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Opening of Peekskill Central Firehouse Celebrated

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held December 19 to celebrate the opening of Peekskill's new Central Firehouse, a \$12 million project that spanned four administrations and two decades of planning.

'The city has achieved what many people talk about, but few ever accomplish," said City Manager Richard Leins. "A lot has gone into this building."

The 30,300-square-foot, two-story Central Firehouse, located at the corner of Broad and Main streets, across from Walgreens, consolidates five existing fire facilities in the city, enabling the 25 career firefighters and more than 100 volunteers to respond to an emergency

within approximately two minutes.

"This is 20 years in the making," said Fire Chief Vincent Malaspina. "What you are seeing in this gigantic building there's no words you can put down on paper. Our new fire protection facility is designed to serve the community and our firefighters."

The state-of-the-art Central Firehouse, funded by a city bond, includes six bays for fire trucks, a kitchen, locker room, sleeping quarters, training stations and a public meeting room. The lobby features a Fire Museum that highlights years of service to the city. The City Fire Department was founded in 1813.

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PHOTO BY BILL POWERS

Fire Chief Vincent Malaspina and Mayor Andre Rainey led ribbon-cutting ceremony in a sea of dignitaries and community members.

Peekskill, Yorktown to Celebrate New Year with Ball Drops

Bv Rick Pezzullo

Ready to say goodbye to 2018 and hello to the new year, but tired of sitting at home waiting for Ryan Seacrest or Steve Harvey to do the countdown from Times Square?

Well, local residents in Peekskill and Yorktown can once again ring in 2019 in their own backyards---in their respective downtown business districts.

For the fifth consecutive year, Peekskill is inviting all city dwellers to the intersection of Division and Park streets, starting at 10 p.m., for a free community celebration to usher in

The festivities will kick off with music from Larger Than Life: The Ultimate Boyband Tribute and fireworks will light up the skies at the stroke of midnight. Many restaurants and bars in walking distance will be open.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Yorktown, the fourth annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop, hosted by the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, will kick off at 10 p.m. at the intersection of Veterans Road and Commerce Street.

Running to 12:30 a.m., the event will also include musical entertainment, fire pits to stay warm and fireworks at midnight.

Yorktown's ball drop sponsors are: Yorktown 7-Eleven, Furci's Restaurant, The Pub, Yorktown Grille, Yorktown Funeral Home, Breslin Realty, DAS Auto Parts, Albert Chapman Insurance, Marshall Alarm Systems, Genesis Jewelers and Wild Fusion.



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A Visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus spread some holiday cheer last week during a visit to Once Upon A Time Preschool & Daycare in Putnam Valley where they sang Christmas songs and listened to the wishes of children

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Fluoride to Return to Town of Yorktown's Water Supply

Bv Rick Pezzullo

The Town of Yorktown will soon have fluoride again in its water supply, ending a five-year drought and years of debate.

At its December 18 meeting, the Town Board approved a resolution to finish the fluoridation project at the plant in Cortlandt. The resolution authorizes the utilization of \$901,000 from a New York State Department of Health grant and some reserve funds.

The re-fluoridation of Yorktown's water supply has been an issue since the town lost their fluoride in 2013 due to aging fluoridation equipment that has to be replaced.

The American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Institute of Medicine and many other respected health and medical organizations have endorsed the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation. Decades of evidence show conclusively that water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by 20 to 40 percent for all age groups.

At a January 22, 2013 board meeting, after nearly two hours of testimonials from local dentists and residents, the Yorktown Town Board voted 3 to 1 to make the necessary repairs at its facilities and continue the practice of fluoridating its water, but the repairs were never done.

In attendance that evening was Sherlita Amler, M.D., the Commissioner of Health for Westchester County, who spoke in favor of fluoride saying, "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that fluoridation is one of the 10 most important public health achievements of the 20th century. So that tells you where the Centers for Disease Control place their faith in this, we've been drinking fluoridated water in this country for about 65 years. So, it has a long track record of safety."

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert advised Dr. Carl Tegtmeier, who is the Ninth District Dental Association representative in advocating for the repairs, that he would address the issue and try to return fluoride to the Town of Yorktown's public water supply if the upfront money could be found. The Ninth District Dental Association sent an email to Gilbert on December 17, 2018 requesting a meeting to include Commissioner Amler, Dean of Touro School of Dental Medicine Ron Myers, D.D.S. and Ninth representatives to discuss how to finally complete the re-fluoridation of the town's water after six years. By the next evening the financial details had been worked out and the board passed the resolution unanimously.

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Is Your Biological Clock Ticking?

The Trend toward Later Motherhood...

Ask the Doctor

Dr. Navid Mootabar Chief, Obstetrics & Gynecology Northern Westchester Hospital

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Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of firsttime mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became - virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

Opening of Peekskill Central Firehouse Celebrated

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Firefighters in Peekskill cover 4.3 square miles and respond to about 4,500 calls annually. Ironically, at the start of the ceremony, a call for help came in.

"This is a moment I hope we never forget," said Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey. 'The grand opening of the Central Firehouse is finally here. This is Peekskill's newest baby. This is Peekskill's biggest baby. This baby did not happen overnight. This building is not just a firehouse. It's a gift that represents an opportunity for unity."

Former mayors John Testa (a current county legislator), Mary Foster and Frank Catalina were all in attendance at the ceremony, as were more than 100 community members and business leaders.

"It's a beautiful structure. The most important thing is we give our firefighters the equipment and housing they need," Testa said. "Godspeed with the new building."

