petition in support of the relocation, residents said. They also noted that Knox was on Rainey's transition team, CHHOP vice chair Ruth Wells serves on the Planning Commission and Wells' husband, James Knight, is vice chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

When pressed that officials with a relationship with CHHOP should recuse their vote for the project, Knox shouted, "Why do people assume they would not recuse themselves?"

With 171 homes and more than five school bus stops located near the proposed location, residents are also irked with possible sex offenders or addicts roaming the streets, parks and woods. They also cited that the current shelter made nearly 200 phone calls to the Peekskill Police Department in one year, with calls concerning overdose, assault and altercations within the last three months.

"This is a specific local impact that you're going to be bringing to this location," Andrew Lu said.

After residents expressed issue with the Common Council spewing misinformation and informing residents that the county is accountable for the decision, Latimer stressed the relocation is a city issue that must be made by Peekskill officials. While Latimer added that the county has a contractual obligation with any homeless shelter for their services, he said he's in favor of having a homeless shelter where it has local support.

"I'd rather see homeless shelters work in the county where they have the support of the local government and the local population because when you don't have that support you have nothing but trouble," Latimer said.

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Q: What is the SI Joint?

A: The full name is the sacroiliac (sa-krō-'i-lē-,ak) joint, and there are two of them, one on either side of your tailbone. They connect the triangular bone at the base of your spine, called the sacrum, with the iliac bone of your pelvis. The SI joints are the keystone of the body, or the center of gravity. Their job is to support and transmit the weight of your upper body to your legs and pelvis.

Q: How Does the SI Joint Cause Pain?

A: SI joint dysfunction occurs when the ligaments of either joint are injured or worn away. This can cause pain in your butt as well as in your lower back, groin, thigh and side. Most people with SI joint dysfunction experience severe pain when they get up from a seated position, then feel better when they walk.

Q: What Causes SI Joint Dysfunction?

A: Osteoarthritis, rheumatologic and auto-immune diseases, traumatic injuries and pregnancy can cause SI joint dysfunction. And some people get it after they've had surgeries such as hip replacement or spinal fusion.

Q: How Does the Doctor Diagnose SI Joint Dysfunction?

A: Since most back pain is caused by a spinal problem, the doctor first rules out the spine by doing imaging like X-rays and MRIs. There are also physical exam maneuvers that can pinpoint trouble in the SI joint.

Q: How Is SI Joint Dysfunction Treated?

A: Physical therapy, weight loss, trunk-strengthening exercises like yoga or Pilates, and anti-inflammatory medicines are the first lines of treatment. If these don't help, doctors inject a steroid and local anesthetic into the joint, a procedure called SI joint injection. If there is still no improvement, doctors perform a minimally invasive surgery called SI joint fusion. Titanium implants are inserted across the sacroiliac joint through a 3-cm incision to lock the joint in place so it can't move anymore. The surgery takes about an hour and is done under general anesthesia at Northern Westchester Hospital. For the first three weeks after surgery, patients walk with crutches or a walker. After six weeks, they resume normal activities.

Defense Rests for Activists Who Crawled into Fracked Pipeline

By Rick Pezzullo

An attorney using a necessity defense for three activists who were arrested in Verplanck in October 2016 for halting construction of the controversial Spectra/Enbridge AIM pipeline rested his case last week in Cortlandt Town Court.

Town Justice Kimberly Ragazzo is set

Mt. Kisco Chevrolet Supporting Somers AYSO Region 95

Mt. Kisco Chevrolet is partnering with Somers AYSO Region 95 in Mt. Kisco. Mt. Kisco Chevrolet has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Soccer program to provide new equipment and invitations to FREE instructional clinics.

"Playing the game of soccer helps kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation, and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support. Mt. Kisco Chevrolet and Chevrolet Youth Soccer are proud to participate in a sport that brings so many smiles to kids and families in Mt. Kisco," said Lauren Murphy, BDC/Internet Manager for Mt. Kisco Chevrolet. "Chevrolet believes in the power of play as a way for young people to build the skills needed to be successful in the future and supports the spirit of teamwork that soccer instills in its players."

2018 marks the ninth year of Chevrolet's Youth Soccer program and has benefitted over six million players since it launched. In 2017, more than 600 Chevrolet dealers participated across the country.

Mt. Kisco Chevrolet will present Somers AYSO Region 95 an equipment kit that includes useful items such as backpack ball bags, a team bench, dome goals, and T-shirts. The sponsorship also includes youth clinics featuring instructors from UK Elite.

In addition, Mt. Kisco Chevrolet will present a check representing a one-time monetary contribution to Somers AYSO Region 95.

to issue a verdict on the trespassing case of Rebecca Berlin, David Publow and Janet Gonzalez on January 8. In July, Ragazzo ruled the trio would be allowed to present a necessity defense, meaning their unlawful actions were necessary to prevent a greater, imminent harm.

Attorney David Dorfman argued those points in defending his clients, who crawled into a segment of a 42-inch diameter steel pipe, stopping construction of the pipeline for 18 hours.

If Ragazzo finds Berlin, Publow and González not guilty by reason of necessity,

it would be the first time for a criminal trial employing a climate related necessity defense and could have implications for communities trying to stop fossil fuel pipelines across the country.

The Spectra/Enbridge AIM pipeline transports fracked gas from Pennsylvania through New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. The high-pressure pipeline runs within 105 feet of critical safety infrastructure at the decaying Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants.

Expert witnesses testified during the

trial that in addition to its dangerous placement near Indian Point, the fracked gas pipeline already substantially contributes to climate change and exposes the local community to carcinogens and other toxic components of fracked gas.

The defendants also took the stand this week testifying that they, along with the local community opposing the pipeline, exhausted all legal means before resorting to civil disobedience and were forced to take action when elected officials failed to exercise the full extent of their powers to stop the pipeline.



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County Details Safety Precautions for Suspicious Packages

By Martin Wilbur

County officials and law enforcement authorities outlined security precautions that last week after a series of pipe bombs were aimed at political targets, including two in Westchester.

Public Safety Commissioner Tom Gleason said the county's Hazardous Device Unit was called to assist the FBI following the discovery of a device in the mailbox of billionaire activist George Soros on Oct. 22 in Bedford. That contraption was "disrupted," police said.

A second device which Gleason called a pipe bomb was intended for Bill and Hillary Clinton's Chappaqua home but was intercepted by the U.S. Secret Service late Tuesday night at a postal facility in the county as part of routine screening. It was picked up by the Hazardous Device Unit and placed in its specialized container in one piece.

By last Friday, a suspect, 56-year-old Cesar Sayoc of Aventura, Fla. was arrested on five federal charges.

County Executive George Latimer said although none of the devices detonated the intent to spread fear was real.

"It's a targeted effort to make a statement and I think we treat that as a very serious thing," he said. "Whether these devices were prepared to explode is not really as important to the issue that



Public Safety Commissioner Tom Gleason with County Executive George Latimer, far right, and other officials following the discovery of pipe bombs intended for Hillary and Bill Clinton in Chappaqua and George Soros in Bedford last week.

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somebody intended to send them in this county to two individuals...with a very specific target and a very specific purpose."

The devices and the packages that contained them were similar to about a dozen others that were sent around the country this week, including to former President Obama in Washington, CNN's offices in Manhattan, former vice president Joe Biden and others, Gleason said.

In the future, anyone who spots a suspicious package should call their local police department or 911, he said.

"It's to catch people's attention that maybe they weren't thinking about before and just to remind them when they see something like that to report it," Gleason said.

Tips for the Public

County officials last week issued a tip sheet listing what residents should do if

they come across a suspicious package or piece of mail.

The public should be wary of any letter or package that has no return address; contains oily stains, discolorations, crystallization or wrapper; excessive tape or string, a strange odor or appears rigid or bulky, lopsided or uneven; possibly mailed from a foreign country or with excessive postage; and misspelled words, addressed with no name and with only a title, an incorrect title or badly written or typed.

If there is a such a package, county police recommend to:

--Leave the mail or package where it was found.

--Immediately call 911.

--Clear the immediate area of all persons and keep others away.

--Cordon off the immediate area.

--Instruct people to wash their hands and other exposed skin with soap and water if a wash station is in the immediate area.

--Isolate any exposed people to a designated area away from any substance and await further instruction.

--List the names of the persons in the immediate area of the mail or package.

--Shut down all HVAC systems.

--Document the location or mail or package.

Dr. Terrence Murphy has been fighting for Hudson Valley families on the issues that matter most.

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Murphy Accuses Harckham of Corruption Link in Wild Campaign Week

By Martin Wilbur

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) renewed his attempts Monday to link his Democratic rival Peter Harckham to a convicted former aide of Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

On Monday, his campaign released testimony from the corruption trial of Joseph Percoco last winter that revealed that Harckham spoke to four area school superintendents about getting Percoco's wife a teacher's job in 2012.

Percoco was convicted in March of taking \$320,000 in bribes from businessmen, which involved payments to his wife, Lisa. He was sentenced in September to six years in prison.

"Peter Harckham bent over backwards to help his political kingpin, who it turns out, was on the take," said Murphy's campaign spokesman Martha Ruiz Jiménez. "He will say and do anything to hide the fact that he was an eyewitness to the pervasive corruption and fraud that as Preet Bharara said, 'infected state development projects,' where bids 'were rigged, the results preordained; companies got rich and the public got bamboozled,'" Murphy said.

Harckham testified that he first met Percoco in 2002, when Harckham was Bedford Democratic Committee chairman. Harckham later moved to South Salem and Percoco bought a house in 2011

about a half-mile down the road. That's when Percoco reached out to Harckham.

He also testified that he contacted superintendents in Katonah-Lewisboro, Somers, Bedford and Yorktown.

"Joe first called me and said he was looking up in that area, and I offered to be a resource if he needed help," Harckham said on the witness stand. "And then a while later, I got a call that they had bought a house in South Salem and his wife Lisa was looking for a teaching job closer to their new home, and did I have some connections that I could help introduce them to."

Harckham's campaign manager Lloyd Trufelman dismissed the Murphy campaign's attempt to draw a connection between the Democratic challenger and Percoco as a desperate act. He said the Westchester Fair Campaign Practices Committee cited Murphy's attempt to link Harckham's jobs with two state authorities between mid-2015 and April 2018 with Percoco implies "guilt by association."

"This comes five days after the Fair Campaign Practices Committee found that all this about Percoco and Pete is a lie," Trufelman said. "He went and challenged that and they ruled (Murphy) was definitely lying."

But Jimenez said there is a tangled web

of corruption that involves Harckham.

"Peter Harckham has so many intimate connections to entities involved in or convicted of the Percoco pay-to-play that it is nearly impossible to keep track of," she said. "He worked to obtain special favors for them and it seems was also the beneficiary of such favors himself. Wouldn't we all love to have a neighbor like that?"

Monday's accusation was the latest in a series of spats and bizarre occurrences as the race enters the home stretch. First, a 38-year-old Peekskill man was arrested for arson after he set a Murphy lawn sign on fire on Route 6 in Cortlandt.

