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New ShopRite Opens to Much Fanfare in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

The newly paved parking lot in the Cortlandt Crossing Shopping Center was packed to capacity and the lines inside were long as curious customers got up early Sunday morning to check out what the new state-of-the-art ShopRite supermarket had to offer.

Outside, officials from Cortlandt, Peekskill, Yorktown, Westchester County and state government joined ShopRite management and associates in cutting the ribbon for the 65,000-square-foot store on Route 6 in Mohegan Lake, which replaces the 50-year-old ShopRite down the road that had long outgrown its capacity to provide shoppers with

necessary services and products.

"We kind of outgrew that building 20 years ago," said Jon Paul Lake, store manager of the new ShopRite, which is 21,000 square feet larger than the former store. "People want more choices and varieties at affordable prices."

Planning for the Cortlandt Crossing Shopping Center began more than six years ago after Acadia Realty, which operates the Cortlandt Town Center across the street, acquired the property. Ground on the project was broken two years ago and new traffic signals were installed.

"We are thrilled to mark the opening of our new, improved ShopRite of Cort-

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new ShopRite in Cortlandt took place Sunday morning.

Arthur Weeks & Sons Jewelers to Close Doors

By Rick Pezzullo

A Peekskill institution that has done business in the city for 122 years will be closing its doors early next year.

In a Facebook post, Arthur Weeks & Sons Jewelers Owner John Weeks last week confirmed circulating whispers that his longtime family store would be ending its long run.

"Yes, the rumors are true that I will be retiring! After 122 years we will be closing our doors sometime early next year," Weeks wrote. "I would like to thank our many, many wonderful friends and customers for your loyal support over the years. We love this community and all that it has done for us and we will truly miss you. There is no place that we would have rather called home."



A photo of Arthur Weeks (far left) and family in 1907.

"This was an extremely difficult and emotional decision and one that I did not make easily," he continued, noting a going out of business sale would begin

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Lakeland Students Focus on Wellness

Wellness was the theme of a two-day program at George Washington Elementary School. The school held its first Wellness Day on October 24th (Grades K-2) and October 25th (Grades 3-5). The initiative was started to promote the school site-based team goal and district goal of promoting wellness. The event focused on Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and how to control one's emotions. "We want to focus on strategies that parents and students can apply throughout their everyday lives" said Principal Tracy Norman.

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landt at the brand new Cortlandt Crossing Shopping Center,” said Brett Wing, president of ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. “We are confident that the newly relocated store will enhance the overall shopping experience and allow us to better serve the local community while still providing the best prices and top-notch service our customers have come to expect.”

The new store will have about 265 employees, approximately 60 more than the previous store had. All employees from the former supermarket were retained.

“We wanted to make sure a familiar face was here,” said Lake during a sneak peek media tour at which he compared the opening of the store to the birth of a child.

One of 35 ShopRite stores in New York and New Jersey, the new store will offer a broad array of groceries including both private label and national brands; fresh produce delivered daily – with a variety of conventional and organic produce from both around the corner and the world; a meat department where trained butchers custom cut meat for customers; a full-service seafood department with daily, fresh-catch deliveries and 45 different varieties; prepared foods department with a new chef-prepared Asian



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

New bakery section located in new ShopRite in Mohegan Lake.

inspired cuisine; a new Blend Smoothie Bar located inside the store; a café; and a variety of locally sourced foods, including yogurt from Freedom Hill Farm in Ottisville and SuperKrauts probiotic sauerkraut from New Paltz.

Other amenities include: a from-scratch fresh bake shop features store

made special occasion cakes, fresh store made doughnuts and artisan bread free of artificial flavor, color and preservatives, along with a variety of gourmet cakes, fresh pastries and scrumptious sweets to indulge in; A Free Fruit for Kids program where kids can receive free fruit when they are at the supermarket.

Under the program, kids 12 and younger receive a free banana, clementine or other seasonal fruit while shopping with a parent or guardian; a new Floral Department featuring a large selection of garden center plants, an expanded assortment of potted plants and floral bouquets and “make-your-own bouquet” bunches; and a pharmacy with a private room for immunizations and a diabetic product section to meet customers’ needs.

ShopRite will also offer a variety of services to help save on time, including Mobile Scan, a free service that takes shoppers beyond the traditional self-checkout lane to self-checkout as you go, allowing customers to use the camera on their personal mobile device (iOS or Android) to scan barcodes of items as they shop; an increased number of self-checkout lanes; and the ShopRite Deli & More app (available for iOS or Android), which allows customers to place their deli order ahead of time for in-store pickup. The online ShopRite from Home® service will also be available to customers. ShopRite associates personally shop those online grocery orders and customers can pick up their groceries at the store or have their orders delivered right to their doorstep.

ShopRite of Cortlandt, which has eight self-checkout lanes, will be open daily from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.



Curious About Lip Augmentation?

What you need to know about procedures and results...

Ask the Doctor

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Q: I'm hearing a lot about surgical lip augmentation. Why?

A: I've seen a steady rise in women looking for lip augmentation (enlargement) over the last two years. Most want to reverse the effects of aging, which thins the lips. Now combine that desire with the ready availability of improved and relatively inexpensive surgical options that have very minimal side effects and give consistently good results. Add the impact of celebrities “normalizing” the procedure – and you have a trend.

Lip augmentation doesn't only plump the lips. Fuller lips help hide some of the little age lines between the lips and nose that mostly result from years of sun damage.

Q: What are the methods?

A: The two surgical techniques are injectables and implants. In the first, I inject a smooth thin filler into the lips, using a substance that exists naturally under our skin. Results last from six to nine months. The implant method involves inserting a very thin, soft, supple plastic material into the lips. As the material expands, its tiny microscopic pores allow your own

tissue to grow into it and hold it in place. Synthetic implants come in several standard sizes and are intended to be permanent.

Q: Can I have any lip size I want?

A: You want a natural-looking result. The body can tolerate augmentation up to a point and still maintain a natural look; but after that, more starts to look unnatural.

Q: What can I expect during the procedure – and after?

A: The injectable procedure is performed in the office and takes 10 to 15 minutes. For two to three hours, your lips will be numb from the local anesthesia. So don't have the procedure right before dinner! Inserting implants is also an outpatient procedure. Afterwards, you'll have to eat soft foods for a few days. In both cases, the change is visible immediately, though you may not see the final result for two weeks due to minor swelling. For most people, there's literally no recovery period. My patients love the results.

Woman Recovering from Injuries in Deer Attack

By Rick Pezzullo

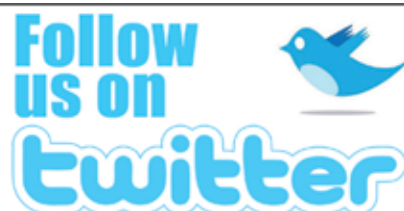
A part-time parking enforcement officer with the Town of Cortlandt remains hospitalized recovering from injuries sustained recently in an encounter with

a deer on her property located on the Montrose/Verplanck border.

Michael Preziosi, director of the town's Department of Technical Services, said the employee, who was not identified but has worked for Cortlandt for about the last 10 years, reported the incident to her employer early last week and said she would be out of work for a while.

"It's such an unfortunate incident when a woman who was feeding a wild animal and things got out of control," Preziosi said. "We wish her a speedy recovery. It was a scary thing."

According to a source, the woman suffered a punctured lung, broken pelvis and perforated intestines during the attack with the buck and was taken to Westchester Medical Center after she called 911.



Jewelers to Close Doors

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Weeks is the fourth-generation owner of Arthur Weeks and Son Jewelers and is a registered jeweler with the American Gem Society. The store first opened in 1896 and four generations of fathers and sons have built up the business over the years.

Bill Powers, executive director of the Peekskill Business Improvement District, reacted to the news of Arthur Weeks & Sons closing up shop.

"We are saddened to hear reports that Arthur Weeks and Son Jewelers, a downtown Peekskill institution for 122 years, plans to close early next year," Powers said. "Personal attention and unmatched honesty and integrity have been hallmarks of Weeks Jewelers since they opened their doors. Just think of the number of life's memorable moments that they have been part of for so many generations. Having been in downtown for parts of three centuries, Weeks Jewelers will forever be part of Peekskill's history."

Deb Milone, executive director of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, also issued a statement about Arthur Weeks & Sons departing Peekskill.

"Arthur Weeks Jewelers has been a downtown retail anchor for 122 years. I am sad to see the store close," Milone said. "This decision to close was motivated by John Weeks' desire to retire and pursue other interests. I want to thank John and the Weeks family for their contributions to our business community. We will miss you."