The building was designed with both modern and historical aesthetics by Robert Mitchell of Mitchell Associates Architects. Calgi Construction Services provided construction oversight for the nearly two-year process. The contractor team included Rok-Built Construction, Inc. of Yorktown, ABM Air Condition-





ing and Heating, Inc. of Hawthorne, S&L Plumbing and Heating Corp. of Brewster, Rockland Electric of Nanuet and SRI Fire Sprinkler LLC of Highland.

Peekskill will utilize two of the former firehouses for city purposes. Two others, on Broad Street and North Division Street, are currently being marketed. The fifth fire station the city had rented.

> Front of new \$12 million Peekskill Central Firehouse.

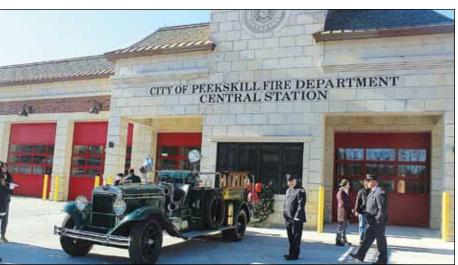


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Somers Town Board Considers Legislation on Bamboo

By Neal Rentz

The Somers Town Board is considering legislation to regulate bamboo on residential properties.

At the December 13 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Rick Morrissey said many properties both in town and the state are having difficulties with the invasiveness of bamboo from neighboring properties.

Councilman Thomas Garrity said if a person is living next to someone with bamboo and the roots grow horizontally it could have a negative impact on their land.

The legislation would ban the growing of new bamboo. Bamboo already on a property prior to the passage of the legislation would be allowed to stay if it does not encroach on another property. If bamboo grows on to another property, the violating property owner would be notified by the town to remove the bamboo from the neighboring property. If the bamboo is not removed, the town would remove the bamboo or make arrangements to remove it, according to the legislation.

Susan Drive resident Maureen Devine said she owns bamboo and did not object to having the town regulate bamboo. But she said the town cannot be "copying word for word" legislation that had been approved by the Village of Saltaire on Fire Island, which was recommended by the

Planning Board. That village's code cannot apply to "a town of 22,000 inhabitants" and is different from Saltaire, she said.

Instead, Devine suggested the town should base its legislation on the law adopted by the Town of Patterson, which she said "is understandable."

Devine said her bamboo has appeared to die at lase three times, but grew back. "I had no control," she said. Once bamboo is cut after two years will not move if it is regularly cut, she said.

The legislation being considered by the Town Board requires 60 days' notice to the town that there is bamboo on a property, Devine said. Failure to do so would result in expensive daily fines of \$250, she said.

Another resident, Carey Gross, said her neighbor's bamboo grows every spring. "It's really, really hardy" in June, she said. "It just keeps coming." Gross said she does not want bamboo from her neighbor's property growing on her land and moving on to another neighbor's property.

"It shouldn't be my responsibility," Gross said. "There is no control."

Bamboo can hit a propane line or a drain and a danger to her property, Gross said.

Gross said there should be a legal obligation to keep bamboo from growing on

to another person's property, adding she initially proposed the legislation to the Town Board.

Morrissey said in light of Devine's comments, the Town Board will agree to look at Patterson's law. The board adjourned the public hearing and will revise the legislations and refer it back to the Planning

Board for its comments, he said.

A date for when the public hearing would reopen was not set at last week's meeting, "We'll get it done before the spring," Morrissey said.

The Town Board declared itself as the lead agency for the environmental review of the legislation.



RICK PEZZULLO PHOT

Billboards Coming Down

Billboards in the Town of Cortlandt will soon be a thing of the past as billboard owners have started to comply with a 10-year-old directive from town officials to remove the large advertising structures, such as the one shown on Route 202.





Somers Man Jailed for Defrauding Investors Over \$800,000

Douglas E. Castle, 64, owner of Global Edge Technologies Group LLC, a financial consulting firm located in Somers, was sentenced last week to 50 months in prison for defrauding certain investors out of over \$800,000.

Castle pled guilty to one count of wire fraud on July 26, 2018. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge Kenneth M. Karas.

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Geoffrey S. Berman said, "Douglas E. Castle took money from investors under false pretenses, lied to the FBI, and then lied to victims by telling them he was working with the FBI. Now he has been sentenced to more than four years in prison for his litany of lies."

According to the complaint, information, and other documents filed in the case, as well as statements made during court proceedings, on June 25, 2003, Castle was sentenced in federal court to 34 months in prison and three years of supervised release for his conviction on an investment fraud scheme that caused investor losses of over \$1.2 million. Approximately five years after completing supervised release on that offense, Castle perpetrated the investment fraud scheme for which he was sentenced yesterday.

From about 2014 through 2017, Castle

defrauded at least three victims of more than \$800,000, including by encouraging an aging widow prematurely to withdraw funds from her tax-advantaged retirement savings account to invest with Castle. Berman said Castle misrepresented that he would invest Victim-1's funds with a United Kingdom-based investment firm that purportedly guaranteed the safety of the invested principal. Castle represented that he previously invested his own money with Firm-1, but that because Firm-1 had high minimum investment thresholds, Victim-1 could invest her funds only by adding her money on top of Castle's investment. For that reason, Castle said the investment would be structured as a loan between Castle's own financial consulting firm, Global Edge, and Victim-1. In truth, as Castle knew, Firm-1 did not exist, and Castle spent Victim-1's money instead on his own personal expenses, cash withdrawals, and eventually, in overseas transfers to individuals in Ghana and elsewhere who perpetrated an advance fee scam on Castle himself. Castle also defrauded at least two other victims into investing funds with him under false pre-

On June 8, 2016, Castle participated in a voluntary interview with the FBI in which he lied about the source of a par-

ticular transfer of Victim-1's money he made to a Ghana bank account. After this meeting with the FBI, Castle continued to lie to victims to raise more money. After Castle came to realize that he would not receive a multimillion-dollar windfall in exchange for transferring his and his victims' money, Castle attempted to preclude his victims from reporting the fraud to

law enforcement by falsely claiming that he was already working with the FBI and multiple other law enforcement agencies on their behalf to recover their funds.