Then the Murphy campaign accused Harckham of unlawfully surveilling his district office in Shrub Oak after a deer camera was found affixed to a nearby utility pole.

Trufelman said the camera was set up to try and catch the culprit or culprits who have been stealing Harckham's lawn signs throughout the district, particularly the "No Murphy/Trump" signs, one of which was placed near the district office. Yorktown police determined the camera was not filming the building.

"Trump-Murphy signs are getting stolen as fast as they are getting put up and it's a lot of money," Trufelman said. "We've actually filed a police report about it but

there's nothing you can do unless you can prove it."

Then Murphy's campaign posted a press release on its website equating the Harckham campaign's camera to last week's mailing of pipe bombs around the country.

"Amid news of a potential terrorist ring or serial bomber mailing suspicious packages to elected officials, serious concerns were raised over the installation of a spy camera by State Senate candidate Peter Harckham's campaign, just days after an individual was arrested for arson after burning lawn signs from the campaign of State Senator Terrence Murphy," Murphy's statement read.

Harckham immediately fired back.

"Senator Terrence Murphy's statement desperately trying to connect me to today's mail bomb attacks within our district and around the country is disgraceful," Harckham said in a statement. "In the midst of a serious emergency, his response is to issue a false, slanderous and incoherent, conspiracy-laden missive trying to leverage this act of domestic terrorism to help his re-election effort. Apparently there no level he won't stoop to in this campaign."

The following day the post was removed from Murphy's website.

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State Police

October 19 - State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Christopher Christiansen, 32, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Furnace Dock Road in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

October 20 - State Police from SP Somers arrested Douglas B. Ofner, 44, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 118 in the Town of Somers when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrest-

ed Carlos E. Delgado, 44, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Locust Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Stanley A. Gregory, 69, of Buchanan, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt when he was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

October 21 - State Police from SP Somers arrested Paul Z. Plateroti, 30, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 138 in the Town of Somers when

he was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Juan P. Suscal Pena, 28, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Wappinger arrested Christina M. Sanchez, 25, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Interstate 84 in the Town of Fishkill when she was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that

she was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Clarice Mayo, 24, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Furnace Dock Road in the Town of Cortlandt when she was involved in a hit-and-run motor vehicle collision. After being located investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Hawthorne arrested Amauris G. Collado Martinez, 31, of Ossining, for DWI. He was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Yorktown when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

Yorktown PD Unveils Community Camera Program

The Yorktown Police Department Community Camera Program is an initiative to bolster community-police partnership. What better way to solve crimes that have occurred or to possibly deter crimes from occurring (even better)?

How It Works

First, the home / business owner would register their video surveillance with the YPD. There are "community

Camera" links on the Yorktown Police Department Facebook page, as well as the police department website (www.yorktownpd.org). You go to those links to provide basic contact information and provide camera location. All registered camera locations are stored in a secure Yorktown Police Department database. Not cost to register.

Second, a Yorktown Police Officer will contact you via email to verify

your registration information.

Third, the Yorktown Police Department only contacts you if there is a criminal incident in the area of your surveillance cameras. Police personnel, if necessary, may REQUEST to view your camera footage in order to assist in a police investigation. In most cases, YPD will email an alert requesting you, the camera owner, review your camera system and advise police if you have

any useful camera footage.

Lastly, all information provided to the Yorktown Police Department regarding your camera systems will be for official use only. Any video footage collected by the Yorktown Police Department relating to criminal activity may be used in a police investigation and as evidence during any stage of a

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Obituaries

Mario Conte

Mario Conte, a resident of Ossining, died October 24. He was 56.

Mr. Conte worked as a Court Officer and Constable for the Town of Ossining. He was born July 28, 1962 in Sassinoro, Italy to Modestino and Vera Tracanna Conte. He was a 1980 Graduate of Ossining High School. Locally, he was a 33-year member of the Ossining Auxiliary Police currently serving as Sergeant, active member of Ossining Hose Co of the Ossining Fire Dept., Columbus Lodge

and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his parents, one brother Frank, daughter Sabrina, stepson Carlos, former spouses Sally and Veronica, one niece and two nephews. His sister, Dora, passed away on September 26, 2018.

Diana Hackshaw

Diana Hackshaw, a resident of Mohegan Lake, died October 19. She was 78.

She was born on February 21, 1940 in New York City, NY to Lionel and Bella Mossop. On July 21, 1962, she married

Hamlet (Chickie) Hackshaw. She is survived by her daughters Denise Hackshaw and Deborah Berrios (David), son Brian Hackshaw. Also survived by five grandchildren: Arlene, Sean, Joey, Matthew, and Christopher; and three great-grandchildren, Julius, Lazarus and Demetrius. She was predeceased by her husband Hamlet.

Sookhwa Kim

Sookhwa "Andie" Kim, a resident of Mohegan Lake, died October 24. She was 46.

Andie was born in Seoul South Korea on June 19, 1972. She came to the United States to study accounting and finance at Baruch College. She met Robert Sateriale through a mutual friend in 2001 and they were later married on April 4, 2002. She graduated college in 2003 and later worked for Eisner LLP, PWC, Wexford Capital and Alinda Capital Partner's. She resigned from Alinda Partner's in 2015 due to her illness.

She is survived by her loving husband Robert and her cherished daughter Chloe. A brother and two sisters reside in South Korea.

Victims Assistance Services Receives \$10,000 Grant

By Anna Young

With the level of hate crimes, domestic abuse and sexual assault on the rise, state Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) presented a \$10,000 grant to Victims Assistance Services in Peekskill to fund programs that help victims of abuse rebuild and reclaim their life.

Victims Assistance Services, which is part of Westchester Community Opportunity Program (WestCOP), provides free, comprehensive and compassionate services to victims and their fami-

lies, friends and loved ones. They also work to end violence through community action, public policy, culture change, and through preventative programs in schools and in other community venues.

Murphy said the program is a leader in lessening the stigma for victimization.

"They provide compassionate services to crime victims and their families giving them the tools they need to progress," Murphy said. "(They) have been tireless in working to shape public policy and cultural change."

Murphy cited 1,038 reported hate crimes in the nation's 10 largest cities last year and noted the number of rape victims soared to roughly 100,000 nationally, with 6,324 cases in New York. He said statistics continue to prove the need for further advocacy, education and public awareness on the array of services provided to victims in need.

Karel Amaranth, Director of Victims Assistance Services, said the grant would provide furnishing and equipment for their new office located at One Park Plaza. Additionally, the funding would ensure staff training and outreach supplies to assure that the community is aware of the free comprehensive services which include assistance with New York State Office for Victims of Crime compensation, counseling, court accompaniment, information and

referrals, advocacy for children and families at the Child Advocacy Center and trauma-focused therapy.

"Senator Murphy's commitment to our services is helping our staff help victims of all crimes to access expert, sensitive and comprehensive care that they deserve to heal," Amaranth said.

In addition to the Peekskill office, there are Victims Assistance Services offices in Elmsford, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and White Plains. The organization has staff in the White Plains Court House at the Family Justice Center as well as Child Protection Services in the Department of Social Services. They provide access to a 24-hour Rape Crisis Helpline (914-345-9111) every day for victim's sexual assault, harassment, stalking and trafficking as well as information and referrals for all victims.

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Murphy Has Worked Hard to Serve Constituents Well

Two candidates with extensive experience as elected officials are squaring off in the 40th State Senate District, comprising portions of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties, and, unfortunately, in the waning days of the campaign, personal attacks and allegations have cast shadows over what voters should really be paying attention to.

Incumbent Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) is seeking a third two-year term representing approximately 325,000 residents against Democratic challenger Peter Harckham, a former Westchester County legislator who got into the race late after Governor Andrew Cuomo and others felt he had the best resume to possibly defeat Murphy in a district that has been represented by a Republican for the last 104 years.

For the first time in Examiner Media's existence, the editorial staff was unable to reach consensus on this race, leaving the decision to each of the three editors in the publications that are circulated within the district.

With listening and responding to the needs of constituents being one of the main responsibilities of an elected state representative, a point Harckham agreed with during an interview with editors, that has undoubtedly been Murphy's strength during his four years in Albany.

In a district that is widespread and has many municipalities with their own unique problems and challenges, Murphy has worked tirelessly on a variety of issues to help find solutions.

Murphy has been in the forefront of tackling the heroin and opioid epidemic that has taken a stranglehold on the region. He was appointed co-chairman of the Senate's Task Force Against Heroin & Opioid Addiction, and after hearing hours worth of testimony from families, addicts and experts, he unveiled a comprehensive legislative package addressing all sides of the multi-faceted problem that has received attention nationwide.

Another issue that Murphy tackled head-on was the U.S. Coast Guard plan

to anchor barges in the Hudson River which caught everyone in the region off-guard. Murphy rounded up a large group of fellow elected officials and environmentalists to raise awareness about the proposal and held an informal hearing that put enough pressure on the Coast Guard that the plan was scrapped.

The former Yorktown councilman has consistently responded to requests from veterans and municipal and school officials, delivering more times than not, such as getting the state to commit \$24 million in a special fund for the entities that will be hit hardest by the closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plants, and even went beyond his duties by quietly flying to Puerto Rico on a medical mission with nine other doctors to serve people in need.

No politician is perfect and not every stance he or she takes may suit one's beliefs. That goes for Murphy and Harckham.

Murphy's support for repeal of the SAFE Act raises eyebrows, but he has

been a strong advocate for other gun control measures, particularly those that best protect children. He supports much of what's included in the Child Victims Act, so should he be blamed because nothing has yet come to the Senate floor for a vote?

Harckham, who served four years as a majority leader on the Board of Legislators, has a history of partisanship with the county, so just how effective will he be if he's elected to the Senate that is likely to stay GOP-controlled?

And just how committed will Harckham be, given his record of taking different government positions when they become available?

Murphy has demonstrated his commitment to the district, and although he would be wise to distance himself from President Trump at times, he should be judged on what he has accomplished and what his priorities have been. In that sense, Murphy has earned another term and should be a clear choice in this race.

Letters to the Editor

'Examiner' has Fairly Presented Facts about Shelter Move

To the Editor:

In your October 23rd issue you published a letter from Mr. Melvyn R. Tanzman of Mohegan Lake, in which I was named personally. Mr. Tanzman has never met me, did not attend any of the meetings he cited, and clearly does not understand the issues and concerns surrounding the proposal to move the Jan Peek Shelter into a residential neighborhood Peekskill.

He is not a Peekskill resident and admits he was not present at these meetings. In my opinion, he has no business discussing it in this forum. I would ask that The Examiner scrutinize Mr. Tanzman's motivations for weighing

in upon this Peekskill-related matter. Why expound, at any length, upon an issue which affects neither him nor his community? He admits he has not attended any of the meetings, yet has the audacity to assert that this is a case of "Trumpism." This makes no sense.