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Cuomo Leads Dem Rally as Campaign Winds Down

By Martin Wilbur

Governor Andrew Cuomo led a wildly enthusiastic pep rally of Westchester Democrats at the American Legion Hall in Mount Kisco Sunday morning calling on the party faithful to deliver badly sought-after victories on Election Day.

Accompanied by Congresswoman Nita Lowey and state Senate candidate Peter Harckham with dozens of other elected officials from throughout the county, Cuomo lambasted President Donald Trump for dividing the nation and calling him "anti-American" on several occasions.

"His hate and his fear tactics are not going to work this time and his hate and his fear tactics are not going to work in this state because this state is the exact opposite of everything he's talked about," Cuomo said. "We are 19 million people from every place on the globe. We know that diversity works, we're not afraid of diversity, we celebrate diversity."

Cuomo, who is vying for re-election against Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, didn't mention his own race but implored supporters to work on Harckham's behalf until the polls close. Harckham has been embroiled in a slugfest of a campaign with Republican incumbent state Sen. Terrence Murphy in a race that could help determine the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Gov. Andrew Cuomo energizes local supporters in a rally in Mount Kisco on Sunday.

balance of power in the Senate.

Harckham pledged to support key legislation such as the Child Victims Act, the Reproductive Health Act and the red flag bill that would take guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves and others if he were to help flip the Senate.

"Our voices matter and we need Washington and Albany to hear them loudly and clearly and fight for Hudson Valley values and New York Values," he said.

Before heading off for a scheduled campaign stop on Long Island, the gov-

ernor touted accomplishments during his tenure in office, including implementation of the tax cap, eight consecutive balanced budgets, marriage equality and passage of the SAFE Act, which he called "the best gun law" in the United States.

Cuomo, who made the five-minute trip from his house to the American Legion Hall, dismissed the Republicans' attempt to smear Harckham, saying they had no solutions to offer.

"They literally have nothing to say on the merits and that's why we're going to win, because we are right," Cuomo defi-

antly told the crowd to thunderous applause. "You see it from the top down. Look where the President has gone. He's desperate, running around the country and what is he saying to this country? He's pointing to the border, he's pointing to the caravan. Why? Because he's desperate and he's going with what he's used in the past."

Also addressing the crowd was Lowey, who said gaining control of the House and state Senate would provide a measure of protection against Trump.

"We need real leadership to protect ourselves from the hatred, the violence, intolerance we are seeing today," Lowey said.

Afterward, in a brief session with the media, Cuomo said he was "confident across the board" that not only will he be successful but that Democrats are poised for victory as well. He even predicted that some Republicans in New York State would vote for Democrats in this election cycle.

Cuomo was also relishing the prospect of the Democrats winning the House because Lowey would be poised to become chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Asked what that would mean for New York, Cuomo replied, "money."



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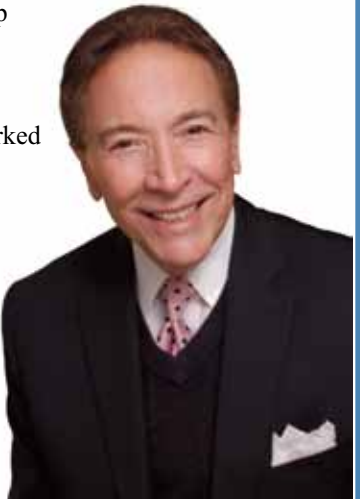
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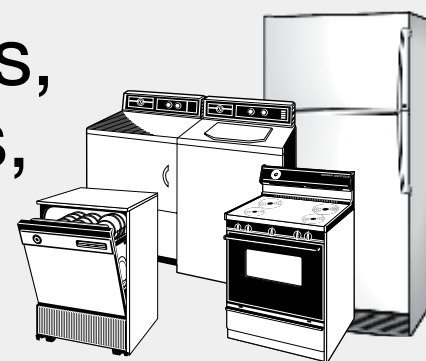
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Traffic from Blaze Not Beneficial to All Local Merchants

By Anna Young

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at historic Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson has quickly become a staple in the tri-state area as the place to be during the fall season.

With the Blaze a tourist mecca drawing in more than 175,000 visitors last year and expecting 250,000 this year to view the more than 7,000 hand-carved illuminated pumpkins in various arrangements, Croton residents and businesses feel the effects of being the host community for the Historic Hudson Valley's annual fall spectacular.

While many praise the 14th annual event for being a celebration that boosts patronage, one local business owner said his restaurant has seen a dip in revenue due to more food and alcohol now being served during the popular event.

"The Blaze is a great event, and it has been for years, but due to the fact that they're serving food now and beer and wine, it's not helping local restaurants as it's done in the past," Memphis Mae's owner Greg Gilbert said. "There is a decline in the business because now that families can go and eat and drink there there's no reason for them to venture out into town during the week."

Gilbert added that his business suffers an even greater loss, stating with an increase in traffic and substantial wait times over the years, local residents grown accustomed to staying home or eating in neighboring communities during the roughly two months the Blaze occurs.

"During this time of the year we do get more takeout orders because residents don't want to deal with the Blaze traffic," Gilbert said. "The local residents know the restaurants are packed, because before the event was only selling cider donuts, hot chocolate and hot cider."

Some residents agreed the mounting traffic keeps them from venturing out into the community after 5 p.m. when visitors begin to filter into the village, or shopping at ShopRite, located right next



Many visitors to the Blaze don't venture out to other parts of Croton.

to the event.

"I believe everything about the Blaze is positive, except what it does to the ShopRite parking lot, or coming in or out of ShopRite while it's going on," resident Grace Zereador said. "I stay as far away from there as possible."

"We tend to not go out to our neighborhood restaurants because it is so crowded, and you have trouble getting into your regular places," Croton resident Marla Pardee said. "Also, would never think of trying to go the grocery store after 5. The train traffic and Blaze traffic make for a crazy traffic problem."

Gilbert also cited that Historic Hudson Valley has done a poor job in promoting local business. With their website recommending eateries for visitors, a Croton restaurant is only listed sixth after restaurants located in Ossining, Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Yorktown Heights, and Chappaqua.

"I think the people in charge of the Blaze should be promoting local restaurants as part of the event," resident Roseann Schuyler said. "The event keeps

getting larger and has a huge impact on the community. Historic Hudson Valley should be working the local businesses to leverage it for everyone's benefit."

While Historic Hudson Valley did not respond for comment following multiple attempts, Croton Mayor Brian Pugh said the fall event is a celebrated tradition. He said the event helps property values, while also bringing attention to many local businesses. Pugh added that Historic Hudson Valley also underwrites the cost of additional security in the highly-trafficked areas.

"The Croton Village Board will continue to work with Historic Hudson Valley to ensure that the Blaze remains a safe and popular celebration for the thousands and thousands of visitors, all while keeping in mind best ways for the community and local business to benefit from this opportunity," Pugh said.

Yet, despite Gilbert's concern, owners of EATalia on Hudson and Yuka's Latin Fusion have only seen an increase in revenue during the Blazes' six-week occupancy.

Despite the roughly four-mile distance from the Blaze, Yuka's owner Claudia Villeda said she'll book reservations two-to-three weeks in advance for large parties, citing Friday and Saturday as her busiest nights. She said those without a reservation on the weekends will have to wait 30 to 45 minutes for a table.

Since opening in 2016, Villeda said her sales have continued to rise. It's definitely bringing more business to the area, she said.

"I wish the town could do more activities like that to bring different people to the area," Villeda said. "I'm getting more people from the Blaze this year than last year."

With EATalia located within walking distance of the Blaze, owner Sam Settembre said he has nothing but positive remarks for the event that provides him with increased business, return customers and creative specials for diners to enjoy.

"From the moment it starts in September to the end of November our numbers are phenomenal," Settembre said. "It's so nice to have things like this with so much turmoil and divisiveness going on. It just brings a variety of people to the area from all over."

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Cortlandt Colonial Manor Restaurant to Celebrate Anniversary with Fundraising Dinner for 'My Brother Vinny'

A Northern Westchester restaurant known for celebrating life's moments for others will celebrate their own milestone in November. Cortlandt Colonial Manor Restaurant will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in business on Tuesday, November 13, at 6 p.m. by hosting a special grand fundraiser dinner to benefit My Brother Vinny.

The dinner will celebrate the dedicated family-owned restaurant as well as raise funds for the mission of My Brother Vinny, a non-profit organization dedicated to distributing food, clothing and furniture to US Veterans, outreach groups, shelters and families in need in the greater Westchester County area.

The theme of the dinner and event will be "Past, Present, and Future." Restaurant photos, advertisements, and other memorabilia from four decades will be on display. Additionally, those attending are encouraged to bring old photos that were taken at the restaurant over the decades. One lucky winner with best old photo will receive a \$100. Some of the restaurant's popular dinner menu selections from the past and present will be featured while new selections that will soon be added to the menu will be unveiled.