In addition to his prison term, Castle was sentenced to three years of supervised release, a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$825,000, and restitution in the amount of \$849,800.

Police Blotter

State Police

December 14 - State Police from Somers arrested Andrew H. Depodwin, 68, of Somers, for DWAI Drugs. He was traveling on Route 202 in the Town of Somers when he was involved in a personal injury motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by drugs, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Albert V. Good, 51, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on LaFayette Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt when he was involved in a personal injury motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

December 15 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Thomas P. McCoskey, 52, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on

East Main Street in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Dutan O. Jeferson, 22, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Lexington Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Yves A. Vital, 38, of New York, NY, for DWI. He was traveling on the Sprain Brook Parkway in the Town of Cortlandt when he was involved in a motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.



High School Students Complete the Yorktown Water Project

By Michael Buchwald, Liam Schwartz, Paul Duffy and Jenni Puglisi

Water, sewer, and land use issues have become more important to our future than ever before. Mankind's future is endangered by global warming and a deteriorating environment.

These decisions are at the core of what needs to be done to save our environment and preserve human life and, indeed, our planet.

The delicate water supply system that feeds Yorktown, New York City, and many other towns in the lower Hudson Valley is a marvel of engineering. It carries some of the cleanest freshwater in the world through the 74-milelong Catskill Aqueduct, from the Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskill Mountains, through Yorktown, and down into New York City.

It was built starting in 1907, and finished in 1916. At Northern Westchester Joint Water Works, some of the aqueduct water flows into a chamber where a coagulant is added to the water. This coagulant, which consists primarily of Aluminum +3, bonds to organic matter, forming a thick mud that is pushed up to the surface by aerated water.

After that, fluoride is added to improve dental health and disinfectant is added water for the microbes that passed through the physical filters.

The now clean drinking water is moved to a giant storage tank placed by the facility, and from there it's pumped out into water mains, providing water to the homes and businesses of Yorktown and Cortlandt.





At left, YHS students Liam Schwartz and Paul Duffy with Councilman Vishnu Patel and school administrators. At Right, LHS students Michael Buchwald and Jenni Puglisi with Patel and school administrators

Unfortunately, the fresh water supply throughout the world is decreasing at an alarming rate. From the scorching lands of the Middle East, to the red deserts of the American southwest, there will not enough water to support the population.

We may have to ship our water to areas that do not have a sufficient amount of water. If we want to conserve our water, we will need to use less. Turn your water off when brushing your teeth and washing dishes, shorten your time in the shower, do not ignore leaks, and only run the dishwasher when full.

It is also important that we start spending less on water treatment. The process is very expensive to maintain. The only plausible way to spend less money on water is, again, to conserve it. The less water used, the water towers can be refilled with less water, and then less water has to be filtered, which is where most of the money goes into.

This costly cycle is not done yet, after all the water, time, and energy used for processing the water to drink, we use even more precious water, time and energy to remove the water that we have used.

So again conserve the water you let go down the drain from brushing your teeth to warming up the shower. All that water even though it may be clean when it goes down the drain, must be cleaned again wasting money, time, and energy.

The water travels through the sewer system and ends up in the Yorktown treatment center, which is the town's water pollution control plant. At this treatment plant, the water goes through several costly filters both physical and UV, in order to be reintroduced into another reservoir. The water must be clean and up to certain standards so that it can enter other reservoirs.

Sewage is a combination of residential, commercial and industrial waste that in-

cludes anything from toilets to kitchen sinks. In order to conserve waste water, some toilets have special flushing procedures. However, just this alone is not enough since so much sewage is produced daily. Additionally, if sewage systems are combined, runoff from storms can also find its way into sewage treatment plants.

Before anything else takes place, pretreatment occurs. This is the removal of large items such as tree branches or trash. In addition to this is the removal of all fat and grease. The next step is primary treatment. This includes holding sewage so that heavy solids go to the bottom of the massive bins while lighter solids float to the top. All of these extra solids are removed, while the leftover liquid is transferred to the secondary treatment phase. This phase includes getting rid of all microorganisms. Finally, tertiary treatment is the chemical and UV treatment of water so that all bacteria and other harmful organisms are killed or made sterile before being released to re-enter the water cycle.

Sewage control is important to analyze since in many first world countries high amounts of uncontrolled wastewater could be released into the environment. The effects could be disastrous. For now, our water enters the Amawalk reservoir after its been at joint water works and the cycle repeats.

Editor's Note: Writers are juniors at Yorktown and Lakeland High schools and were given \$1,500 scholarships each by Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel for participating in the project.

My Brother's Keeper Speakers Urge Boys to Pursue Their Passion

Anne M. Dorner Middle School seventh-grader Gavin Thomas-Walters joined the My Brother's Keeper Club without knowing what it was about, but now he looks forward to attending every Thursday. The group has become like a family and provides a "giant support system," the Ossining student said.

"There are a lot of lessons that I've learned here, and a lot of things that I can teach other people," he said. "And one of the things that I've learned to do is just to have a positive mindset – look forward to the better things and not be a pessimist but an optimist, and to work as hard as I can to do everything I want to do."