Many media outlets, including The Examiner, have laid out the facts of the issue clearly and fairly. Over 1,000 residents have signed a petition against the relocation, while, at the same time, offering suggestions for a solution to address the situation in a manner intended to benefit all concerned, Jan Peek Shelter, Peekskill City Hall, and residents.

An incontrovertible fact is that the shelter had 192 emergency service calls to police, fire, and EMS over one year. Many of these calls are for overdoses, violence, assaults, and emotionally disturbed persons. Relocating the shelter to the residential neighborhood around 851 Washington Street will result in these activities occurring within 250 feet of two school bus stops and within 800 feet of 171 homes. These are legitimate safety concerns which CHHOP has yet to acknowledge or address.

Residents have made every effort to work with CHHOP to arrive at a solution, yet we have been rebuffed at every turn. We want to help to find the right location, but they have refused to work with us. We have, historically, supported their mission, and even attended a recent fundraiser. Opposition to this proposed location is NOT opposition to helping the homeless.

Thank you.

LINDSEY FITZGERALD
Peekskill

Coverage of Shelter is Voicing Concerns of the Neighborhood

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Tanzman and the coverage of the homeless shelter. Obviously he has not paid attention or read any of the social media comments. The coverage is voicing the concerns of a neighborhood and how the neighborhood feels the proposed location is not a proper one. CHHOP has spun so many untruths they don't remember what the real truth is.

They don't have to relocate and the property was not in foreclosure. There are 196 first responder calls of all nature at the current location in a year, which they deny. How would you feel if your neighbor had this many calls to their home in a year?

They turn away people at their doors at 9:00 pm and kick them out at 6:00 a.m. And if you are drunk or have any indication you may be on drugs they don't let you in. Let this sink in for a moment where is the help from this caring group?

The meeting referred to by Mr. Tanzman, he fails to mention or does not know that the folks from CHHOP had over 45 minutes to spew their "look how great we are", as for Lindsey if you did not see she had maybe seven minutes to speak on behalf of the residents wanting to help resolve this issue and find a suitable location to help the homeless. And Mr.

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Letters to the Editor

Murphy is Not Responsive to His Constituents

To the Editor:

On November 6, I intend to vote for Pete Harkham (sic) for NYS Senator. In recent weeks, I have called Mr. Murphy's office expressing my concern about the vast number of negative campaign flyers I receive from his campaign office multiple times a week. The staffer replied they are not involved with the campaign and suggested I contact the campaign website to have them address my concern. There was no phone number on the website, so I submitted an email asking to be removed from their mailing list but the negative flyers continue to

come to my house every other day.

I find it curious that this is the only form of communication I reach from Mr. Murphy. When I've called his office to ask his position on various issues I never get a straight answer or a call back. Same with emails. When I submit an email, I get a boiler plate response thanking me for my letter but no answer to my questions. When I call Mr. Murphy's office asking when he will be holding a town hall I never get an answer.

Now it has recently come to my attention that Mr. Murphy has been found by the Westchester County Fair Campaign

Practices Committee to be engaging in unfair campaign tactics by making allegations in his campaign flyers that are unsubstantiated, misleading and lacking in factual basis. These recent campaign flyers are, to quote NYS Senatorial candidate, Pete Harkham "deliberately unsubstantiated allegations and falsehoods that are an attempt to distract the public from the real issues in the race such as women's reproductive health, common sense gun safety, adequate school funding, and justice for child abuse victims."

It seems Mr. Murphy's style of governance and communication is to take pot shots at

his opponent and then refuse to engage in dialogue to further explain his positions. This is not the style of public service I expect my representative to display. In contrast, Pete Harkham has pledged to meet frequently with his constituents and be responsive to their concerns.

On November 6, I intend to communicate my dissatisfaction with Mr. Murphy's hit and run style of politics by voting for Mr. Harkham for NYS State Senator.

Sincerely,

BETTINA MAYER
Croton-on-Hudson

Senator Murphy Stands With Law Enforcement

To the Editor:

As the President of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA), and as President of the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association (PBA), offering my association's endorsement to an elected official is not a decision I take lightly. I understand how this decision will affect the more than 4,000 officers I am proud to represent. This is an obligation I take very seriously.

With that said, I am proud to have both

of these organizations endorse and support State Senator Terrence Murphy in his bid for re-election to New York State Senate's 40th District. Simply put, he stands with us. He has been a leading voice in raising awareness on the opioid epidemic, has helped protect our kids from dangerous sex offenders and has been an amazing advocate for my fellow police officers and all first responders.

In a show of true solidarity with law enforcement officers, Senator Murphy was

a sponsor of a bill demanding no parole for cop killers. We as police officers put our lives on the line every day, and we do this proudly to protect those we serve. We maintain social order and allow society to live peacefully, and when someone murders one of our own, we demand strong punishment. Senator Murphy gets it. He understands us, and is on our side.

For once, we have a voice who puts himself above politics and gives himself to the people he represents. That is why

we endorse him and that is why we are asking all of our brothers and sisters in law enforcement, our friends and our family members to vote for Terrence Murphy on Tuesday, November 6th. On behalf of our more than 4,000 law enforcement members, I say it again and I say it proudly, Terrence Murphy is our guy!

DET. KEITH OLSON
President-Affiliated Police
Associations of Westchester
President-Yonkers PBA

Where Does Terrence Murphy Stand?

To the Editor:

In 2013, I worked on a team that produced a groundbreaking interview with Kalief Browder after his release from Rikers. Accused of stealing a backpack at 16, Kalief had spent the latter part of his teen years -- three devastating years -- in jail, awaiting trial for charges that were inexplicably dropped. I'll never forget how utterly haunted he was by his experience. Raising the age of adult prosecution from 16 to 18 became personally important to me as a New Yorker. In December 2016, I contacted Sen. Terrence Murphy's office to voice

my opinion on Raise the Age and asked where the senator stood on this important issue. After a nice conversation with a staffer who didn't know what position Murphy took, I was promised a response, and was also encouraged to email the senator. I did, and later followed up on my call. Almost two years later, I'm still waiting for that response.

This troubled me. Unlike most elected officials, Senator Murphy did not have a robust policy position page on his website that clearly explains where he stands on important issues. In the past few years, he has never held a town hall where

constituents can ask him questions about his views on things like gun control, the environment, or immigration. And my last attempt to get a clear yes or no on Raise the Age, which passed through the senate via the budget measure in April, was mind-boggling. The staffer who answered my call told me that Murphy didn't have a stance on this issue because it wasn't voted on directly. He said repeatedly that there was no stance, and since Raise the Age passed through with the budget, there would not be one. Slavery isn't up for a vote either, but one would hope Murphy has a firm stance on that issue.

Transparency in politics should be the minimum we can ask for from the people who represent us. Murphy's opponent, Pete Harkham, had an "anytime, anywhere" policy with his constituents when he was county legislator. If Murphy cannot provide us with such open doors, or at least clear stances on his beliefs and how he intends to lead as a legislator, what is he hiding from District 40? The saying "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything" comes to mind. I for one do not plan to fall for Murphy's sidestepping this November.

GINA CAREY

Terrence Murphy is a Friend of the Community

To the Editor:

I am a life-long resident of Yorktown, a graduate of Lakeland HS and someone who has known Senator Terrence Murphy and his family for years. I must vehemently defend a friend who is a strong supporter of women. A long time Yorktown resident, a past Councilman with Yorktown, and now in the State Senate, Terrence Murphy has always respected and defended women.

Terrence has been endorsed by the New York State Nursing Association for his legislation on safe staffing in hospitals. And the idea that he is against woman is laughable and a lie created with the sole purpose of keeping this campaign off the fantastic track record of the Senator.

Terrence has been a leading force in our community battling heroine and opioid abuse as well, a tragic crisis that has affected many Yorktown families

that I know personally. From legislation creation to public outreach, Terrence has been at the forefront of this issue since taking office, which has taken far too many lives in this area, and can be prevented.

As a Yorktown woman, I am a proud supporter of Senator Terrence Murphy.

Sincerely,

LISA GRAHAM
Yorktown

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Election 2018

40th State Senate District: *Peter Harckham*

By Martin Wilbur

Peter Harckham had been approached to run for the 40th state Senate District on two previous occasions.

The former county legislator said neither time was right for him to take the plunge, with his children still in high school.

But 2018 is a different story as the political landscape at the national and state level has been turned on its head. Harckham, 57, who worked in two separate state authority jobs from mid-2015 until this April, said some of those same constituents, including the governor, once again appealed to him to get into the race in hopes that this could be the year the long-held Republican seat could turn Democratic.

"It was the belief that we had to do better at this level and we had to have a unified state government against the Trump assault on New York," he said of his decision to try to unseat two-term Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy. "You can't have your hand tied behind your back. You can't have a Senate majority that just sits on bills and abdicates its responsibility."

While this campaign has careened



Peter Harckham

from silliness to nastiness, particularly as Election Day draws near, Harckham said the issues where he believes the majority of the district's residents need greater protection are reproductive health rights, gun safety and seeking justice for child abuse victims.

Harckham said Murphy has also failed to do his part to even out the disparity in state education foundation aid to the Hudson Valley. The Senate Republicans' Long Island power base keeps Nassau and Suffolk districts grouped with New York City schools in the Regional Cost Index, while the northern suburbs are

paired with districts as far north as Ulster County.

As a result, Harckham cited a Brennan Center for Justice report stating that schools in the 40th Senate District have lost about \$77 million because of the inequity.

"While the property taxpayers have been shortchanged \$77 million, Sen. Murphy and the Republican majority have voted to send tens of millions of dollars to charter schools," Harckham said.

Harckham said stronger gun laws are critical. Most notably, he wants the red flag bill, which can take a gun away from someone who is considered a threat to themselves and others. Banning bump stocks and raising the age to buying a gun to 21 is also needed.

"It's simply protecting the public or protecting an individual, it goes to suicide prevention as well," he said.

Harckham is a supporter of single-payer health coverage, a move that would guarantee health care coverage for all. He claimed the shift would not be more expensive for the state; rather than employers and employees paying insurance companies with a premium, that money

would be moved into a payroll tax.

"Republicans in Washington are cutting protections to the Affordable Care Act, it's important to find other ways to deliver these services more cost-effectively and to give people peace of mind that they're not one illness away from bankruptcy," Harckham said.

Another protection would be the Reproductive Health Act. He insisted that with a Conservative majority now on the U.S. Supreme Court the protections for women in New York since the state passed abortion legislation in 1970 could be weakened or lost.

The number of high-profile sex abuse cases has highlighted the need to pass the Child Victims Act, Harckham said. The legislation has passed multiple times in the Assembly but has not been supported in the Senate.

It would extend statutes of limitations for sex abuse cases by allowing victims to file suit up to 28 years old and increase the maximum age for a victim to file suit from 23 to 28. Civil suits could be filed until the victim is 50 years old.

The measure would also provide a

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40th State Senate District: *Terrence Murphy*

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-C/ Yorktown) is proud of his record serving approximately 325,000 residents in the 40th District over the last four years and is looking forward to continuing working tirelessly for his constituents if reelected on November 6.