"We are used to celebrating life's memorable moments with our customers, now they can share in one of ours. We selected My Brother Vinny as the benefactor of our 40th Anniversary Celebration because of the noteworthy charitable work they do in our community, espe-



(L-R:) Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant operators Irene (Liaskos) Flor, George Liaskos, Kathy Liaskos, and General Manager/Executive Chef Evan Liaskos.

cially with their boundless support of local veterans. We are grateful to celebrate our 40 years of success by giving back to the community in a meaningful way," said Evan Liaskos, General Manager and Executive Chef.

Tickets are \$40 per person and all proceeds will go to My Brother Vinny. The restaurant is located at 714 Old Albany Post Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY. Included: appetizers, Grand Buffet Dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda. RSVP by calling 914-739-7900 as tickets and space are limited.

"We are so excited to be the benefi-

ary of Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant's generosity as they celebrate their 40th year in business and commitment to the community. We are excited to celebrate this milestone in Liaskos Family history while raising funds for our organization," said Paula Miritello, My Brother Vinny Founder/Director.

Liaskos also plans to honor D. Bertoline & Sons since they have been the sole continuous supplier to the restaurant since it opened in 1978.

Cortlandt Colonial Manor Restaurant is a 90-seat restaurant and 200-seat catering venue located in Northern Westch-

ester County in the Town of Cortlandt. Visit www.CortlandtColonial.com for information.

The restaurant was originally opened on October 9, 1978 as a partnership between three young Greek immigrants with a vision and an excellent work ethic—George Liaskos, Peter Tsagarakis, and Steve Hanzigariou. Over the years, the two partners were bought out and the business was taken over exclusively by George and his family and is still owned and operated to this day by the Liaskos family.

In addition to George, and his wife, Kathy, the matriarch of the family, the restaurant is now operated by the second generation of the Liaskos family—brother and sister, Evan Liaskos and Irene (Liaskos) Flor. Evan serves as the General Manager/Executive Chef and is a graduate of the famed Culinary Institute of America. Irene is a graduate of the University of New Haven School of Hospitality.

The Cortlandt Colonial Manor is open for lunch and dinner daily, and hosts weddings and special events celebrating all types of life's occasions. The business is well known as a family-owned and operated restaurant and catering facility with deep roots in the community. It is currently one of the oldest restaurants in Westchester County that has been continuously owned and operated by the same family under the same business name.

Pajama Program to Host Westchester Pajama/Book Drive Locally

On November 5, national nonprofit organization, Pajama Program launched its 11th annual pajama and book drive where Westchester schools and organizations will kick-off the holiday season by donating thousands of new pajamas

and storybooks. The annual campaign supports the nonprofit's mission to promote a comforting bedtime routine for children and teens affected by instability to help them thrive. Pajama Program believes that all children have the right to

a good night for a good day, no matter their circumstance.

This week, select schools and businesses in Westchester County will donate pajamas and books to local community partners and Pajama Program representatives. Additionally, a Pep Rally will be held at The Ursuline School (1354 North Avenue, New Rochelle) on November 9 at 9 a.m. to announce the week's total donations. Members of Pajama Program, including Pajama Program's Founder and Westchester resident, Genevieve Piturro will be in attendance.

"For the past 10 years, this campaign has been hugely successful and has demonstrated the generosity and caring spirit of the Westchester community," said Piturro. "The enthusiasm is contagious. It's heartwarming to watch the school children pour out of the schools — many dressed in pajamas — with armloads of new books and pajamas, excited to help other children. Last year we collected 5,899 pajamas and 3,388 books!"

About Pajama Program

Pajama Program, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, promotes and supports a comforting bedtime routine for children affected by instability so they can thrive. Pajama Program believes that every child has the inherent right to a loving good night that starts with changing into clean, warm pajamas and enjoying an enchanting story. Just as a comforting bedtime routine sets the stage for a good night, a good night helps children thrive the next day: good nights are good days. We reach children affected by instability in every state by providing new pajamas and new books to them through our more than 4,000 community partners, including shelters, foster-care agencies, Head Start, and Title I schools. Locally, we invite children to visit our reading centers in New York City and Atlanta, where they share connections with caring volunteers. The simple experience of sharing a storybook

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William Wright, Jr.

William Wright, Jr., affectionately known as "Bill," a resident of White Plains and formerly of Ossining, died October 21. He was 81. He knew that is time on this Earth was ending and his passing was peaceful and where he wanted to be, in familiar surroundings and near people who loved him.

Mr. Wright was born in Chesterfield, South Carolina, on December 4, 1936, the son of Willie Wright Sr. and Lessie Bell Gilchrest Wright. The family, which consisted of Bill, his brother George, and sister, LouAnn, moved to Ossining, New York, when Bill was young. He was educated in the Ossining Public School System and graduated from Ossining High School, Class of 1955. The Wrights also opened their home to four more children whom they adopted, John, Rhonda, Shondell and Dana Wright.

He served his country honorably in the United States Army. A member of Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, he attended Sunday School classes and worship service. Bill was employed for many years at Printrix Factory in Ossining until the company closed. He later became a Correction Officer for the Westchester County Department of Corrections and worked there until he retired. An entrepreneur, he was the owner of two businesses in Ossining, a neighborhood grocery store and part owner of The Soulful

3 Bar and Nightclub. Bill was an avid football fan, especially of the Giants and the Jets.

Mr. Wright was married to Carol Stuckey Wright, who preceded him in death on September 28, 1978. Out of this marriage and preceding him in death was a loving daughter, Kimberly Wright. He was blessed to find and unite with his second wife, Lola Keith Gayden Wright, who preceded him in death on November 27, 2004. Of this union, they had a loving daughter, Mia M. Wright, as well as a loving stepson, Harold Gayden, Jr.

He is survived by a loving daughter, Mia, of Greenburgh, who will always and forever cherish the memories of her adoring father; a loving stepson, Harold Gayden, Jr. (Noelle Marie Gayden and Hayley Giannuzzi); a loving sister, LouAnn Wright Lewis Ingram (Theodore Ingram) of North Carolina; adopted sisters, Rhonda, Shondell and Dana Wright; nieces, Robin Lewis of Erie, PA; Dina Lewis of New York City, Diana Burrell, Carol Wright; nephew George Wright, Jr. (Karen Wright) of Beacon, NY; and several other nieces and nephews. He also leaves with fond memories the many members of the Gilchrest and Wright family, and his many cousins; as well as special friends Earl Nelson, Gretchen Terry, and Michelle Dewar. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Lessie Wright, his brother George Wright; his adopted brother,

John Wright, leaving Nadine Murray and a daughter, Nakia, of Ossining, NY; a nephew, Donovan Lewis; and several other nieces and nephews.

A homegoing service was held on November 2, at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Ossining, with Pastor Shaun Ellison Jones, officiating. Interment followed at Dale Cemetery in Ossining.

Anna Canale

Anna Canale, a resident of Cortlandt, died October 30. She was 84.

She was born in Messina, Sicily on September 29, 1934 to Francesco and Marianna Palmisano. She came to America in 1954. She is survived by her loving children: Diana Auletta (John Held), Janet (John) Nicoletti and Anthony Canale; three cherished grandchildren: Juliana, Gabrielle, and Candace; four sisters: Giordina Noto, Cristina Randazzo, Pina Bernardi, and Pat Owen; and her brother Salvatore Palmisano.

Toby Kress

Toby Venner Kress, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully at home on October 28. She was 83.

She was born at Bushwick Hospital in Brooklyn, NY on November 8, 1934 to William and Bessie Venner. She graduated from Mount Kisco High School in 1951, and

earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of NY Teachers College at New Paltz in 1955 and a Master of Science degree from Syracuse University, School of Education in 1956. She was a teacher for 40 years, ending her career at St. Augustine's School in Ossining. After retiring from teaching, she was an Assistant Principal at St. Augustine's and a substitute teacher in the Ossining School District. She was a Life Member of OVAC and in the first group of paramedics at OVAC. She was involved in Girl Scouts and an active member of Torview Swim Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mel Kress, and her sister, Deena Rogan. She is survived by her son Bill and his wife Nancy, her son Steven and his wife Teresa, her daughter Ellyn and her husband John Wheeler, and her grandchildren Bryan, Scott and his wife Kristin, Charles, Katie and Tom Kress, and Matthew and Lauren Wheeler.

Dennis Burrett

Dennis R.G. Burrett, "The Guv," died October 30, peacefully and comfortably at home in Peekskill. He was 91.