Gavin spoke at the Ossining School District's launch of My Brother's Keeper on December 13. MBK is a nationwide initiative to address opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color. It was founded by President Barack Obama in 2014 to connect boys with mentors and support networks, and to help them obtain the skills they will need for the workforce and college.

Dozens of families attended the dinner



Anne M. Dorner Middle School seventh-grader Gavin Thomas-Walters addresses students and families at the Dec. 13 launch of My Brother's Keeper.

event at AMD to celebrate local organizations and community members that are creating opportunities for Ossining's young men. About 70 boys at Roosevelt School, AMD and OHS participate.

Artist, dancer and stunt man Wadi Jones, who graduated OHS in 2004, urged the boys to pursue what they enjoy and love, and to remember the importance of mindset, motivation and message. MBK is a great vehicle for building relationships, respect and understanding, he said.

"I wish I had this kind of support system when I was coming up in school. You guys have something amazing," said Jones, an artist, dancer and stunt man.

OHS senior Patrick Saint Ange said

he sought help from teachers and counselors when he became overwhelmed after an injury sidelined him from running. Running had helped him deal with difficult situations and balance out his life. He learned from those who counseled him that it's OK – even good – to fail sometimes.

"The people that are pushing you to do your best are also there to help you up when you fall," he said. "And that's what I think is the most important thing about having something like MBK around. Now, it's not just one person that you can go to. It's an entire community of people that you can count on."

The district's MBK partners are Neighbors Link; the Ossining Public Library; the town and village of Ossining; Star of Bethlehem Church; the Ossining Police Department; Home Run Against Drugs; Ossining Parents Advocating Collectively for our Children (OPACC); and ENU (Empower, Network, Uplift) and associated organizations Project 105 Athletics and ArtinaBoxCo.

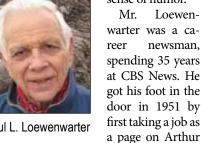
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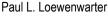
Paul Loewenwarter

Paul L. Loewenwarter, a former Crotonon-Hudson resident, died December 19. He was 89. Several of those latter years were lost to the ravages of Alzheimer's, but

he never lost his grace, charm or sense of humor.

Godfrey's show.





His career was soon interrupted by the Korean War, with Mr. Loewenwarter serving in Armed Forces Radio in Tokyo.

Returning to CBS, he held a number of positions as a writer and producer of hard news and documentaries for radio and television. He was among the first producers of "60 Minutes" when the show debuted in 1968, and was responsible for some 90 segments during his career. He was particularly proud of his reports about industrial, chemical and mining tragedies that took the lives of exploited workers and of

a report he did with Mike Wallace leading Congress to guarantee Alaskan natives a fair share in their state's oil boom. He enjoyed creating profiles of Helen Hayes, Billy Wilder and Leopold Stokowski for the show.

Upon leaving CBS in 1986, Mr. Loewenwarter took on many other assignments as an independent producer. He produced "The National AIDS Awareness Test" in 1989, which was where many viewers first learned about the deadly disease.

He wrote and produced a number of documentaries with bestselling author Tom Peters and wrote a daily radio broadcast titled "A Matter of Law."

Mr. Loewenwarter became a well-known face in Westchester in 2000 when he began a two-year stint as director of editorials for Cablevision writing, producing and delivering editorials twice a week on News 12. They ran five minutes before every hour.

He loved hiking and camping, first instilled in him at eight years old when he went to Camp Tanager Lodge in the northern Adirondacks. He never lost his love for that camp, which still exists today.

He also was a runner and tennis player, a storyteller and a clown. He loved to read history and was proud of his speed-reading skills.

Mr. Loewenwarter is survived by his

wife, Maggie; sister Ellen Livingston; son David (Maureen); his daughter, Andrea (James Gillespie); and his three incredible grandchildren. His first wife, Ann, predeceased him in 2013.

Frank Vasta

Frank J. Vasta, residing in Naples, Florida, former resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died peacefully at his home on December 14. He was 89.

He was born to Salvatore Vasta and Maria Scroi Vasta on September 15, 1929.

In 1948, he enlisted into the U.S. Ma-

Frank J. Vasta

rine Corps and served in Korea from 1951-1952. returning After in 1952 from Korea, Mr. Vasta was employed by an international construction company where he had the opportunity to work in Peru, French Morocco

and Iceland until 1959. After returning in 1959, he married Rose (Dini) Vasta and soon after became an active member of International Operating Engineers- Local

137. During his time working for Local 137, he obtained his private pilot license where he was able to fly the Bell 47G5. While living in Croton-on Hudson, Mr. Vasta was active in the Knights of Columbus, where in 1962 he was elected Grand Knight.

After retiring in 1991 from Local 137, Frank and Rose relocated to Naples, Florida where Frank was an active member of the Marine Corps league and the Naples Knights of Columbus chapter. While retired, he enjoyed playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Vasta was predeceased by his loving wife, Rose (Dini) Vasta, brothers Salvatore and Angelo Vasta, sister Josephine Vasta, and grandson Bruce Fiorito, Jr.

He is survived by his children, Lori (Vasta) Fiorito, Linda Chamberlain (Scott), grandchildren, Jeffrey Fiorito, Robert Fritsche, Taylor Chamberlain and Nicholas Chamberlain and a great-grandchild, Jett Fiorito. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Sigrid Kummer

Sigrid Caroline (Moeser) Kummer, a resident of Cortlandt, died December 18, at NY Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospi-

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Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON 115 West Ninety Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and gener-



osity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except

in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

"Is There a Santa Claus?" reprinted from the September 21, 1897, number of The New York Sun.