"I represent everybody. I try to do my best to help people," said Murphy, who succeeded Greg Ball, extending the Republican dominance in the seat to 104 years. "It has been an honor and a privilege. I never thought I would do this and get to do some really good things."

Murphy, 52, grew up next to Wilkens Fruit Farm in Yorktown. He decided to study nutrition after graduating from Yorktown High School. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in nutrition and a doctorate of chiropractic from Life University College of Chiropractic. In 1999, he opened the Yorktown Health and Wellness Center on Commerce Street in Yorktown.

He was elected to the Yorktown Town Board in 2009 and reelected in 2013. His Senate District serves Peekskill, Cortlandt, Somers, Yorktown, Croton-on-Hudson, Buchanan and other municipi-

palities in Westchester, along with parts of Putnam and Dutchess counties. He has been endorsed by 250 different unions and the New York League of Conservation Voters, among others.

"We've done so much stuff in the last four years," Murphy said. "I try to be proactive, not reactive. It's about representing the people."

Murphy stressed he was particularly proud of his efforts in trying to combat the heroin and prescription opioid crisis. The father of three was appointed co-chairman of the Senate's Task Force Against Heroin & Opioid Addiction. Murphy later introduced a legislative package with a four-prong approach to tackling the problem through prevention, treatment, recovery and enforcement.

"We crafted the most comprehensive legislation not only in New York State, but in the nation," Murphy said.

Murphy said he was also in the forefront of the fight to prevent the U.S. Coast Guard from anchoring barges in the Hudson River, secured \$500,000 for meadow restoration at Croton Point Park and was able to get \$24 million placed in a cessation fund that was intended to be



Terrence Murphy

only for communities affected by the closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.

Instead, in what he called "a bait and switch" by Governor Andrew Cuomo, who reached a deal with Entergy to shut down the plants in 2021, the cessation fund was also made available to other municipalities in the state facing similar financial struggles. Murphy unsuccessfully called for the plants to stay open until 2030 to allow more time for a smoother transition.

Noting his father worked for Con Edison for 50 years, Murphy said he has held

NYSEG's "feet to the fire" for being "a complete failure" in dealing with storms and upgrading equipment. "This is 2018. We shouldn't be going out with electricity every other week," he said, stressing greater transparency was needed from the Public Service Commission.

Regarding gun control measures, Murphy said, "I've signed on to every piece of legislation that would protect our kids' safety. With gun control you need to use common sense. Anybody with a mental illness should never have a gun. Do I believe in your Second Amendment rights? I certainly do."

Murphy said the SAFE Act was approved before he was elected and his opposition to it is the way it was done.

"You have good, law abiding citizens who would lose their guns because they forgot to register them," he said. "The SAFE Act is not going anywhere. The reality is we have to protect our community."

As for the Child Victims Act, which has passed multiple times in the Assembly but has not been supported in the Senate, Murphy said there "should be a

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94th State Assembly

District Incumbent Byrne Looks to Fend Off Challenge from Gashi

By David Propper

First-term lawmaker Kevin Byrne, a Republican, is looking to keep his seat in the NYS Assembly against Democrat and first-time candidate Vedat Gashi. The 94th district represents parts of upper Westchester and Putnam counties.

Kevin Byrne

In his first term in office, Kevin Byrne believes he's been able to pass legislation and support policies that have improved the lives of many residents in his district.

Introducing eight laws that have now been enacted is among the most for a freshman lawmaker in New York, Byrne said.

He said he's supported programs and legislation that has helped veterans and first responders. One of those pieces of legislation was offering cancer coverage to volunteer firefighters, Byrne said, which was already offered to professional firemen. He also helped name a roadway after a fallen serviceman, Clayton Carpenter, who lived in Yorktown and graduated from Lakeland High School. Byrne voted to stop patrons from using vape products in different establishments, in which he was one of the few Republicans to support that measure.

"When I first ran, I said I wanted to lead the charge for change to fight for a more affordable New York. I believe I have done that," Byrne said.

While Byrne's opponent voiced support for the Red Flag Bill and the New York Health Act, Byrne defended opposing both measures. He said the Red Flag Bill would take a person's gun, but not provide mental health or other services to the person who lost their weapon. (He did note he supports a ban of bump stocks, which allows a rifle to function as a fully automatic firearm and doesn't want convicted domestic abusers to pos-



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—KEVIN BYRNE

sess firearms.)

"If you just take their property and you don't address the needs of the individual there's a real danger of escalating the situation," Byrne said of the Red Flag proposal.

He said by turning the state's health-care into a single-payer system, it could ration care and delay medical help for those that need it. The costs are also too high, Byrne said. He called it "dangerous" legislation where quality and access to care that would go down.

Byrne doesn't support early voting because of the unfunded mandates counties would be forced to carry, but does want to pass a "no-excuse" absentee ballot so a person can vote early that way.

Within his district, Byrne advocated to get part of Route 6 paved, for positive train control implementation, and to get better services from power companies in light of major storms.

When asked about his opponent pointing out he's one of the most conservative

members in the Assembly, Byrne didn't shy away from the label. He said he was proud to be someone that believed in less government and taxes while protecting everyone's constitutional freedoms.

"I've worked hard every single day," Byrne said. "I hope I've earned their vote based on my record and performance."

Vedat Gashi

Knowing that in 2018 extremes can be the loudest, Vedat Gashi believes there is still a base of voters that wants to address problems directly in a serious manner.

Wanting to see taxes as low as possible while still investing in schools and infrastructure, Gashi, who is running for NYS assembly as a Democrat, wants to represent to the entire community in the 94th district.

Gashi has shown support for progressive legislation that he thinks would better New York while arguing his opponent does not own up to certain votes regarding the local and state deduction and gun control measures. When discussing the Red Flag Bill meant to take guns away from mentally troubled and potentially dangerous folks, Gashi, who is a gun owner, said he believes it is sensible legislation and if a person is unstable, they should not have access to a firearm.

As for the New York Health Act, Gashi said studies show the state would save "billions" of dollars if New York became a single-payer system. He noted opponents of the bill have "scared mongered" it with regards to the costs and other factors. When growing up, his sister broke both of her ankles and without insurance at the time, the cost were more than his family's savings, making healthcare personal for Gashi.

"People are scared by their rising healthcare costs," Gashi said.

Gashi said he would like to see early



'I think we're ready for some results, I think we're ready for serious answers to questions we have. I'm running to do that.'


—VEDAT GASHI

voting in the state, calling the low voter turnout in New York "reprehensible." He said creating further hurdles, instead of opening up access, would discourage people from voting.

Locally, Gashi wants to see the proper amount of funding for school systems and roads.

He stressed his willingness to engage and talk with the other side to reach compromises and solutions. Gashi, who is an attorney that works and lives in Yorktown, is involved in the local Rotary Club and activities at his children's schools.

"I think I'm a hard worker, I care about the district," Gashi said. "I'm running because I'm fed up with empty rhetoric and pretending that they're doing something about the problems we face when they're only having these task force meetings. I think we're ready for some results, I think we're ready for serious answers to questions we have. I'm running to do that."



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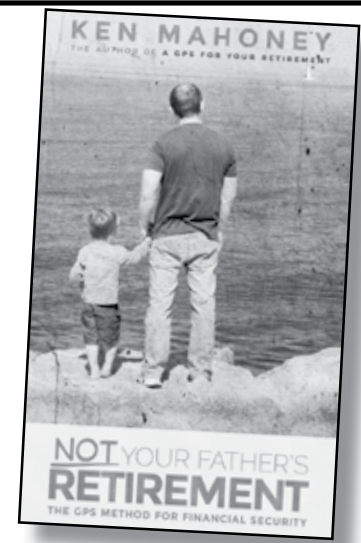
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Election 2018

Ossining Mayor Incumbent Gearity, Trustee Herrera Square Off for Second Time

By Rick Pezzullo

Two-term incumbent Mayor Victoria Gearity and Trustee Omar Herrera will be squaring off for the second time in two months on November 6 for the mayoral seat in the Village of Ossining, which carries with it an annual salary of \$15,000.

Gearity defeated Herrera in September in a Democratic primary but Herrera opted to continue his quest to unseat Gearity by running on the Working Families line.

"I decided to take on the incumbent mayor because my time as both a Village Trustee and as a Village resident has shown me that Ossining is a fractured community that needs to be unified," Herrera has stated. "We can't say we are united until we realize and discuss what divides us. Not everyone in the village is being heard or respected, and I'm uncomfortable with that. Just because I belong to the same political party as the incumbent, that doesn't mean that we have the same goals or vision."

"Next week, voters in Ossining will decide whether I will serve as Mayor for a third term. I am committed to moving our village forward, toward greater prosperity for everyone. While my opponent agrees with many of my positions, we do have differences on several major issues," Gearity said. "My vision for Ossining is one of positive change. I want to work with residents and community partners to shape a vision for



Victoria Gearity

who this village will be in the next five, 10 and 20 years. Our success as a community comes from our collaboration and willingness to work together for the future of Ossining."

One clear difference between Gearity and Herrera was their positions on the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA). Herrera, along with Deputy Mayor John Codman III and Trustee Quantel Bazemore, supported the adoption of EPTA in the village a few months ago, while Gearity and Trustee Rika Lev- in opposed the measure.

"ETPA is about giving Ossining residents freedom to stay," Herrera said. "I freely admit that ETPA is not a perfect solution by any means. We need to do more, much more, to ensure that Ossining remains a great and affordable place to live. But I know that ETPA is one important step in the path to creating the stable Ossining that we will all benefit from. ETPA will give some of our current residents the freedom to stay here in the community that they love. That's never a bad thing."

"The intentions of this program are good for Ossining—keeping the village affordable and protecting tenants. Unfortunately, in practice, ETPA has too many unintended consequences that will be detrimental for the majority of Ossining residents—homeowners, small businesses and tenants alike," Gearity said. "It also undermines the progress we've been making on upgrading substandard housing—which is one of our greatest housing challenges."

With 47% of Ossining residents not having English as their first language, Herrera, who speaks Spanish fluently, believes he will be better able to communicate with constituents than Gearity.

"Ossining is a very special place and the biggest challenge we have is finding a way to know we are really reaching them on a level they can understand," Herrera said. "This campaign has been all about reaching groups that aren't always reached out to. We need to reach people beyond political parties."

"Though my opponent often mentions often mentions language access, it was my campaign that arranged with the League of Women Voters to have a translator and headsets present for Spanish speaking residents at last week's Candidates Forum," Gearity said. "Improving communications has been a priority throughout my administration, and the new website we proudly launched this winter includes language access for everyone."

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95th State Assembly District: Sandra Galef takes on Lawrence Chiulli

By Rick Pezzullo

Voters who go to the polls on November 6 will see a sharp contrast in the race for the 95th State Assembly District between incumbent Sandra Galef and challenger Lawrence Chiulli beyond their political affiliations.