A proud Brit, he was born in London, England on December 24, 1926 to Emily (Berry) and George Burrett. He was pre-

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Helping Spanish-Speaking Parents Advocate for Their Child

By Anna Young

Changing Suburbs Institute (CSI) hosted parents from eight Westchester school districts last Friday at Manhattanville College to collaborate on how to improve the educational opportunities available to diverse student populations.

During CSI's 12th annual Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute, more than 200 parents attended workshops on topics currently impacting students and how to enable parents to effectively advocate for their children's education. Workshop topics included the parent bill of rights, supporting the home language, trauma related to separation and reunion, female empowerment, mindfulness and Internet safety. Participating districts included Bedford, Peekskill, Ossining and White Plains.

With the event conducted entirely in Spanish, organizers and educators in attendance believe the conference offered Hispanic parents the chance to learn how to best navigate their way through the education system.

"Parents are very interested," said Mount Kisco Elementary ESOL teacher Judith Aragon. "They have the same fears as every other person with children on how to help them get through this very complicated life that they have now."

Mariela Adams, regional coordinator



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Martha Lopez, who leads the county's Advocacy and Immigration Affairs, spoke to more than 200 parents who attended the Changing Suburbs Institute's Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute at Manhattanville College last Friday.

with Parent to Parent of New York State, which helps families reduce isolation for children, added that the event gave a voice to parents who are currently struggling with their daily responsibilities.

Her workshop, special care for caring for others, explored concepts of mindfulness and the impact those concepts can have on a parent's daily well-being. The workshop also taught parents practical ways to incorporate those concepts into their family life, Adams said.

"It's so fundamental for the parents to think about themselves and to think a little bit about their wellness, and I think the better they are themselves, in terms of mental health, the better able they'll be to sit down and do all the parenting things," Adams said. "This is a really spe-

cial conference, so we try to be a voice for the parents and listen to them."

Martha Lopez, the head of Advocacy and Immigration Affairs for County Executive George Latimer, was the keynote speaker during the event. Lopez said the conference is critical for immigrant families who are integrating into the community and want to learn the ins and outs of education.

"It is all about empowerment," Lopez said. "So many times we think of immigrants integrating into the community and you don't think about all those aspects of needing to come together to help families."

She praised CSI for instilling parents with the information and guidance to persevere in their community and school

district.

For over a decade, Manhattanville's CSI has led the effort to provide information to Spanish-speaking immigrant parents in their own language to help them become strong advocates for their children's education and community.

Other districts represented last Friday were the Elmsford Union Free School District, Greenburgh Central School District, Port Chester Public School District and City School District of New Rochelle.

"This conference provides our families the opportunity to learn skills they can apply when working with their child," said Ossining Board of Education President Lisa Murray. "It empowers them to become a leader."

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deceased by his sister, Edna Drury and his brother, Michael "Mick." He served in the British armed forces: British Army as Communications; and Her Majesty's Royal Navy, as a cook and baker. On March 19, 1952, he came to the United States. While volunteering on the Peekskill Ambulance Corp., he met his soon-to-be wife of 50 1/2 years. On April 20, 1968, he married Maria Lounsbury at the Church of the Assumption in Peekskill.

He is survived by his wife, Maria, their four children, Daniel (Erika), Diana Baisley (Glen) Martin (Pamela), Judith, three grandchildren, Jessica Baisley, Martin Craig Jr., Christopher Andrew Burrett and many more extended family members.

Mr. Burrett was an iron worker by trade. He was an auxiliary member of the Cortlandt Hook and Ladder in Peekskill. Throughout the years, he was known for his many talents, such as cooking, baking, woodworking, metal-working, playing the harmonica, running, biking, creating something out of nothing, and telling many funny stories. He enjoyed listening to Jazz, Swing music, watching old movies, cowboy pictures and various classic comedy shows. He had a soft spot and a great love for all animals.

John Pompilio

John Joseph Pompilio, a resident of Yorktown, died peacefully October 31. He was 89.

He was born January 24, 1929 in Yonkers. He attended Saunders High School in Yonkers. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War as a Signalman toured and around the world two times. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff in White Plains, while residing and raising his family in Peekskill for many years. He worked part-time as a professional upholsterer. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed the outdoors. He was also a dedicated Yankee and Jets fan.

Mr. Pompilio was a loving and kind husband to both his wives. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years, Lilly Pompilio, also of Yorktown, his daughters AnneMarie Shulman (Richard Shulman), Diana Johnson (James Johnson) both of Putnam Valley, and

his grandchildren Erika Johnson, Jason Shulman, James Johnson Jr., Andrew Shulman and Steven Shulman. His is also survived by his great-grandchildren Gianna, Maverik and Madelyn. He was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Mary Pompilio, brothers Anthony and Robert and sisters Margaret and Fay. He was also predeceased by his beloved first wife of 35 years, Frances Pompilio.

Alexander Zulla

Alexander Zulla, a resident of Montrose, died November 1. He was 82.

He was born in Croton-on-Hudson, on August 27, 1936 to James and Catherine. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1957. On September 20, 1958, he married the love of his life, Cecelia Schlechting. He was a member of the Local 137 Operating Engineers out of Briarcliff Manor and a life member of the Montrose Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Zulla is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Cecelia Zulla and by his loving son Michael Zulla and his wife Lori Ann; also by his loving daughter Laura Zulla Mayer and her husband Robert. He is the grandfather to Michael Taylor Pokriki (Jennifer), Kristine Zulla (Michael Shea), and Stephanie Zulla Conklin (Dillon), and great grandfather to Abigail and Micaela. He is survived by his brother-in-law Albert Schlechting and his wife Kathleen, and by sister-in-law Eileen Schlechting, and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased in death by his brothers August and Ralph Sasso and by his brother-in-law Edwin Schlechting.



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Ossining Senior Receives Rising Scientist Award for Research

Ossining High School senior John Sukumar received a Rising Scientist Award last month from the Child Mind Institute and the City University of New York for his research on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The Child Mind Institute and the CUNY Graduate Center's Advanced Science Research Center recognize students who show exceptional promise in the fields of child and adolescent mental health and/or pediatric neuroscience. John is one of five high school students in the New York metropolitan area to receive the award this year. The honor includes a \$2,000 college scholarship.

The awards were given out at the Child

Mind Institute's "On the Shoulders of Giants" symposium October 18.

"Each recipient of the Rising Scientist Award shows drive, commitment and vision for the future of mental health and neuroscience," said Dr. Harold S. Koplewicz, the Child Mind Institute's co-founder and president.

Sukumar's research was on the ability of some people with ADHD to "hyperfocus" on a topic or activity without getting distracted. It is more common for people with ADHD to have trouble focusing on topics for long periods. Because hyperfocus runs counter to the typical symptoms, it is poorly understood and often underrepresented, he said.



John Sukumar

Sukumar was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder in 10th grade, and he has the ability to hyperfocus. He decided to look into this topic when he began OHS' Science Research Program.

He found that while anecdotally, a sense of urgency and a challenging task are commonly observed factors in inducing hyperfocus, there was no research to back this up. He conducted his own research and recruited volunteers. He used the Stroop Effect Test, in which names of colors are printed in colors that don't match the name – for example, blue could be printed in brown text.

Based on previous research, Sukumar anticipated that the brain would rev up as the test became more challenging, and people who can hyperfocus would perform better than people without the ability.

His results, however, were a little inconsistent and didn't turn out exactly as he had expected. But the scores showed that hyperfocusing strongly correlates with ADHD, he said.

Outside of academics, Sukumar is on the cross-country, winter and spring track teams. "I like being in shape. You're using your whole body," he said. "I find that especially when I'm running, my hyperfocus is automatically there."

Like his older sister, Claire, Sukumar was homeschooled until ninth grade. While the initial transition to OHS was challenging, homeschooling gave him the chance to pursue things he was interested in on his own time.

"I think that's helped me, especially with my research program, be able to think creatively and break through barriers," he said.

Lakeland Student Conducts Global ThinkBIG Challenge

Lakeland High School's Jothi Ramaswamy, the founder and executive director of 501(c)(3) nonprofit ThinkSTEAM, is proud to announce ThinkSTEAM's 2018 Global ThinkBIG Challenge Winners, who were selected from applicants from five different countries. These 8-14 year-old girls are innovating ways to inspire their peers to learn about STEAM:

the combination of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and the Arts.

ThinkSTEAM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to bridge the gender gap in STEAM through various initiatives, including the ThinkBIG Challenge as well as various technology workshops for girls. In the past, ThinkSTEAM

has partnered with Facebook, Google, Amazon, PepsiCo, IBM, Accenture, The Society of Women Engineers and other Institutions to provide STEAM initiatives for girls.