Letters to the Editor

Yorktown Budget Continues Grace's Policies and Practices

To the Editor,

Devising and passing the town budget is the most important task of the town board. This process allows our local officials, department heads and citizens an opportunity to evaluate the fiscal health of our town by comparing budgeted figures to actual expenses and revenues. Having completed this complex and in-depth process for the coming year it is now abundantly clear that the Grace Administration put Yorktown on a strong fiscal, footing. This is not

empty rhetoric but proven by the recent and unanimous passage of the 2019 budget which, when fully analyzed, is fundamentally a continuation of the Grace Administration' budget policies and practices. Those policies and practices, which were followed over a six-year period, has put the town in robust fiscal health. The proposed consolidation and streamlining of town services through the construction of a new highway garage was kept in the capital improvements/ projects budget. This despite Supervisor

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Putnam Examiner Gilbert's continued remarks in opposition to this important project. The suspension of an Open Space Fund levy, which was met with great criticism by naysayers during our last local election, was maintained and approved without a peep of disapproval. Furthermore, during last year's budget process many of the current administration's supporters decried the funding of an additional position in the Supervisor's office. Ironically, this year's

budget preserves that same position which remains vacant. It is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and the 2019 budget, which passed unanimously, proves to be high praise for the Grace Administration's budget policies and practices. I guess our Republican majority was right all along.

Sincerely,

TOM DIANA Yorktown Councilman

Funeral Home Went Above and Beyond During Time of Need

To the Editor:

My mother passed away on December 10, 2018 and I had to look for a funeral home. I came across Edwards - Dowdle Funeral Home Inc. in Dobbs Ferry. I made all of the arrangements for my mom Margret McPartland. At her wake people started to come in and all I did was get compliments on how my mother looked and how beautiful this place is and the service that they give to you. The staff that works there where phenomenal. They kept coming in to make sure everything was smooth. Then at the church they had full staff

there and when leaving the church they stopped by my mother's house and the gentleman got out and walked to my mother's door step to drop off a rose for her.

I just have to say from the beginning I had to do nothing. All I had to do is pay and they did all of the rest. They also engraved my mother's casket. I just want to give credit where it is deserved. They did an excellent job, I recommend them all the way. I will never forget what they did for my mom and me and the family.

EDWARD MCPARTLAND (son)
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Letters to the Editor

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Susan Brownbill-Vega, Esq., Assistant District Attorney Director of Community Affairs Hate Crimes Unit, Head 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. White Plains, NY10601

Re: recent hate crime incidents

Dear Distinguished Keepers of the Public Trust:

I am attorney to Examiner Media, LLC (the "Examiner") who publish several newspapers in Westchester and Putnam Counties, New York. I am writing this open letter regarding the incident that took place at the Chase Bank branch at 1025 Brown Street, Peekskill, NY on November 14, 2018. At that location, an individual inscribed several swastikas and the letters "KKK" on a copy of an Examiner newspaper with a picture of congresswoman-elect Aleksandra Ocasio-Cortez on the cover. He then left the defaced newspaper on a counter at the bank branch. The perpetrator was later identified through surveillance video and questioned, but not

charged

First, I would like to thank all of you for your public service and commitment to the community. The difficulty of the questions presented to you is too often overlooked and taken for granted. We thank you. I am writing because my client and I respectfully disagree with the decision not to charge the perpetrator in this Peekskill incident.

Here, charging Aggravated Harassment in the First Degree would require the State to demonstrate, beyond a reasonable doubt, the accused intended to harass, annoy, threaten or alarm another person by etching, painting, drawing upon or otherwise placing a swastika on any building or real property without the express consent of the owner. (McKinney's Penal Law § 240.31(3))

Another similar incident occurred on the campus of SUNY Purchase recently, wherein student Gunnar Hassard, allegedly hung posters emblazoned with Nazi symbols on the campus Humanities building. The incident took place during the Jewish holiday of Hannukah. Mr. Hassard was charged with Aggravated Harassment in the First Degree, a class-E felony.

I believe there are only subtle legal differences between the incident in Harrison and the incident in Peekskill. The intent of Mr. Hassard may be less difficult to prove.

He planned in advance, as demonstrated by his use of a computer to design and print the posters in a quasi-professional manner, before hanging them on a campus building. But the amount of effort put into the poster is not an element of the crime. Nor is there any legal distinction between the act of hanging a poster using tape or some other adhesive, and the act of leaving a drawing on a counter. Both actions arguably demonstrate an intention to annoy, harass, threaten or alarm those members of the public who happen to see the drawing. Boiled down, just like Mr. Hassard, the Peekskill perpetrator drew Nazi symbols on paper, which were placed for all to see on someone else's real property without their consent. The quality of the drawing is irrelevant under the law.

The political character of this issue cannot be ignored. The proliferation of neo-fascism in the United States is evident in the drastic 37% increase in hate crimes since 2016 (FBI statistic). Vigilant counter-action is required on the part of our government to avoid the outward appearance of complicity. Even if the perpetrator is "casually" drawing these symbols, we cannot treat the matter casually for fear the behavior would become acceptable in New York.

Our government and its officials bear a higher degree of responsibility to re-

inforce societal values. These times call for a reinforcement of the definitively anti-fascist values of the greatest generation. The opportunity for reinforcement of these values exists through the Aggravated Harassment law. Because our legislators deliberately voted to carve out an exception to the First Amendment under this law, it is incumbent upon law enforcement to prosecute all those who unlawfully promulgate Nazi symbols on the property of others without consent. I believe we dishonor the millions who died fighting Nazis in the Second World War by not reinforcing anti-fascist values in this manner. A failure to enforce may also call into question whether our values remain anti-fascist, whether or not our enforcement officials tacitly approve the offensive message, or whether law enforcement and prosecutors have elected to veto the import of certain laws by failing to enforce them.