Galef, 78, who is a Democrat, has served in the Assembly since 1993. Prior to that, the former school teacher served 13 years as a Westchester County Legislator.

Chiulli, 21, who is a Republican, is a Croton High School graduate currently attending Westchester Community College. This is his first attempt at elected office.

"I think experience really does matter," Galef said. "We sometimes have 15,000 bills before us. I've been there as a full-time elected official."

"My running is nothing against my opponent," Chiulli said. "I think we need to

get new eyes on things."

The 95th Assembly District covers the City of Peekskill, Town of Cortlandt, Town and Village of Ossining and parts of Putnam County, including Cold Spring and Philipstown.

A longtime Ossining resident, Galef has been a leading advocate for legislative reform in Albany as well as being heavily involved in matters pertaining to education, taxes, energy, consumer issues, health, and senior citizens.

Another major focus of Galef has been ethics reform. She currently has 14 separate bills pending as part of a package that calls for banning large campaign donors from securing state contracts; enacting term limits for the Assembly speaker and Senate president; prohibiting political consultants from lobbying lawmakers; and preventing legislators from giving state money

to non-profits that employ their relatives, among other proposals.

In addition, Galef has introduced 13 election reform bills to promote transparency and encourage more people to vote, such as early voting and same day registration.

Chiulli lives in Cortlandt and is a member of the Army National Guard. He supports term limits and believes election reform is needed to protect the process.

"I don't want anything to be rigged in any way or be manipulated," he said. "I definitely support election reform so that we get messages out to voters."

He said he also "wholeheartedly" agrees with ethics reform, commenting, "We are elected officials and we should be held to a higher standard."

One issue Chiulli would like to focus on is creating a plan for the future of

the Indian Point nuclear plants property in Buchanan, where operation is set to cease in 2021.

"The people that live in that area are going to be affected," he said during a forum at the Ossining Library. "When people are moving out of Buchanan and Verplanck they're going to want to move here."

Galef said she and Senator David Carlucci (D/New City) were able to secure \$800,000 in Foundation Aid for the Ossining School District, but acknowledged the district was still owed about \$14 million. "Foundation Aid is a really big issue in Ossining and Peekskill," she said.

"Hopefully we'll have more success next year."

Meanwhile, Galef said she prides herself in keeping constituents informed through town meetings and forums, newsletters and a cable television program.



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Maloney Looks to Keep 18th District Blue in Congress

By David Propper

Three-term Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney faces Orange County Legislator James O'Donnell for the 18th congressional seat. Maloney is a Cold Spring resident.

Sean Patrick Maloney

After a failed attempt to nab the Democratic nomination for New York Attorney General, Sean Patrick Maloney is running for re-election to maintain his 18th Congressional seat.

Maloney, a Democrat, has stressed his bipartisan approach, even in the age of Republican President Donald Trump.

"I view it as my job to work with him where I can to get results for the people I represent," Maloney said during a videotaped interview with Lohud. He noted he passed 31 bills since he joined Congress six years ago. He said he does stand up to Trump when he pushes for racist and homophobic policies.

He told Lohud he is against the newly enacted tax law because it is limiting the state property tax deduction to \$10,000 and also creating a bigger national deficit.

Maloney is against repealing the Afford-

able Care Act. He said pre-existing need to be protected, warning Republicans would roll that protection back.

"We need more competition,"

Maloney said during the interview regarding healthcare.

He also believes in a women's right to an abortion, noting the new conservative majority in the Supreme Court could put a women's choice at risk.

When discussing the drug epidemic, Maloney touted on his website supporting legisla-

tion to prevent doctors from over prescribing opiates and providing parents with the resources to prevent addiction or find treatment for their children.

When addressing his run for AG, Maloney argued he has shown his commitment to the 18th district by the work he's done grappling with large and small problems.

Maloney, who worked in the Bill Clinton administration, beat Republican Nan Hayworth twice and beat Republican Phil Oliva last election cycle.

"I'm focused on getting results for my neighbors in the Hudson Valley - despite the gridlock and dysfunction down in Washington," Maloney said, according to

his website.

James O'Donnell

Serving on the Orange County Legislature, James O'Donnell, a Republican, is running for Congress to be an ally of President Donald Trump.

Voicing support for Trump, O'Donnell warns that if Democrats take over the House of Representatives, progress could be stalled for Trump's agenda.

In an interview with Lohud, O'Donnell said Trump has done a "great thing" with the new tax bill. If the House goes to the Democrats, O'Donnell warned

there would be talk of impeachment of Trump, rather than working on further tax cuts. But O'Donnell agreed with Maloney the property tax deduction limit wasn't high enough and would fight to raise that limit.

"You're going to have impeachment, you're going to have open borders," O'Donnell said.

According to his website, O'Donnell wants to further cut taxes, streamline regulations and support trade deals are fair and free. The new NAFTA deal worked out by the Trump administration was applauded

by O'Donnell in a press release earlier this year.

O'Donnell said he wants to protect pre-existing conditions and make health insurance more competitive by allowing companies to offer insurance across state lines.

He also wants to protect Social Security and Medicare for seniors so they can stay in the area, according to his website.

O'Donnell said he will never vote to allow a late-term abortion, calling it homicide in a debate earlier this month. He also noted his district needs to produce more high paying jobs, especially in Orange and Putnam

counties.

In order to end corruption, O'Donnell, who worked in a leadership position with the State Police, believes in term limits and strengthening laws to prosecute corrupt politicians, according to his website.

O'Donnell has dinged Maloney over his run for attorney general, arguing his heart isn't in serving Congress.

"Sean Maloney made clear that the people of the 18th Congressional District were his last priority," O'Donnell said the night Maloney lost his AG's bid.



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publicly calling for a moratorium as a top priority in his vision for the future, the Village lost any chance of being awarded the DRI for 2018," she stated.

Ossining has applied for the grant all three years it has been available and has been a finalist twice.

"New Rochelle didn't beat us because our submission wasn't good enough. They beat us because they have demonstrated a commitment and a capacity for economic development," Gearity stated.

Herrera, who lost to Gearity in a Democratic primary and is trying to beat the two-term mayor running on the Working Families line, called Gearity's statements "slandorous and false" and accused her of attempting to "politicize"

the grant process.

"This raises many questions: the mayor's communications with the state and how it does not reflect the majority of the board," Herrera said. "We are going to have to monitor and be directly involved with all future conversations and debriefs with the REDC council and state executive agencies."

Herrera explained he requested a discussion on a prospective moratorium after receiving feedback from current and former school board members, as well as many residents and property owners, who were concerned with the village's ability to handle more development and the impact more residents would have on the school system.

"To say that the discussion of a moratorium is reason for our not getting a

\$10 million grant is nothing more than political grandstanding in an election year," said Ossining Deputy Mayor John Codman III, who is supporting Herrera's candidacy. "The mayor is taking the easy way out by blaming her opponent rather than owning the fact that she is 'the current political climate.'"

Herrera, Codman and Trustee Quantel Bazemore are calling on the village manager to send a letter to the governor's office and MidHudson Regional Director Meghan Taylor requesting clarification if Gearity's statements on Ossining falling short are accurate.

Gearity stated a challenge for Ossining officials is "to consider is how do we balance our desire for high quality hous-

ing at all income levels, with a crowded school system."

"The good news is, we are now refocusing our efforts on comprehensive planning. While the \$10M DRI grant would expand our capabilities and resources for economic development planning, we have a strong foundation to build on—so long as we have leadership that is committed to smart growth driven by community priorities," she stated.

"It is time to work with all our community partners to establish a vision for who Ossining will be in the next five, 10 and 20 years. Ossining working together is how we are all successful. In just a few weeks, we will know the outcome of the election. The voters will determine our path forward," she concluded

Peter Harckham

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one-year period when victims of any age could file suit, a crucial component of the law, Harckham said.

"All of these organizations have been documented to have been aware of predatory behavior and not done anything because they were concerned about the bottom line," Harckham said. "This is abhorrent and justice for victims has to be the driving factor of this legislation."

Harckham said Murphy has failed to come to grips with Indian Point's

scheduled 2021 closure, a move made by Entergy and other operators because nuclear power is unprofitable. He said he would press for a dedicated cessation fund for Cortlandt and the other entities hurt economically by the plant's closure.

Harckham favors a get-tough policy with the utilities, particularly NYSEG, to build a more resilient grid and communications for severe weather. If neither the Public Service Commission nor legislation can't accomplish that, then threatening loss of license would have to be considered.

Terrence Murphy

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compromise somewhere."

The legislation would extend statutes of limitations for sex abuse cases by allowing victims to file suit up to 28 years old and increase the maximum age for a victim to file suit from 23 to 28. Civil suits could be filed until the victim is 50 years old.

"Every victim deserves some form of justice," Murphy said. "Should something be done? Absolutely. 100%."

Murphy voted against renaming the Tappan Zee Bridge and supports term limits (no more than three terms). He also made no apologies for posing for a photo with President Donald Trump when Trump was a candidate. It's a photo Murphy's Democratic opponent, Peter Harckham, has widely circulated.

"Do I think he's (Trump) doing a good job on policy? Absolutely," Murphy said. "On politics? He should probably learn to shut up."

Ossining Mayor Race

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ryone."

Gearity said, under her leadership, the village has achieved a 0% tax rate increase for two successive years. "I have a deep understanding of the budget, while my opponent has never even voted on a budget," she said.

She also believes "there is an energy in Ossining" because "Ossining is moving in a positive direction."

Herrera, who has called for a moratorium on development in the village, feels

"Ossining is at a stepping stone to take a step back of who we are" under Gearity and believes he would be a better leader "who will work with all people and listen to all people."

Meanwhile, in the race for two seats on the Board of Trustees, Democrats Levin and Manuel Quezada are running unopposed after Working Families candidate David Kezafrika withdrew from the race last week. Codman chose not to run for reelection after not being endorsed by the Democratic Committee.

Letters to the Editor

Senator Murphy Engages in Unfair Campaign Practices

To the Editor:

On October 21, the nonpartisan Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee upheld four complaints by Democrat Pete Harckham, Murphy's opponent in the upcoming election for NYS Senate. In every case the committee found Murphy's contentions against Harckham to be "misleading" and "unsubstantiated," a "knowing mischaracterization," or demonstrably "false."

Murphy's reason for engaging in false and misleading attacks seems obvious: to divert attention from his positions on key issues that divide Murphy from his constituents.

For instance, *Roe v. Wade* is under threat from President Trump's refashioned Supreme Court. Consistent with the views of the overwhelming majority of New Yorkers, the Democratic-controlled Assembly passed a bill to make *Roe* the law of New York in case *Roe* is overturned, but Murphy opposes a woman's right to choose, and the Republican-controlled Senate never voted on the bill.

Similarly, Murphy, who has a 93% NRA approval rating, has introduced legislation to repeal the SAFE Act, gun control legislation enacted in 2013 with strong bi-partisan support. He opposes additional legislation to enhance background checks, prevent the

mentally ill and those convicted of domestic violence from having guns, and ban bump stocks (which are used to convert semi-automatic weapons to automatic ones).