Ramaswamy recently conducted the third annual ThinkBIG Challenge to challenge girls around the world to demonstrate why they like STEAM and why

they think we should bridge the gender gap in STEAM. Girls were challenged to create videos individually or in a team of up to three girls. For the 3rd year, sponsored by Acorda Therapeutics, ThinkSTEAM is awarding iPad Pros to the ThinkBIG Challenge winners and and

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Sloan & Feller Attorneys at Law Mahopac

By David Propper

In the business for years, attorney Alan Feller knows it takes legal smarts and a personable side to help families seeking elder law representation.

A wealth of experience and compassion are the hallmarks of the elder law practice, Sloan and Feller, which has assisted hundreds of families from their office in Mahopac. Run by Feller, the law firm knows what is necessary to help with issues geared toward elder law.

"You really come in, you have a family atmosphere, you're just trying to help people," Feller said.

The firm has been around since 2002 when it was first located in New York City. After about ten years, the decision was made to move the practice up north so Feller could be closer to his home in Brewster where he resides with his family.

Sloan and Feller offers a practice that specializes in elder law, estate planning and business advisement, working with elderly clients and their families everyday. Reliable with plenty of experience, Feller has gained a stellar reputation, even lecturing on elder law issues for senior groups, financial institutions, bar



Sloan & Feller staff from left: Alan Feller, managing partner; Michelle Berman, associate attorney; Berta Geltman, social worker; Ellen Nistico, office administrator.

associations, and health organizations.

Feller first started out in elder law in 1997 when he was still in law school. Growing up, Feller said he was always intrigued by the law and was proud that he was the first attorney in his family.

Feller was originally hired to be an associate in the firm founded by Leslie Sloan, but then she decided to make him managing director so the two could work together. When she decided to retire, he took over the business in 2006.

"When you work for yourself, there are

good things about and there are things that you have to get used to," he said. "You have to be self-motivated, especially it's a profession that rewards, not just patience, long standing like marathon pacing. I like the idea that you can evolve and stay with something for that long."

Feller is the vice president of the Estate Planning Council of Putnam County, a board member and the Technology Chairperson for the Putnam and Dutchess Geriatric Committee and a member of the Putnam County Bar

Association.

Feller enjoys getting to know his clients on a personal level and their families. "Basically you're talking to people about their lives," Feller said. "Things they like to do, things they don't like to do, their family dynamic, I just like talking to people about that stuff as opposed to purely a legal problem and that's it."

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Election 2018

New York Congressional District 17 : *Nita Lowey*

By Pat Casey

Incumbent Democrat, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, has served the local community for 30 years as a strong proponent of Democrat Party values.

She was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988 and served in the Democratic Leadership in 2001 and 2002 as the first woman and the first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She is also the first woman to lead either party on the House Appropriations Committee.

Lowey was appointed to the Select Committee on Homeland Security and has been recognized for her leadership in securing over \$20 billion for recovery efforts after September 11, 2001. Lowey is a strong advocate for women, children, and families. She has been a champion of education throughout her career, fighting for school modernization, teacher

development, and literacy programs. Under Lowey's leadership, federal funding for after-school programs has increased from \$1 million in 1996 to \$1 billion today.

Lowey is one of the Appropriations Committee's leading advocates of increased federal investments in biomedical research on diseases like cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's at the National Institutes of Health.

A strong public safety advocate, Lowey supported the Brady Law and supports reinstating the Assault Weapons Ban. Lowey was named Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) "Legislator of the Year" for her leadership in authoring the nation's "Zero Tolerance" law, which made it illegal for minors to drive after consuming any alcohol, and the national DWI standard of .08 BAC. She is the author of legislation to prevent repeat drunk driving offenses.

Lowey was former Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus and the House Pro-Choice Caucus. She has also been a leader in the fight against domestic violence, securing record increases in federal funding for battered women's shelters.

A longtime champion of human rights and enhancing the role of women in development, Lowey has taken a key role in fighting for democracy, justice, and economic opportunity around the world.

In addition to running as a Democratic candidate, Lowey is running in the 2018 election as a Working Families Party and Women's Equality Party candidate.

Lowey, 81, has no Republican or Conservative Party challenger in the Nov. 6 election, but is being confronted by a little-known newcomer to politics on the Reform Party line.

Her district covers Peekskill, Cortlandt, Ossining and part of Yorktown.



Nita Lowey

Candidate is 'David vs. Goliath' in Race Against Lowey

By Martin Wilbur

For the past 15 years, Joe Ciardullo has been involved in local politics around Rockland County, managing campaigns and being active in the Republican Party. This time he's doing it for himself on a much bigger stage.

The nearly lifelong Clarkstown resident is Rep. Nita Lowey's little-known opponent, appearing on only the Reform Party line, the ultimate underdog against the 30-year Democratic incumbent.

Ciardullo, 49, entered the race after he was notified earlier this year that he would be laid off after 28 years at IBM, where he last worked as infrastructure manager. Once he lost his job at the end of June, it was too late for him to gain entry on the Republican line so he settled for the Reform Party.

"I'm just fed up with a lot of stuff that goes on in Washington, and also frankly, that we have candidates running unopposed," Ciardullo said. "In 2016, Nita Lowey was unopposed. I was adamant about this. I was like how can the (Republican) Party not put up a candidate? Then again, in 2018, nobody's going to be running."

So Ciardullo took on the challenge because he's "got nothing to lose" and that he doesn't have to adhere to litmus tests.

"I'm telling people that I'm not beholden to either major party," he said. "I say right on the front (of my palm card) Washington is broken and it's not broken because of one party, it's broken because of the two parties. They won't



Joe Ciardullo is Rep. Nita Lowey's opponent next week but appears only on the Reform Party line.

work together at all. No matter if one side has an idea that makes sense or not, either side they fight each other."

Ciardullo's campaign pitch is calling himself "an average Joe," and pocketbook issues are front and center. He said he would fight for more federal funding for public school districts in the region, by far the largest portion of residents' tax bills.

As a career IBM employee, Ciardullo stressed the need for the use of updated

technology to reform education programs. Each student should also be outfitted with a tablet or laptop.

Ciardullo is a proponent of emphasizing traditional trades for those students who by high school may show an interest in them or may not be as academically inclined as some of their peers. Electricians, auto repair workers and plumbers make a good living for and more students should be encouraged to join those fields, he said.

He said he understood why President Donald Trump and lawmakers from around the country signed onto the tax reform package that hurts high-tax states like New York. More representatives, including some Republicans, should have supported the legislation, because then they would have had a more willing negotiating partner to raise the limit on state and local tax deductions or scrap it altogether, Ciardullo said.

"I do see why the federal government went that route because why are (they) subsidizing those states that have exponentially high taxes," said Ciardullo, who would advocate for a higher ceiling on the SALT deduction.

To address the country's expanding deficit, Ciardullo said there are billions of dollars in fraud and waste built into the system, the most likely target being Medicaid and Medicare. He said he would attack the abuses in those areas first, more of which can be identified with technology upgrades.

He would scrap the Affordable Care Act, instead favoring Healthcare Savings

Accounts. For those with pre-existing conditions, they would be entered into the large federal government insurance pool.

"Why are we insuring someone with a pre-existing condition as opposed to helping them?" Ciardullo asked.

He would create incentives for more people to attend medical school by having the federal government pay for their schooling in exchange for service to a clinic or medical organization.

Ciardullo opposes cuts to Social Security, what he called a promise to today's workers. He would explore raising the retirement age for younger workers and increasing the threshold for high earners who stop paying into the program at a certain point of the year. Currently, the maximum amount of taxable earnings is \$128,400.

He favors stronger borders and would support President Trump's funding for a wall separating the country's border with Mexico. He would also hire more personnel to process applications for citizenship and asylum.

"I'm all for legal immigration," said Ciardullo, who did not provide numbers for recommended annual immigration and refugee acceptance levels. "I think we need to speed up that process when people come to this country."

Ciardullo backs some form of public financing of campaigns to even the playing field, term limits and nonpartisan elections.

"I'm like the David versus Goliath here," he said.

YSBA Welcomes Newest Member in the Family of Local Small Businesses MMC Video Productions

The Yorktown Small Business Association has announced the addition of another locally owned and operated business, MMC Productions, to its growing list of members. Michael McCurry, founder, has been in the field for more than 30 years and after seeing the trends resulting from continually improving communication technology, has moved his post-production facility from Manhattan to Yorktown Heights.

"Moving up here saves me about three hours a day in my commute and I can use that time to spend with my family while keeping all the production capabilities I had in the city," he said. "Plus, I can bring the artists I have worked with from the city here to Yorktown. They'll need to put gas in their cars, they'll need to buy lunches and every dollar they spend here helps our local businesses. There is also now the opportunity to work with other local companies. For the last decade or so, working in corporate communica-

tions, we've produced massive shows and small venue shows and the challenges are often the same. How to get the most money on the screen in the end. We want to wow the audience while delivering the right message. Sometimes it's a big fancy video, sometimes it's simply telling a day in the life story. The key is understanding the audience and what you want to communicate."