For the foregoing reasons, my client and I respectfully ask the enforcement officials of Peekskill to reconsider charging the perpetrator in the November 14, 2018 incident with Aggravated Harassment in the First Degree.

Respectfully,

TODD A. FISHLIN, ESQ.

Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants is Wrong

To the Editor:

Wrong in so many ways. Let's start with the words Undocumented Immigrant. They are Illegal Aliens. Note the word illegal. When you enter a country illegally, no matter where it is in the world, you should be in fear. As usual the race card was played by State Senator Shelly Mayer (D-Yonkers) saying "it would reduce racial profiling and protect the resident's immigration status"? What immigration status? The person is here Illegally? What else could their status be other than waiting for deportation?

This is one of the main reasons for this bill, money to fill the state and local coffers. This was confirmed by Assemblyman Kevin Otis(D-Rye) with the following: "expanding licenses would be an economic boom. State and county governments would receive about \$57 million in combined annual revenue and \$26 million in one time revenue through taxes and fees, he said". I guess they have to find a way to pay for the raises they just passed for themselves never mind our security.

The next thing is the disappointment I find with both police chiefs mentioned in the article. The duty of the police department is to enforce the law, not make it. Is rewarding law breakers included in

that? That by de facto, is what you are doing when you support this bill.

The last thing is to address Mr. Duarte's comments. He noted that immigrants, there is that term again, shouldn't live in fear of law enforcement or deportation because they are driving to work, school or dinner." Can you explain to me why not? You are here illegally and breaking the law. Quoting Mr. Duarte one more time, "We realize that denying an important form of identification not only makes it really difficult for people to go about their day-to-day lives, it also makes for the police to do their jobs." "This is the right thing to do because people deserve to drive in peace and when everybody can drive in peace, everyone will be safer for it". Does not make any sense to me.

In closing, the illegal alien problem will never be solved if the law is not enforced. I really feel sorry for those who have lawfully applied to come to this country and are STILL waiting. I don't know how you feel about line jumpers, but I for one, detest them. Just think about those who are still waiting. Just think of the example we are showing them on how our law works.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS T MCVETTY Yorktown





By Neal Rentz

For Yonkers resident Shibu Joseph, owning a liquor business is nothing new.

For the past 15 years he has been in the business and earlier this month he opened Yorktown Discount Liquors in Mohegan Lake.

Joseph said recently he choose to open his new business in December because the month has the Christmas, Chanukah and New Year's Eve holidays which are particularly popular times for the sale of wines and liquors.

More than a year ago, during a tour of the northern Westchester area, he discovered the Mohegan Lake property off Route 6, Joseph recalled. It took him several months to renovate the establishment.

Joseph's new store features a wide variety of wines and liquors with many of them priced with steep discounts of as much as 60 percent. "This is a discount store," he said, adding he is willing to sell his products at a lower profit margin to seek a higher volume of sales because he is offering lower prices, as well as a good selection of products.

Joseph said his store offers both domestic and international wines and

Yorktown Discount Liquors

Mohegan Lake



Yonkers resident Shibu Joseph opened Yorktown Discount Liquors in Mohegan Lake earlier this

liquors, including French and Italian wines. Some of his wine selections come from upstate New York, which is among the store's specialty items, he said. California wines are also available.

His wines can be purchased for as low as \$1.99 a bottle, though more expensive wines are also available, Joseph said.

Joseph said most of his customers live in such communities as Mohegan Lake, Cortlandt, Yorktown, Mahopac and Peekskill.

One of the positive attributes of owning a wine and liquor store is to make customers happy, Joseph said.

What has attracted customers to Yorktown Discount Liquors? "They shop around and look at my prices," Joseph said. "They see that it's the cheapest prices in town."

"Once people come in and they see my prices," they recommend his store to their friends, which is building up his customer base through word of mouth, Joseph noted.

Yorktown Discount Liquors is located at 1761 E. Main St. (Route 6), Mohegan Lake. For more information, call 914-743-

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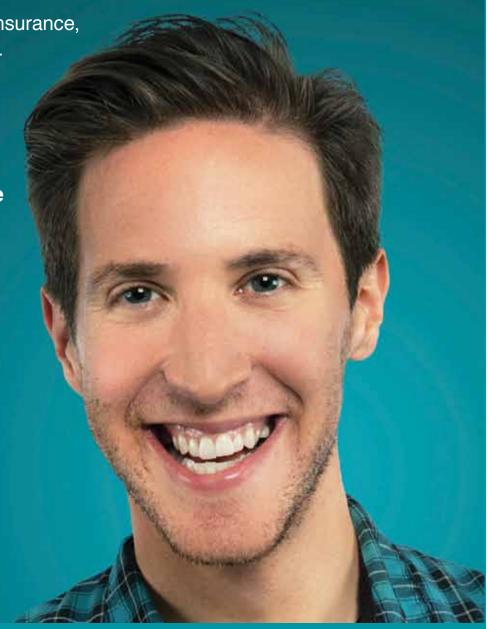
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Happenin8s

Wednesday, Dec. 26

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.