Also, New York has one of the most restrictive statutes of all states concerning the time limits within which criminal and civil litigation based on child sexual abuse can be initiated. Murphy opposes legislation to extend these time periods.

Lastly, New York is repeatedly in the lowest 20% of states in voter participation, but the Republican-controlled Senate has blocked measures, such as early voting, designed to increase voting. Instead, Murphy has sponsored voter ID legislation, which has been used elsewhere to suppress voting by African American citizens.

Please reject both Murphy's views on these issues and his unfair campaign practices by voting for Pete Harckham for NY Senate.

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Auto Dealer Bernard F. Curry III Wins National Recognition

The nomination of Bernard F. Curry III, dealer principal at Curry Honda in Yorktown Heights, for the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year award was announced recently by TIME.

Curry is one of a select group of 51 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 102nd annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in San Francisco on January 25, 2019. The announcement of this year's 50th annual award was made by Jorg Stratmann, publisher, TIME, and Doug Timmerman, president of Auto Finance for Ally Financial.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. Recipients are among the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

Curry, 66, was chosen to represent the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association in the national competition – one of only 51 auto dealers nominated for the 50th annual award from more than 16,000 nationwide.

"Being a business owner gives me the wonderful opportunity to give back to my community through charitable work, to provide good jobs for more than 1,000 people, including 450 here in Westchester County, and to enhance the lives of their families," Curry said. "I greatly appreciate this recognition and share it with the entire Curry team."

A 1971 graduate of Northwood School in Lake Placid, New York, Curry earned a B.S.B.A. in finance at the Daniels College of Business at University of Denver in Denver, Colorado, in 1975. He and his wife, Cynthia, have three children.

While in high school and college, Curry worked at his father's Chevrolet dealership in Scarsdale, carrying on a long tradition in the retail automotive business first forged by his grandfather in 1919 in New York City. After graduating from college, he served as pre-owned car manager, general manager and direc-



Bernard F. Curry III

tor of dealership operations over the next 20 years, purchasing his own dealership group in 1995 and ultimately acquiring his father's dealerships, known as Curry Automotive.

Today, the enterprise encompasses 12 dealerships across New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Georgia, representing brands Acura, Chevrolet, Honda, Hyundai, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota.

Curry credits his hiring practices and business model for his long-standing success.

"We hire the best qualified general management from a performance, character and ethical standpoint," he explained. "Then we empower them to be leaders and operate their respective dealerships within the scope of our guiding principles."

Specifically, he is being recognized for applying his management expertise and personal philosophy to community causes, helping to transform a small local hospital into a thriving medical center.

"Our local hospital was not providing the quality of service members of our community expected and deserved," Curry said. "I once sent a mechanic requiring medical care to a different hospital further away because of my concern about its quality and the level of care."

When he was recruited to serve on the hospital's board of directors after it hired a new CEO, he jumped at the chance to have a positive impact. Now known as New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, it is a highly rated institution that brings great medical care to the entire region.

"I am proud to have played a part in what was the most dramatic organizational 'turnaround' that I have ever witnessed," he said, noting that now the hospital's campus includes a new cancer center, emergency room, digestive health center and rehabilitation center. And Curry continues to raise funds for the hospital.

Curry was also instrumental in the creation of the Westchester Children's Museum, located in the landmark boat-houses at Playland Amusement Park in Rye, as a founding board member and museum benefactor. There, he currently sponsors an educational exhibit called Toddler Beach, which challenges a child's motor skills through climbing and movement.

A recipient of numerous honors for his philanthropic work, Curry is equally committed to bettering the lives of his employees.

"By creating a nurturing environment of long-tenured senior staff and general managers, we improve the outlook, aspirations and quality of life for each of our team members," he said. "There is no greater reward than to have people come up the ladder behind you and excel professionally in their own right."

Dealers are nominated by the executives of state and metro dealer associations around the country. The award is sponsored by TIME in association with Ally Financial, and in cooperation with

NADA. A panel of faculty members from the Tauber Institute for Global Operations at the University of Michigan will select one finalist from each of the four NADA regions and one national Dealer of the Year. Three finalists will receive an additional \$5,000 for their favorite charities and the winner will receive an additional \$10,000 to give to charity.

In its eighth year as exclusive sponsor, Ally will recognize dealer nominees and their community efforts by contributing \$1,000 to each nominee's 501(c)3 charity of choice. Nominees will also be recognized on AllyDealerHeroes.com, which highlights the philanthropic contributions and achievements of TIME Dealer of the Year nominees.

"It's an incredible honor to recognize these dealers for their business accomplishments and their unwavering commitment to 'Do It Right' by helping others in their communities," Timmerman said. "They are extraordinary auto leaders who care and go the extra mile to give of themselves to make their communities stronger. Ally is proud to support and celebrate their achievements."

Curry was nominated for the TIME Dealer of the Year award by Mark Schienberg, president of the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association.

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Celebrate the Completion of a New Torah Scroll Nov. 18

On Sunday, November 18, a Torah scroll will be ceremoniously inducted for ritual use by the Chabad Jewish Center of Yorktown, Cortlandt and Somers. The scroll will be dedicated during a ceremony, to take place at the Mohansic Elementary School, 704 Locksley Rd, in Yorktown Heights. This will be followed by a musical procession which will escort the Torah to its home, The Chabad of Yorktown Synagogue, an approximately 10-minute walk away. The public is invited to attend this momentous and historic event.

This Torah is written in memory of a truly exceptional woman, Mrs. Rochel Leah Heber OBM, mother of Rabbi Yehuda Heber, who passed away one year ago and is sorely missed.

Says Rabbi Yehuda Heber, rabbi of the Chabad of Yorktown: "The Torah represents the unbroken chain of Jewish tradition and survival. The ancient wisdom contained in this scroll is the essence of our identity as Jews, and possessing our own Torah scroll at an academic center of learning is cause for great pride and celebration. We invite all local residents to come partake in this celebration, as we parade down the street with the new Torah. This event truly symbolizes the religious freedom of our beautiful country for people of all backgrounds. My mother was a beacon of strength, wisdom and warmth to so many, and this is a most befitting way to honor her memory."

The completion of a Torah scroll is cause for celebration indeed. All 304,808 letters of the Torah are handwritten by a scribe, using a feather, ink, and authentic parchments. The process is costly and lengthy; it takes over a year to complete! Why does it take so long? Timeless laws apply to a certified Torah scribe, and everything from the character of the scribe to the quality of the parchment and type of ink are carefully prescribed. Furthermore, the shape and size of each of the letters, as well as the spacing of the lines and empty space, must be perfectly done by hand. The slightest error may

void a whole segment or even the entire 54-portions. For these reasons, the completion of a Torah is a rare event for a community.

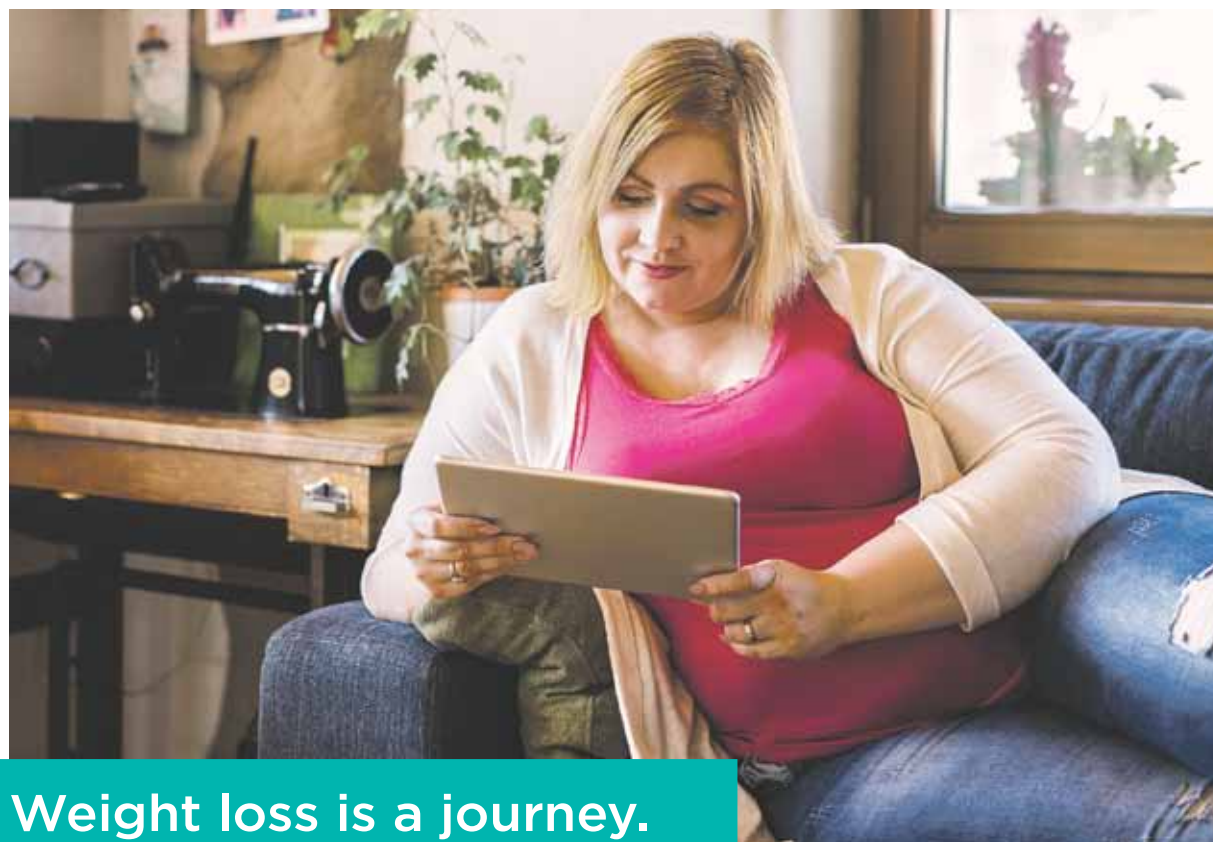
Jewish tradition says that a new Torah is to be welcomed into a community just as one welcomes a bride and groom. Accordingly, the scroll will be carried down the street under a Chuppah (wedding canopy), accompanied by music and dancing. It will then be placed in the Holy Ark at the Chabad synagogue preceded by the traditional Hakafot. A bagels and lox lunch will follow.

As mentioned, the Torah completion Ceremony will take place at the Mohansic Elementary School, beginning at 11 am. Participants will have the opportunity for a scribe to write their Hebrew name on parchment as a keepsake. Children will partake in a Build-a-Torah workshop, creating a plush stuffed Torah to keep, as well as a Torah flag with an edible stick! At 12pm, the musical procession will begin, as the crowd will escort the Torah down the street to the synagogue.