Bridget Gibbons, Westchester Counties, Director of Economic Development, said, "There are 31,733 businesses in Westchester County and 25,411 (80%) have one to nine employees. We need to insure our small businesses are equipped to compete, which will enhance their chances of succeeding. This will contribute to Westchester's continued economic vitality and growth."

Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert is encouraging the development of new businesses with an eye on growing Yorktown's economy.



(L-R: Town Clerk Diana Quast, Director of Economic Development Bridget Gibbons, President Bob Giordano, MMC Founder Michael McCurry, Supervisor Lanny Gilbert, Legislator Michael Kaplowitz)

Local Musicians Partner to Find Greater Meaning in Their Work

By Martin Wilbur

Anthony Rispo and Sasha Ono are both classically trained musicians but, in many ways, they are kindred spirits.

Rispo, an organist, and Ono, a cellist and music teacher, met nine years ago when they were enrolled at the renowned Cleveland Institute of Music. Yet they have both found the classical music world to be restrictive.

To expand their musical experiences, they have experimented: Rispo as a singer/songwriter and keyboardist while Ono, the daughter of a jazz trumpeter and niece of a classical Indian percussionist, has delved into pop arrangements.

This Wednesday evening the two friends will collaborate on a concert at The Winery at St. George in Mohegan Lake they have called Living. Breathing. Being, a program of original songs and instrumental works by contemporary composers that will highlight their eclectic musical tastes.

"The Nov. 7 event, it's a concert about being together and about showing how two or several different musicians who want to share what they have to offer," said Rispo, a Mahopac resident who has been music director at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville since 2015. "It's an opportunity for Sasha and I to talk about projects that are out there."

The evening will also feature Rispo's cousin, Pina, who he has worked with previously, about 15 musicians and compositions by Rispo and Kaitlyn Raitz.

When Rispo, 28, initially booked the venue, the evening was supposed to



Cellist Sasha Ono, a Horace Greeley High School graduate, and organist Anthony Rispo, the music director at Pleasantville's Emanuel Lutheran Church, will collaborate on a special concert in Mohegan Lake this week.

promote Stories to Songs, an effort he started to put other people's ruminations about their lives to music. He takes their poems or writings and seeks to find the right musical mood and genre.

Stories to Songs is not a songwriting service, Rispo said, but can be a way to help others overcome rough stretches in their lives. Two of his Stories compositions will be featured in Wednesday's performances.

Rispo said he doesn't try to play anyone's therapist but he hopes to put a bit of joy into other people's lives.

"How am I going to effectively tell somebody else's story?" he asked rhetorically. "The one thing that helped me get away from that negative feeling is that I'm not. They're telling their story, I'm capturing it."

Songwriting and storytelling have provided Rispo with his own therapeutic outlet from the anxiety that had contributed to the deterioration of his mental health after he returned home from Cleveland. Since leaving school, he looked to chart his own path in the music industry, studying privately

Rispo has worked as a church organist in various congregations in the city before landing the Emanuel Lutheran job.

Meanwhile, Ono, a Horace Greeley High School graduate, recently launched Lotus Chamber Music Collective, an initiative she started to connect her fellow musicians and the public with the beauty of classical music in untraditional venues. While she has performed professionally at Avery Fischer Hall, Ono said she enjoys traveling with fellow string players to bars, cafes, schools and churches where they can play in relaxed settings and often have talk-backs with the audience.

That's part of the reason why she jumped at the chance to collaborate with Rispo at The Winery at St. George, a more than century-old church on Route 6 that was renovated into a restaurant and lounge several years ago.

"We've always had good vibes working between the two of us," said Ono, who transferred to the SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music, where she graduated. "Since the first time we met roughly nine years ago, we've supported each other through times of joy, through times of despair. We both agree that the aim of music is to connect with people and to uplift people. For us, we both had the experience in dealing with all the barriers that classical music represents."

Dinner is at 6 p.m. with music beginning at 8 p.m. For tickets and more information about the performance, visit www.thewineryatstgeorge.com.

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Tuesday, Nov. 6

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

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

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.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

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.

Thursday, Nov. 8

New York -Presbyterian Events: Several events have been scheduled for New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt, in the coming days. Lightened up Greek Cooking will be held on Nov. 8 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Breastfeeding Support Group will meet on Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 914-734-3257 to register. Physician in the Kitchen: Freezer Ready Meals for Better Health will be held on Nov. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 914-734-3780 or email hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org to register. Carb-Controlled Cooking for the Holiday will be held on Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 914-734-3780 or email hvhteachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Farmers Market will be held on Nov. 13 and 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info: 914-734-3797.

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.

Somers Library Programs: The following programs have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. How to Pay for College Without Going Broke! will be held on Nov. 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Thursday, November 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717. Create Beaded Earrings will be held on Nov. 10 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. This free program is intended for adults, teens & tweens entering fifth grade & up. Since this workshop benefits a women's shelter, it could be considered for community service hours. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

REBS Talks: REB Talks: Jewish Ideas worth Sharing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. Each evening will begin with a brief screening of a speaker who discusses an important and engaging topic. We then will spend our time discussing the ideas and the challenges this presenter raises. All are welcome to attend and all are encouraged to listen, learn and grow. Info: 914-962-7500 or rabbiiw@optonline.net.

Friday, Nov. 9

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.

David Rocco Author Visit: Meet author David Rocco and learn about his book, "The Indestructible Man: The True Story of World War II Hero 'Captain Dixie'" at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library, 121 N. Broadway, Tarrytown. Along with award-winning author Don Keith, Roc-

co tells the full story of this pioneering hero who inspired not only the men with whom he served but an entire nation at war. Info: 914-631-7734.

Free Performance: Enjoy a fun hour-plus of live entertainment at 2 p.m. with "Four on the Floor," a funny and touching collection of four short plays that look at life's twists and turns by four award-winning local writers at the Croton Free Library. Info: 914-232-5717.

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. A Shabbat for Tots will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com.

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 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 yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Amy Winehouse Tributes: Mitch Winehouse, father of late cult singing sensation Amy Winehouse, will perform with a jazz septet at The Winery at St. George Restaurant & Lounge in Mohegan Lake on Nov. 9, at 8:30 p.m. A veteran performer in his own right, Winehouse has recorded two albums of jazz,

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big band and swing music. On Nov. 10 at 8:30 p.m., The Winery will present a 90-minute tribute show, "Amy Winehouse-Back from Black," with Mitch Winehouse in attendance as guest of honor. The Winery at St. George Restaurant & Lounge is located at 1715 E. Main St. (Route 6), Mohegan Lake. For more information: visit thewineryatstgeorge.com, e-mail wine@thewineryatstgeorge.com or call 914-455-4272. For more information on the Amy Winehouse Foundation visit amywinehousefoundation.org.

Saturday, Nov. 10

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.

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

Holiday Craft Fair: The St. Columbanus Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall, 122 Oregon Rd., Cortlandt. There will be 40 vendors featuring handmade items. There will also be a craft raffle, a "kids' corner," and home baked goods. Admission and parking are free. Details: Kathy @ 845-528-0454

Holiday Fair: You are likely to find useful holiday treasures at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Route 6 in Mohegan Lake, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items available for sale include indoor and outdoor Thanksgiving and Christmas decorative items, as well as costume jewelry, children's toys/games, and other items that might be suitable for re-gifting. Homemade baked goods and lunch will also be available for sale and a 50-50 raffle will be held. For more information, please call St. Mary's at 914-528-3972.

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.

What Now: What Now? A performance event featuring such art forms as poetry, music and dance, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Westchester Community College, 27 N. Division Street, Peekskill. Info: carlarae.johnson21@gmail.com.

Sunday, Nov. 11

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. 12

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

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. 14

Veatch Fund Event: A fund-raiser for the Justin Veatch Scholarship Fund Musical Scholarships will be held from 6 to the 8 p.m. at the Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm, 1335 White Hill Rd., Yorktown. The program will feature music and refreshments. RSVP to Bob Giordano at 914-874-4347 or yorktownsba@optonline.net.

Pajama Program to Host Westchester Pajama/Book Drive Locally

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with a child creates loving memories, enhances creativity and imagination, and provides a sense of safety and security. After all, love is the best light to read in. Pajama Program was founded in 2001 and has delivered 6 million good nights for good days to children affected by instability. pajamaprogram.org

This year's participating schools and organizations.