Blood Drive: An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main, Shrub Oak. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates 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-

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, Dec. 27

Blood Drive: The Church of the Holy Spirit, 1969 Crompond Rd. Cortlandt, will hold its winter blood drive from 3 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. To schedule a donation, please visit www.nybc.org/donate-blood/ or call 914-737-2316. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues-- led by Wendy Segal -is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein—is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; 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. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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

Friday, Dec. 28

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 so-

cialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 7 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

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.

Saturday, Dec. 29

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 at140 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.

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, pastureraised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit

Lasdon Holiday Train Display: The Lasdon Holidays on the Hill is being held every Saturday and Sunday in December from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial on Route 35 in Somers. The event includes a model train show featuring the Polar Express, the Metro-North Harlem line and, new this year, a New York City Subway line. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. The fee includes the trains, the main house and the Conservatory. Tickets will be sold until 3:30 p.m. each day. Santa will make appearances throughout the event to hear the wishes from children, young and old. Bring a camera and take a photo with Santa. Go to lasdonpark.org for Santa's hours. Go to parks.westchestergov.com or call 914-864-7268 for more information.

Support Connection Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free program, Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be offered from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Saturday through the rest of December at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. Open to women 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.

Sunday, Dec. 30

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Bingo Cancelled: All bingo games at the Yorktown Jewish Center have been canceled for the immediate future. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter. org.

Monday, Dec. 31

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.



Cruising Along the Spanish Route of the Early Monks and Pilgrims

Over the past few weeks, our virtual summer tour of the Spanish wine regions has taken us along the Mediterranean Coast. We've experienced wines from the Alicante, Valencia, Jumilla, Penedes and Priorato denominations.

Today, we're pulling up stakes and traveling to the fourth of Spain's six primary wine regions: the Ebro River Valley.

This is the motherlode of Spanish wines and culture. This northeastern region is more fertile than the Meseta and Southern regions, more diverse than the Mediterranean Coast regions and more emblematic of Spain's surge in quality wine production than the other regions.

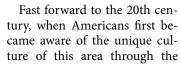
The Ebro River Valley consists of six classified subregions, each unique unto itself. The most popular and the most sophisticated are Navarra and Rioja. The others, all producing excellent wines are Calatayud, Campo de Borja, Carinena and Somontano.

Let's resume our virtual tour by following the course of the Ebro River as we trace its origins to the mountains of Cantabria in the northwest. From Priorato we travel through hilly terrain and visit tiny towns that evoke Middle Ages architecture; many are still agrarian based. Here are ideal towns to use as our base of operations as we immerse ourselves in the culture and history of the region and of Spain itself.

The Ebro River was the lifeblood of northern Spain for centuries, primarily as a pilgrim route.

Many monasteries and churches

Many monasteries and churches still stand as monuments to the dedication and fervor of Catholics visiting holy sites. The castles that dot the landscape were home to famous royalty; even the Knights of Templar "hung out" here.



writings of Ernest Hemingway. ("For Whom the Bell Tolls," his immersion in the Franco-period civil uprisings and "The Sun Also Rises," the introduction to many Americans of the running of the bulls in Pamplona.)

Until we reach Rioja, the history of winemaking in these regions is sparse: mostly inferior wines that were consumed locally. The resurgence of Spain's wine economy has emphatically reached this area. Even in these "lesser" regions, fine wines are produced and exported

to the U.S. It is an economically thriving area, unlike other regions and other industries, which are still feeling the long aftereffects of the Great Recession.

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There are many individual wines coming from the Ebro River Valley, but space this week does not permit the proper focus. Next week we'll delve into selections that I recommend. Have your wine glasses at the ready.

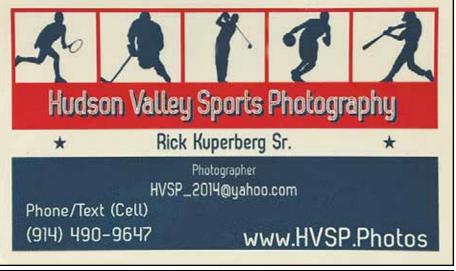
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- 15. Chicago team member
- 16. Pennsylvania founder Sir William
- 17. Animated 2017 movie or Croton nail salon
- 18. Sneakily
- 20. Prefix with pad
- 22. Chess ending, for short
- 23. Belonging to Sicily's second largest city or new
- Mohegan Lake pizzeria
- 25. Lord of the Rings evil warriors
- 26. Medicinal amts.
- 28. Speed record, abbr.
- 29. Double reeded woodwind
- 32. Busy one
- 33. Suffix with percent
- 34. Smashing Pumpkins "____

Adore"

- 35. Bobby ____ (hockey great)
- 36. Sounds of woe
- 37. Diane Keaton, in "The Godfather"

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- 1. Zing
- 2. "... a man ____ mouse?"
- 3. Filer
- 4. "Kill Bill" director, Tarantino
- 5. Atmosphere component
- 6. At least
- 7. Louisa May
- 8. Not smooth
- 9. "Whoopee!"
- 14. Magnetic field densities
- 17. Holds
- 19. Rolls up
- 20. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- author __ Lee
- 21. Engraver
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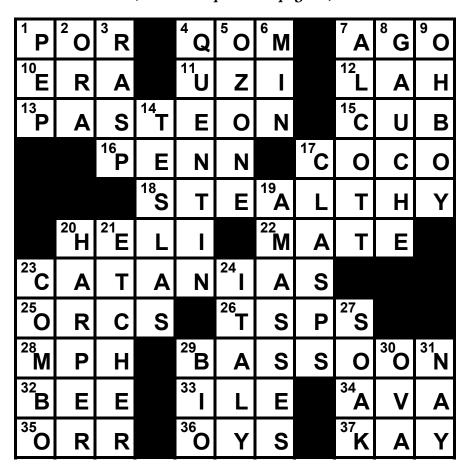
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Obituaries

Continued from page 7 tal Center in Cortlandt. She was 80.