"It is with extreme honor that we

extend an open invitation to the community," Rabbi Heber said. "With the participation of all of us, adults and children alike, the celebration will truly be a memorable and exciting event to cherish for a long time."

This event is free of charge. RSVP appreciated, not necessary. For more information and to sponsor a portion of the Torah in honor or in memory of a loved, visit: www.ChabadYorktown.com/Torah. Or call 914-962-1111.



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Dan Maguire Nuisance Wildlife Service Croton

By Neal Rentz

Croton resident Dan Maguire wants to be known by his nickname, "Trapper Dan."

Maguire said last week he received the nickname because that is part of what he does for a living.

Dan Maguire Nuisance Wildlife Service specializes in the humane removal of nuisance wildlife. His has been operating the business out of his house for 58 years. In addition, Maguire owns the Timberline Tree Service out of his home, also since 1960, which has bucket trucks out in back. Timberline provides such services as tree spraying, pruning and fertilizing.

Maguire recalled why he entered the trapping business. "I was always curious about how the trappers caught the animals, so I studied it," he said.

He learned about the profession in college and became a forest ranger. Maguire said after receiving a phone call from a potential customer he will look at the situation and provide a price for his services.

Maguire explained that he receives calls from homeowners who have wandering animals in their homes. Maguire said he



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Croton resident Dan "Trapper Dan" Maguire has owned his Nuisance Wildlife Service for 58 years.

seeks to get the animal out of the house. "We do a lot of trapping on the outside," he said.

He said he catches most of the animals alive, places them in a cage and relocates them on private property after receiving permission from the property owner without harming the animal. "I just can't

go off into the woods and say this is my spot," he said.

Maguire said he seeks property to release them where there are not too many other animals because animals compete for food. "They all fight each other," he said. "We try to pick a stop where we haven't put one in a while."

However, coyotes have to be, under state law, be euthanized. "He's a predator" and will kill something, Maguire said. Maguire will put down other animals, such as raccoons, if they are sick. "You can tell. They're pretty nasty. They'll attack the cage," he said.

Maguire said he has never seen or gotten a call about a wandering bear. Trapping a bear requires a permit from the state, he noted.

However, he has trapped a wide variety of other animals, such as foxes, opossums, bats, otters, deer, rabbits, and snakes.

Maguire's clients live in many northern Westchester municipalities, including Croton, Peekskill, Yorktown, Somers, Mount Kisco and Pleasantville.

Maguire said he enjoys his work. "I'm my own boss. I'm working outside. What could be nicer?" he said. "When you go and check your traps to me it's like Christmas. You don't know what's there. And you see it and say wow. You're right there. I'm touching the animal. I like that."

For more information about Dan Maguire Nuisance Wildlife Service, call 914-271-4680 or visit TraprDan.com.

Hen Hud Grad Honored with Plaque at Montrose Park

By Rick Pezzullo

A 2003 Hendrick Hudson High School graduate and Army veteran who was injured during a mission in Iraq was honored last week with a plaque at Montrose Veterans Park.

Kevin Cooke, 34, a Purple Heart recipient, was the fourth local veteran to be recognized since 2015 by the Montrose Business Association.

"I'm not a hero. My team in Iraq are the real heroes. They finished the mission," Cooke said. "What I did was very small in comparison. I loved the Army. Thank you for having me. It really means a lot to be here."

Cooke lettered in four varsity sports at Hendrick Hudson and was captain of three teams as a senior. When he was a sophomore, the World Trade Center in Manhattan was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, an event that motivated him to join the Army, according to Montrose Business Association President Dennis Malles.

"Something was brewing inside him, no doubt about it," Malles said. "He always had this challenge: a challenge to do sports, a challenge in the military. He always had to prove himself. He always conquered everything."

Cooke completed Basic Training at the top of his class at Fort Leonard Wood



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Kevin Cooke (right) poses with Frank Farrell, Linda Puglisi and James Creighton.

in Missouri, receiving honors for having the highest Army Physical Fitness Test score in his class of more than 200 soldiers. While in the Army, Cooke and his teammates were hit with a roadside bomb followed by an organized attack by a large contingency of insurgents in Iraq. Cooke was taken to Germany due to injuries suffered in the attack.

Following a long stay in the hospital, Cooke was sent back to Fort Hood, Texas, where he was honorably discharged. The

married father of two, with a third child due in February, now works part-time for The Putnam County Veteran Service Agency, as well as the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program of Putnam County.

"What an unbelievable military career. In the Town of Cortlandt we are so proud of you," said Supervisor Linda Puglisi. "You are a hero and thank you for everything you have done to protect our country and our community."

Community Camera Program

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Happenings

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Tuesday, Oct. 30

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>.

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

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

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.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The Workout – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext. 1 for more

information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

Senior Exercise: We offer the Workout M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. 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, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates 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.

Thursday, Nov. 1

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 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.

Friday, Nov. 2

Somers Library Events: Two events will be held in the coming days at the Somers Library. November TED Talks will be held today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Join host Eugene Ritchie in discussion after viewing two TED talk speakers each session who will speak on a specific topic. Registration is required - please register on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. M & M Performing Arts Presents "Four on the Floor" on Nov. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The program is free. Four comics look at life's serious twists and turns by four award-winning local writers. No registration required. Come early to get a good seat.

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

Westchester Native Returns: Mount Kisco-born, Carmel-bred, longtime Yorktown resident Ryan Mallon is returning to both the county and the stage where his career in theater began when he performs the role of Rudy from Nov. 2 through 18 in the world premiere of "Senescence", a compelling new play by Axial's founder, Howard Meyer. The play will be performed on Fridays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16 and Saturdays, Nov.3, 10, and 17 at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees at 3 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 4 p.m., Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Tickets are \$27.50 for general audiences; \$22.50 for seniors and students. Axial Theatre is located on the campus of St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. Visit www.axialtheatre.org for tickets and more information.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 8 p.m., beginning Nov. 9 services will begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. 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 yorktownjewish-center.org.

Jazz Masters Series: Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) continues its Jazz Masters music series with interna-

tionally known, Grammy-nominated musician Enrique Haneine, whose recently released album, "The Mind's Mural", has reached #1 on the NACC Top 30 Jazz Charts. Enrique and his band will be appearing for two sets at 7:30 and 9 pm. Tickets, \$20 per set, can be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3743675> (limited seating available; advance purchase is strongly recommended.). Refreshments will be available.

Saturday, Nov. 3

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 information, call 845-528-2305.

Bagels And Bible: Bagels & Bible will be held at Temple Beth Am at 9 a.m. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how this week's Torah portion is a mirror into our lives. No previous knowledge is required, and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

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

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.

Artists' Reception: An artists' reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library. The paintings in this exhibition are the work

Happenings

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of students of Jeanne Demotses, who teaches oil and acrylic painting for the Yorktown Parks and Recreation Department. Many of her students have been painting for several years and are accomplished artists, while some are brand new to painting.

Sunday, Nov. 4

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.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post

Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Monday, Nov. 5

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.

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.

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, Nov. 6

Life After Cancer Diagnosis: Support Connection, Inc. announces the free program Life After Cancer Diagnosis: A Personal Odyssey will be offered on from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Support Connection office in Yorktown. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Country Singer Returns to Help School Drama Program

By Anna Young

Rising country singer Jessica Lynn never misses the chance to use her success to give back to her home community and provide opportunities to young performers.

This Friday evening, Lynn will be returning to Westchester County for a special concert at Port Chester Middle School's Archie Jacobs Auditorium to benefit the middle school drama program and its winter musical, "Mary Poppins." Growing up as a lover of theater and performance, Lynn said she wanted to help the students any way she could.

"I'm a really big believer that when you're lucky and blessed and you get to live this great life that it's important to give back," Lynn said. "I grew up volunteering, so I love giving back."

Raised in Yorktown and surrounded by a musical family, it was inevitable that Lynn found her way into the music business. While she began singing at four years old and started writing her own music as a teen, it wasn't until Lynn was 21 that she decided to pursue a solo career as a country music artist.

Trying to jumpstart her career, Lynn and her family, who are also members of her band, paid to tape a live performance at The Winery at St. George in Mohegan Lake. The live show was picked up by PBS stations across the nation and aired to millions of viewers in 2014.

That led the Lakeland High School graduate to be signed to a songwriting and artist's contract in Nashville where she landed her first national tour sharing the stage with country heavyweights Brad Paisley, Jake Owen and Chase Rice.

She followed that with a second PBS special in 2015 that was taped at the Paramount in Peekskill, which attracted



Jessica Lynn, a Yorktown resident and Lakeland High School graduate, will perform this Friday night at Port Chester Middle School to raise money for the school's drama program.

more attention. From there, Lynn rocked her way onto another national tour sharing the bill with some of the biggest names in the genre, including Keith Urban, Tim McGraw and Jo Dee Messina.

Last summer, Lynn released her EP "Look at Me That Way" followed by

the single "Crazy Idea," which was her first song to break into the Top 50 on the country charts. During her recently completed international tour that kicked off in May, Lynn released another single, "Let's Don't."

"It's been a really exciting year," Lynn

said. "But we're really excited because the single just reached the country charts."

During this Friday's performance, the 28-year-old singer said the audience can expect to hear the hits that catapulted her career along with some covers. She said the 90-minute show will be a full-band show filled with high energy that will leave fans with a memorable experience.

"We're going to treat this like any other performance we've done around the world," Lynn said. "I'm really looking forward to it, we've never done anything like this before in a school."

Lynn will be performing with her seven band members, including her father, bassist Peter Calamera; her mother, backup vocalist Victoria Calamera; and her husband, guitarist Steven Sterlacci.

While Lynn is no stranger to charity events and is excited about the upcoming performance, she said meeting the students, raising the money they need and being a role model for them is what's most exciting.

"There's no better feeling than knowing you've done something good for somebody else," she said. "When I see photos or I'm sitting there watching all the sets and costumes come together, it's going to be the coolest feeling knowing I had something to do with that. I know how much fun those kids are going to have in that production, and to be able to contribute and make a positive difference, is really, really special."

Port Chester Middle School is located at 113 Bowman Ave. Tickets for the concert are \$40 for adults and \$30 for students and seniors. Show time is 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the middle school drama department. For tickets and more information, visit www.showtix4u.com.