Monday, November 5

- 10:45-11:15 a.m. - Temple Beth-El Nursery (220 S. Bedford Road, Chappaqua)

Thursday, November 8

- 9-9:30 a.m. - Yonkers Montessori School (160 Woodlawn Avenue, Yonkers) with Yonkers Chamber of Commerce

- 10-10:30 a.m. - Springhurst School (175 Walgrove Avenue, Dobbs Ferry)

- 0:45-11:15 a.m. - Dobbs Ferry Middle School (505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry)
- 11:30 a.m.-12 - Dobbs Ferry High School (505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry)
- 1 p.m. - Carrie Tompkins (8 Gerstein Street, Croton on Hudson)

Friday, November 9

- 9-10 a.m. - Pep Rally at The Ursuline School (1354 North Avenue, New Rochelle)
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. - Colonial School (315 Highbrook Avenue, Pelham)
- 11-11:30 a.m. - Siwanoy School (489 Siwanoy Place, Pelham)
- 11:40-11:50 a.m. - Pelham Middle School (28 Franklin Place, Pelham)
- 1-1:30 p.m. - Prospect Hill School (1000 Washington Avenue, Pelham)
- 2:00-2:15 - The Westchester Bank (12 Water Street, White Plains)

For more information on Pajama Program, please visit: www.pajamaprogram.org.

Lakeland Student Conducts Global ThinkBIG Challenge

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iPad Minis to the ThinkBIG Challenge runner-ups.

"ThinkSTEAM aims to empower, enable, and encourage girls to excel in STEAM. Through the ThinkBIG Challenge, we strive to encourage girls to motivate their own friends to learn about science and technology as well," said Ramaswamy. "Seeing these girls already motivated at such a young age to even the gender ratio in STEAM is absolutely incredible. These girls are amazing role models to their peers and I have no doubt that they will revolutionize STEAM fields in the future"

The 2018 ThinkBIG Challenge Awardees include: Mehr Grewal (USA, Jun-

ior Division Winner), STEAM Queens -- Arushi Singh, Ananya Nair, Samiya Vijay (USA, Senior Division Winner), Solution Squad -- Anvi Shelke, Farheen Farookh (USA, Junior Division Runner-Up), Sarah Blake (USA, Senior Division Runner-Up), OLYSTEAM (USA, Junior Division 3rd Place), Clarissa Furtado (USA, Senior Division 3rd Place), Art Galaxies (Nigeria, Distinguished Finalist), DNAAwesome (USA, Distinguished Finalist), Diya Aravinathan (Belgium, Distinguished Finalist).

Check out their videos at <http://www.thinksteam4girls.org/tbc-results-2018/>

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Comedian/Actor Robert Klein to Perform in Croton Falls

Westchester's Schoolhouse Theater will host renowned actor and comedian Robert Klein for a special one-time-only comedy performance on Saturday, November 10 at 8 p.m. at its Croton Falls main stage. Following the performance there will be a wine and cheese reception for Klein in the Gallery at the Schoolhouse.

"We are thrilled that Robert Klein is bringing his tremendous talents to The Schoolhouse stage," said the theater's Artistic Director Bram Lewis. "We have wanted to have him headline here for years. We are so looking forward to awarding Mr. Klein his special 'SCHOOLHOUSE' diploma at the reception that follows. Our audiences always enjoy the opportunity to mingle and converse with the artists - especially the comedians. It is going to be a fantastic evening and we expect it to be extremely popular."

Klein, a lifelong New Yorker and resident of Westchester and New York City, has earned two Grammy Awards, an Obie Award and the Los Angeles Drama



Robert Klein

Critics Circle Award. He also is a two-time Emmy nominee and a Tony Award nominee. Klein was the first comedian ever to appear in a live performance

on HBO. He went on to do nine one-man shows for HBO and received his first Emmy nomination for Outstanding Music and Lyrics in 2001 for Robert Klein: "Child in His 50's." Klein later released "Robert Klein: The HBO Specials 1975-2005," a collector's DVD box set, to critical acclaim. He is one of the most popular and enduring comedians in America.

Klein's long-awaited solo performance will be on The Schoolhouse Theater's main stage at 3 Owens Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Individual tickets are \$100 (general admission). All tickets are available via the box office: (914) 277 8477 or online at LoHud Comedy (http://www.lohudcomedy.com/?utm_campaign=06440090-4d3d-4e71-8f24-98ad7460fe22&utm_source=so) or at <https://www.schoolhousetheater.org/>. The Schoolhouse also is producing a full season of theater; tickets for the entire upcoming four-play season are available for \$120.

About The Schoolhouse Theater: Since 1986, the Schoolhouse Theater

has been a place for writers and composers to develop their work on all levels: from staged readings to workshops to full productions. The Schoolhouse has produced more than 120 plays over the past 32 years. Since 2015, under the leadership of Artistic Director Bram Lewis, The Schoolhouse has expanded its offerings to the greater Westchester County community and beyond by presenting seven world premieres of new theatrical pieces along with other types of performance art. The Schoolhouse creates space, and develops audiences, for musical events, comedy, dance, and theatric and literary workshops, many of which have moved on to New York's off-Broadway venues and regional theaters around the country. The Schoolhouse Theater also houses an art gallery featuring art installations by thriving visual artists. As Westchester County's oldest and longest continually operating Actor's Equity professional theater and art gallery, The Schoolhouse strives to be an epicenter for the arts today and tomorrow.

Sing Sing Swing Cruise to Benefit Museum Set to Sail

For jazz music lovers and the best in swing dancing, the place to be on Sunday, Nov. 18 is the Sing Sing Swing Up-the-River Cruise from Yonkers to Ossining and back.

A benefit for the Sing Sing Prison Museum, this Hudson cruise experience will provide great scenery, great music, great dancing and great food and drink that can't be matched anywhere else.

Famed big band Vince Giordano & the Nighthawks will perform swing dance music from the Jazz Age in which Sing Sing was made famous by Hollywood movies. The Nighthawks are renowned for bringing back the authentic music of the 1920s, '30s, and '40s when jazz greats Cole Porter, Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong and many others created a truly American songbook. Giordano, whose passion for music started in elementary school, was recently awarded the New York Hot Jazz Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Nighthawks will be joined by vocalist Veronica Swift, who has gained recognition as one of the top young jazz singers in the country. Three years ago, she finished second in the prestigious Thelonious Monk Jazz Competition. In 2016, she was asked to perform a concert of her own at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center in New York City and



Vocalist Veronica Swift will be featured along with Vince Giordano & the Nighthawks in the Nov. 18 cruise to raise money for the Sing Sing Prison Museum.

was a guest artist with Michael Feinstein at Jazz at Lincoln Center with the Tedd Firth Big Band and Marilyn Maye and Freda Payne.

Swift's first appearance at Jazz at Lin-

coln Center was at age 11 when she performed at the Women in Jazz series at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola.

The Sing Sing cruise will board at the Yonkers City Pier at 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. departure. The cruise will travel north, allowing guests to view Sing Sing from the water and to hear about plans for the museum. The return trip to Yonkers will dock at 5 p.m.

Yonkers City Pier is located at 71 Water Grant St., within easy walking distance of the Yonkers train station, Parking near the pier can be found at the Buena Vista parking garage or at nearby commuter lots.


Event sponsors include Friends of the Sing Sing Prison Museum, Historic Hudson River Towns, The Valley Table,

M&T Bank and Hornblower Cruises & Events, which is contributing the boat transportation for the event.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Sing Sing Prison Museum that is currently under development. The museum, expected to attract visitors from around the world, will tell stories of punishment and reform over the prison's 200-year history and provide a forum for discussion of contemporary criminal justice issues.

Tickets are \$175 and may be purchased by visiting www.singsingprisonmuseum.org. More information is available by calling 914-552-7743 or emailing info@singsingprisonmuseum.org.

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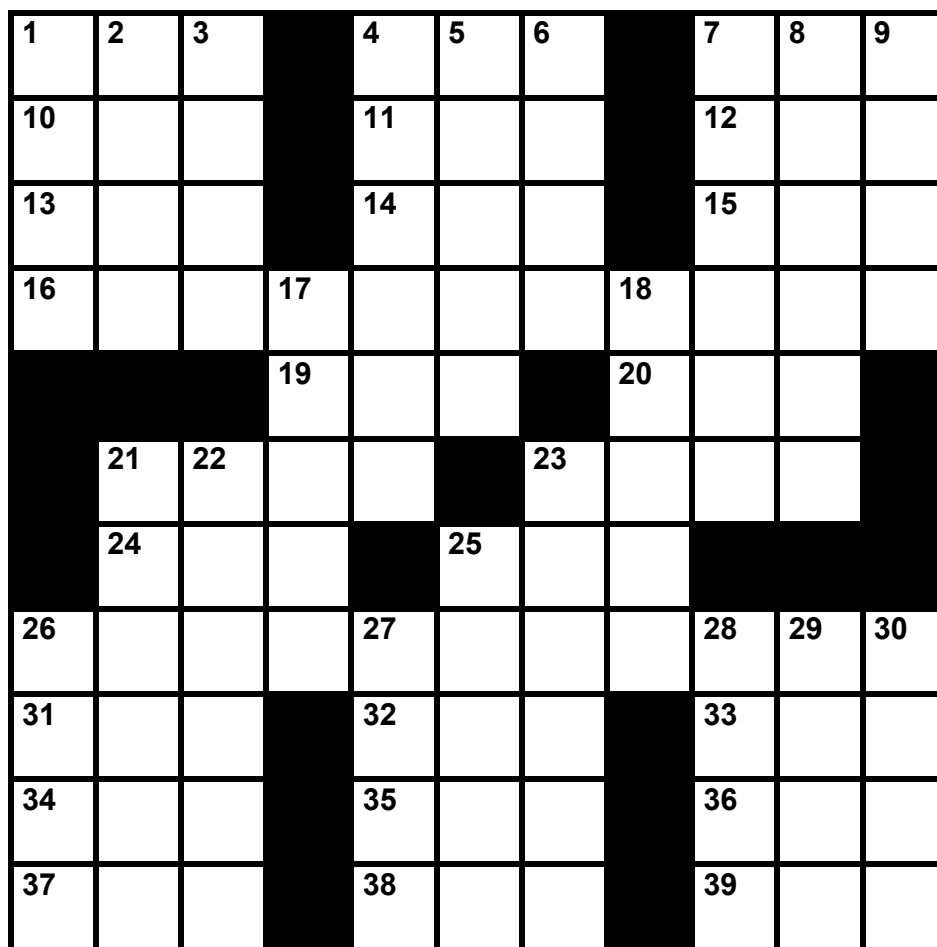
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Police Blotter

State Police

October 26 - New York State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Kevin Singleton, 32, of Putnam Valley, for Vehicular Assault in the 2nd degree, a class E felony, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd degree, three counts of Assault in the 3rd degree, all class A misdemeanors, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor.

Troopers were dispatched to Croton Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt at approximately 7:05 p.m. for a two-car motor vehicle collision with injuries. Investigation determined Singleton was traveling south on Croton Avenue, and entered the northbound lane with his 2013 Ford F150. Singleton struck a northbound 2017 Honda Civic occupied by three people causing injuries to each, one victim suffered serious injuries.

Singleton was found to be under the

influence of alcoholic beverages, and further investigation determined his blood alcohol content was three times the legal limit. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to Town of Cortlandt Court.

Yorktown Police

November 4 - 1:56 a.m. - Benny Morello, 45, of Yorktown, was charged with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident following a three-car crash on Route 35 between Broad Street and Evergreen Street. He was released on \$100 cash bail.

November 3 - 4:18 a.m. - Errol Fernandes, 28, of Yorktown, was charged with driving while intoxicated after being pulled over on Underhill Avenue for driving with no headlights. Further investigation revealed Fernandes had a previous DWI conviction in the last 10 years. He was released on \$250 cash bail.

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Blank Walls Turned into Galleries

When I first moved to New York City a half century ago, I brought with me only my clothes, a record player and a large painting I had been given by a close friend, an artist whom I met while in college. The painting was of a forlorn looking clown, painted in various shades of blue only. It was the only piece of wall art I had in my first apartment.

But then I started collecting pieces of antique furniture and, to me, I felt that this modern painting just didn't blend into the décor (this was before I learned something about eclecticism), so I gave it to a friend who had admired it and I started collecting old paintings from the 19th century that I thought would be more suitable with period furniture pieces. The ironic thing is, just recently, I looked up the artist who had painted the clown and, during the intervening years since my college days, I found that he had become quite a prominent artist and that his paintings were selling in the tens of thousands. Oh, well. It certainly isn't the first time I've made a bad decision about what I should hold on to and

what I should let go.

Just last week, I read an article in The New York Times entitled "Home Is Where the Art Surrounds You," and I must admit, that has become my living experience. Soon after moving to the city, I was greatly influenced toward collecting paintings and other wall art after I had visited the home of a wealthy client whose walls were covered from ceiling to floor with paintings and prints, a varied and colorful feast for the eyes. To that point, I had regarded wall art as something to be hung only at eye-level and not necessarily in concert with other works of art.

My first art purchase after letting go of the clown, was of a 19th century English woman doing a sketch. I thought that I had gotten a real deal, paying a price of only \$35. When I shared the details of that purchase with a good friend, his eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, "You paid that for that painting?" I responded, "Yes, didn't I get a real deal?" "No! he answered, I think you got rooked!" Undeterred by his opinion, I continued to



By Bill
Primavera



collect paintings I liked whenever I could afford them. And, today, my walls do indeed look like an art gallery. When I look at a particular painting, it is more to me than simply experiencing its content. I remember where I found the painting and how I responded to it then, and in all the years following.

Having aspired long ago to surround myself with wall art that would transform my living space beyond its function as just a place in which to reside, I collected and displayed art until there was

no wall space left. Today I am pleased to report that my efforts have resulted in a home living experience that is greatly enhanced by beauty no matter where within my four walls I look.

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Exploring the Main Wine Regions and Grapes of Spain

The week before last, I presented a primer on Spanish wines. This week and in future columns, I'll be focusing more specifically on select wine-growing regions and grape varieties. I'll take you on a virtual tour of the diversity of Spain, from its unique geography and climate to its multi-ethnic influences to its fierce local pride for cuisine and wines.

In order to better understand the how and why of matching grape varieties and locales as you expand your knowledge and appreciation for Spanish wines, let's first travel through the major regions of Spain.

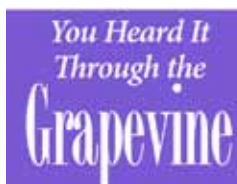
Generally speaking, the wine regions of Spain may be segregated into three broad geographic areas – south, central and north.

Visualize a map of Spain: surrounded by water on 60% of its perimeter – the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Mediterranean Sea to the east and south and the Bay of Biscay to the north; connected to mainland Europe by the Pyrenees to the north; bordered by Portugal and a mountain range to the west; a mere nine miles from Morocco and mainland Afri-

ca via the Strait of Gibraltar to the south. These all make for diversified climates and growing conditions and therefore have an overwhelming influence on winemaking.



By Nick Antonaccio



Beginning in the south, our virtual tour takes us through desert-like terrain with extended periods of drought and heat - overall, not conducive to fine wine production. However, the Spaniards have adapted to nature by planting the Palomino and Pedro Jimenez grape varieties near the port city of Jerez. These varieties thrive on stress and yield a high-sugar wine that is unctuous and sweet. Aided by a helping hand of alcohol for fortification, the wine is transformed into Sherry,

a remarkable wine despite its image as Granny's preferred aperitif.

In the central region, the climate and soil change, but not much. Being further north of the equator, the microclimate is more conducive to grape crops, but drought is a constant threat. In the mid-section of this region lies the fabled La Mancha, with its Quixotic windmills. The majority of this wine is consumed locally; it is a mild white wine called Arien

with little distinguishing characteristics. The eastern reaches of the central region, due to its coastline along the Mediterranean Sea, produces wines that have become more popular for export, as they are thick skinned and fruit forward. The moisture and cooling breezes favor appellations such as Priorato, Jumilla and Penedès; the principal grape varieties are Garnacha, Monastrell and Macabeo, respectively.

The most highly regarded wines are produced in the North. On our virtual tour, we notice that the temperatures are more moderate due to the mountainous terrain; the growing season is therefore longer. Grapes are able to mature at a steadier pace, which aids in building ideal concentrations of sugar and acid. The appellations in the northwest corner of this region are known as Green Spain, due to the effects of the Atlantic Ocean – cool, wet and lush vegetation – which impart an Ireland-like green hue to the countryside. The principal appellations in the north include Rioja, Navarra, Ribera del Duero, Rueda and Rias Baixas. The principal grapes are Tempranillo, Garnacha, Albarino and Verdejo.

Next week, I'll begin to focus on the distinctive grapes and wines produced in each region. These grape varieties are intimately interwoven with geography and

climate. Select varieties are grown that are naturally compatible with local terroir while, alternatively, other varieties have been hybridized to adapt to locale-specific growing conditions.

Hasta la próxima vez, estar bien y ser alegre. (Until next time, be well and be cheerful.)

Last minute idea for this Friday, November 9: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It begins at 7:00 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville. For tickets (\$75) contact Barbara Coleman at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org or 914.741.0740. Cash tickets will be available at the door.

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