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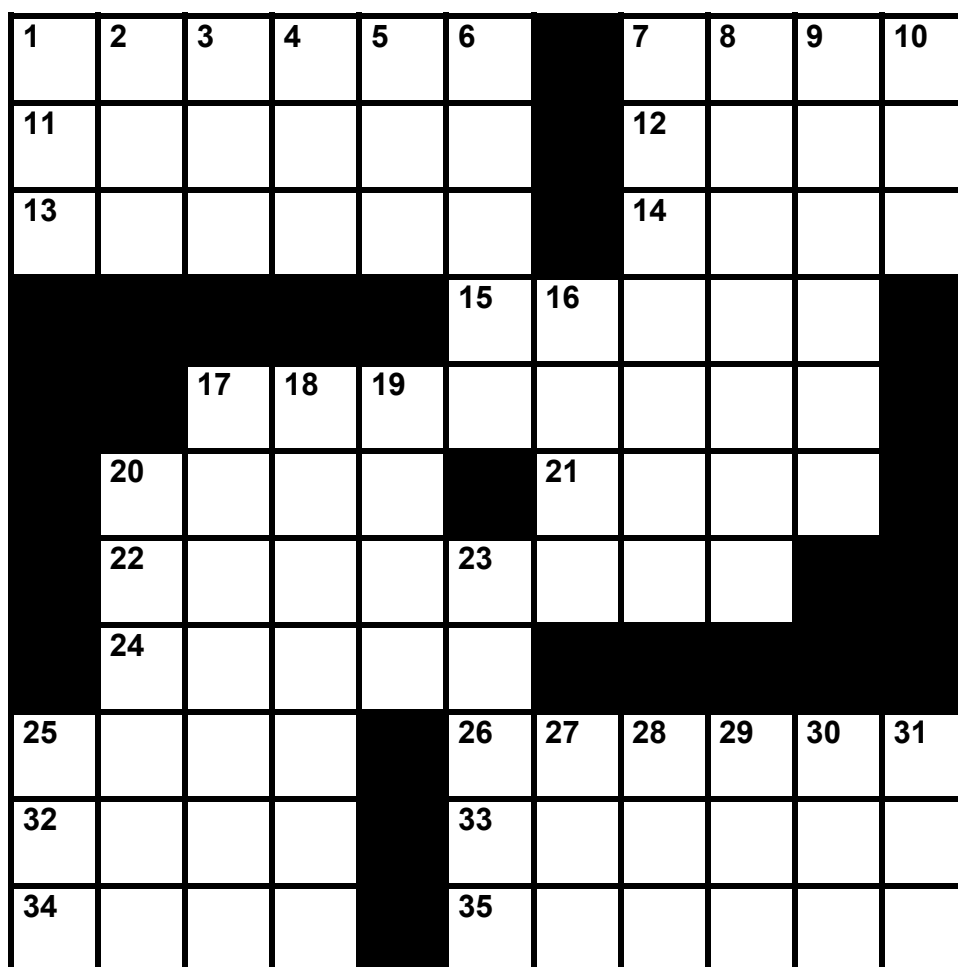
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20. Tommie of the 60's-70's Mets
21. ____ the wiser
22. Put off
24. Confused
25. Hosiery shade
26. See 17 across
32. Send
33. Weapon case
34. Enlivens, with "up"
35. Vampire-like fly

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- to legend
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3. Denials
4. Goes with laude
5. It's from sea to shining sea
6. "Chicago" star, first name
7. Double reeded woodwind
8. Shirley's friend in 1970s-'80s TV
9. Alternatively
10. Part of a royal flush
16. Bond opponent
17. Behavior or actions motivated by vanity
18. Boo-boos
19. Guitarist Townshend
20. Geronimo's tribe
23. "Blue Ribbon" beer maker
25. Special perception
27. Sounds of hesitation
28. Late ____
29. Lucrative
30. Sci-fi figures
31. It's definite



What Sets One Wine So Far Apart From All Others?

Remember the heady days before the Great Recession? Irrational exuberance. Conspicuous consumption.

For some these were forewarnings of economic turmoil ahead. For others these became the mantra for sustained hedonism.

Then it all came crashing down around our feet. Some fared better than others, while a significant number experienced career, if not life-altering trauma.

Well, here we are, fully a decade on from those dark days. And the mindset of the pre-recession era is evidenced again in small pockets. Notwithstanding the shifts in personal wealth and economic growth, the polarization of wealth in our nation and the globe has become startlingly disparate. I read somewhere that the aggregate wealth of the 85 richest individuals in the world is greater than that of 50 percent of the global population.

Recently, I've seen pockets of this exuberant consumption(?) in the auction marketplace. A few months ago, Da Vinci's Salvator Mundi sold for \$450 million, shattering all previous records for paintings. Then last week I read of another auction that I feel compelled to report

to you. And it relates to wine. Therefore, I've decided to digress from the next installment of my Spanish wine series to bring this to your attention.

Sotheby's auction house, which has sold its fair share of rare and highly sought-after wines, auctioned a collection of French wines from the famed cellars of Robert Drouhin. One of the wines set a record in grand style, far surpassing its estimated sale value and far exceeding the previous world record.

One bottle of 1945 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (DRC) was sold in a frenzied bidding war to an Asian investor for \$558,000. That equates to \$111,600 for one glass, assuming the bottle will ever be opened and served. It also is the cash price for a comfortable three-bedroom house in most housing markets in the United States.

By comparison, the previous record for a bottle of wine was \$310,700 for a jeroboam (equivalent to six standard size bottles) of 1945 Mouton-Rothschild sold in 2007.

The auction value of a particular wine is derived from several factors. Its scarcity, desirability amongst competing collectors, unique attributes and storage

history all contribute to the ultimate value and hammer price.

Let's focus on the three criteria that I believe contributed to this record-setting sale.

1. The wine. DRC is the most famous vineyard/winery in the world. Nestled France's Burgundy region, it historically commands the top price for wine in every release and in every auction. It is farmed biodynamically on a small plot of land. Its small production (5,000 to 6,000 bottles on average) guarantees a high price. The current release, not readily available, sells for about \$25,000 per bottle.

2. The vintage. Of all its vintages, the 1945 DRC is the most prized. The staying power, aromatics and flavor profile are legendary. And only 600 bottles were produced. The vines were pulled and the vineyard replanted after harvest; the next DRC wasn't produced until the 1952 vintage.

3. The provenance. Rare wines may change hands multiple times as they pass from one collector's cellar to the next. Thus, the consistency of its quality and aging profile may vary over its life. If storage in a credible owner's cellar cannot be verified for every year of its life, a rare wine's value may diminish. Not to mention that counterfeit wines proliferate in the marketplace.

The 1945 DRC came from the cellar of the 85-year-old Drouhin, one of the most reputable winemakers in Burgundy. His father, Maurice, was the distributor of DRC from 1928 to 1964. The 1945 DRC had been in the Drouhin cellar since release, a rare occurrence in the life of such a storied wine. This factor may have contributed most to the record-setting auction price.

As incredible as the bidding was for this bottle, just as amazing is that there was another bottle of the 1945 DRC sold minutes later. For \$496,000, to a New York real estate developer. Exuberant consumption for certain.

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By Nick Antonaccio



Memories of a Compulsive Weeder

For the past several years, I've been without a garden of my own to tend, living as I do in Trump Park where the landscape is beautifully maintained as part of my maintenance fee. I can enjoy the beauty of the shrubs and flowers, the latter of which are changed according to the season, without any work on my part.

But I still have fond memories of gardening chores, especially – don't be surprised – pulling weeds. I particularly miss this chore at this time of year because, when you pull a weed, it stays pulled.

When I first discovered the joys of gardening as a youngster, it was all about planting annuals and seeing quick results. But by the time I was in high school, perhaps in dealing with my impetuous nature, I found that I equally enjoyed pulling weeds to help ease those first bouts of post-adolescent anxiety. I must have been very anxious because my family's garden was always weed-free. It seemed to have been a healthy addiction for me.

That addiction became full blown as an adult when I moved to Westchester from the city and my responsibili-

ties were upgraded from a small square patch of earth in front of my house in Brooklyn Heights, where a sickly ginkgo tree sprang from the concrete sidewalk, to a verdant acre and a half of lawn and garden.

At the same time, I had started a new job and commuted a long distance every weekday to report to a boss who was the "Mr. Hyde" personality of all time. My weeding activity was especially intense during that period. Every time I yanked a weed, it was as though I was vicariously yanking his head bald, even though he was already bald.

Lest one think that I need intervention, I would say that there are good compulsive habits and this might be one of them. For instance, at a time when many parents are concerned about the violence allowed in video games, I might suggest that, as an antidote, they require their children to weed in the garden for an equal amount of time that they would spend playing those games of virtual destruction. Put the quest for the elimination of villains to practical use, I say.

For adults, rather than considering weeding a chore or even therapy, it can

be approached as an art, complete with its own techniques and disciplines, as I first learned many decades ago when I read a joyous book called "The No-Work Garden" by Ruth Stout, sister of the detective fiction writer Rex Stout. And recently, I was reminded of the healing art of weeding when I discovered that the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series now features an edition "For the Gardener's Soul" by Marion Owen. In her blog at www.plantea.com, Owen said a while back that weeding can be a pleasant "zen-like" experience, and I agree.

She also writes that regular weeding in the garden is like regular vacuuming in the home. Most people probably don't like either chore, but it's essential to a successful garden, as vacuuming is to a clean home.

Considering that a single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds, and that those seeds arrive through a multi-level attack from the air, rain runoff and bird droppings, weeding would seem to be a losing battle. But, there are preventative measures that can help diminish the occasion of weeds sprouting.

Just keep up with the following:

* Uproot the offenders and place them in the compost pile before they go to seed.

* Mulch, mulch, mulch. A three to four-inch layer of mulch applied between plants or garden rows can slow down or in many cases prevent the re-growth of weeds.

* In the spring, after preparing the soil for planting, let it set for seven to 10 days. Then work the surface of the soil with a hoe. This will slice off the newly emerged weed seedlings. If you have time before planting, let the soil rest another week or so and hoe again.

* Cover the soil for a short while with black plastic, but don't leave it on for more than a couple of months, because the soil needs air and water to remain healthy

* Use those vertical barriers, such as wood, metal or heavy plastic edging to prevent grass and weeds from encroaching from lawn to garden.

And, be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: "Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste."

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Letters to the Editor

Coverage of Shelter is Voicing Concerns of the Neighborhood

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Tanzman the bouncer did in fact invade Lindsey Fitzgeralds space while she was addressing the neighborhood concerns. In case I haven't said it they don't have to leave where they are.

A meeting was announced at the city council meeting for all concerned to come sit down at a local business with the neighborhood to, the media should the neighbors should CHHOP and the city council did not. So realistically who wants resolve on this matter?

And please Mr. Tanzman do not compare Mohegan Park to a homeless shelter they are not the same. Mohegan Park can be a bit overwhelming to our first responders but nowhere near the level as the Jan Peek shelter .

And as for the auto repair shop near Mohegan Park being busy where you have to make an appointment a week in advance there is nothing unusual for any shop to book work, however they won't

have to share a driveway with the proposed location . The difference between a shelter for homeless men, and Mohegan Park is huge to say the least.

So do not preach how the proposed new location will not have an effect on property or business. Open your eyes sir and do your homework.

Maybe folks should wonder how well the homeless are being cared for if this organization has almost a million dollars to purchase a property that will need well over \$3 million to renovate. Sounds more like they want to build a trophy property and don't give a crap about the amount of money they spend on this project.

Ask yourself how could this money be better well spent to truly help those in needs. Is CHHOP for profit teaching the homeless life skills and are they truly helping them? Maybe their business ethics should be looked into.

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