She was born February 20, 1938 in Frankfurt am Maine, Germany. After high school graduation, she studied and practiced cosmetology as her career.

In early 1960, she met George Kummer in Germany through a mutual friend. He was serving in the United States Air Force. On December 9, 1962, Sigrid and George married while he was based in Spokane, Washington.

Sigrid, George and their son, Eric relocated to New York following George's honorable military discharge, settling down near George's family and have lived in the Westchester County area for many decades. Sigrid became a naturalized United States citizen on June 19, 1970 at the Putnam County Supreme Court.

Mrs. Kummer is predeceased by her parents, August and Friedel Moeser. She is survived by her husband, George, her sister, Barbara (Rolf), sons Eric (Ann), and Peter (Patricia), and grandchildren Joseph, Kristjan, Matthew, and Niklas.

In addition to raising her family, Mrs. Kummer spent many years working for the Putnam Valley School District, retiring at age 65. She was a congregant of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Putnam Valley as well as active in the German-American Social Club of Peekskill for many years.

During retirement, she enjoyed her grandchildren as well as spending winters in Venice, Florida with new friends. She leaves behind a loving family who will always remember her love of pie, her skill in the kitchen, and her wry smile.

Eva Barchyshyn

Eva Barchyshyn,a resident of Ossining and formerly of Yonkers, died December 18. She was 97.

She was born in Yonkers on March. 21, 1921 to Constantine and Mary (Hubiak) Gibby. She attended Yonkers schools. She married John Barchyshyn on November. 20, 1943 at St. Michael Ukranian Catholic Church in Yonkers. Her husband, John, predeceased her on December. 21, 2000.

She was a former assembler with Ward Leonard Electric Co. in Yonkers, during WWII. She also provided childcare and home healthcare in the Yonkers area. She was a former member of the Golden Agers Group, The Senior Group #4 and St. Michaels Seniors in Yonkers.

Mrs. Barchyshyn is survived by her daughter Joan Zabonik; and her two grandchildren Kerry and Eddie Zabonik.

She was predeceased by her brothers John and Peter Gibby and her sister Julia Brophy.



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Yorktown junior G Jesse Barer goes up for two points in the Huskers' 50-46 victory over visiting Pelham last Wednesday when first-year Coach Brian Mundy's Huskers improved to 5-0 as they head into the holiday break with a full head of steam and an eye on the highly competitive League II-C slate... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Somers, Put Valley Early Favorites to Reach Final 4

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

With the holidays now upon us, we've gotten a fairly revealing one-month glimpse into the 2019 boys' basketball campaign. Somers has really opened some eyes with a superb start, but Class A is dogfight to the Final 4. Putnam Valley stumbled against Class AA Mahopac and defending B champion Briarcliff, but the Class B Tigers are still the best bet to reach a Final 4 among the clubs from Northern Westchester/Putnam area. Here's a look at what we know...

NWE/Putnam County Super 7 Hoops Poll

No.1 SOMERS – What we currently enjoy most about Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (5-0) is the fact they can score the ball – as evidenced in recent 71-61 win over Harrison and the 66 PPG they average – while defending the ball at a level that is second to none in this neck of the woods – evidenced by the fact that they allow less than 44 PPG through five games.

Somers is either right there or a smidge below state-ranked (No.19) Poughkeepsie (3-1), No.14 Tappan Zee (5-0) and No.16 Byram Hills (4-2). Nick Maestri (19 points) and Max Germaine (14) led Somers against the Huskies.

No.2 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Indians (3-4) saw junior G Matt McMahon go for 13 and Rheal Allen added 10 but it wasn't enough in a 56-47 loss to Clarkstown South, but the two were huge in 'Pac's 65-52 trouncing of Lourdes when Allen went for a careerhigh 21 and McMahon added 14. Indians will get Ramapo and Panas out of the break.

No.3 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's previously state-ranked Class B Tigers (6-2) have answered the bell since losing to Mahopac, coming away with a victory over Class A Yorktown and a 64-50 flattening of Woodlands behind 24 points from senior F TJ Brescia. We were hard on the Tigers in this space last week, just know it was tough love, which we hope they heed as they head into the Dobbs Tournament over the holiday break. Should the Tigers and Eagles survive and advance, we could looking at a whale of a tourney finale on Friday, the 28th, maybe even a Final 4-style preview.

No.4 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (5-1 overall) chalked up a last-second 52-50 win over Westlake when Theo Curran nailed the gamewinning bucket with 11 seconds remaining. Sean Reynolds and Sean Macarchuk each had 15 points for Croton



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Roni Brucaj goes for two of his game-high 20 points in Huskers' 56-52 loss to Lucas Feliciano's (2) Panas Panthers last Friday.

while Reynolds owned the boards with 12 rebounds. Tigers draw Pleasantville and state-ranked (No.12) Briarcliff out of the break as the league slates heats up in earnest, so we'll know a heck of a lot more about them in early Jan.

No.5 LAKELAND -Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (4-3) ran roughshod over Yonkers in a 72-55 win that saw junior F Ioe Vetrano have his way with a careerhigh 29 points and seven boards. He was joined by Augie Karaqi (12 points, 4 assists), Marc Cummins (12 points) and Rob Nardelli (11 points, 3 boards, 3 assists). Hornets blindsided us with a 70-59 loss to Peekskill, which we did not see coming. But here comes a slew of early New Year's games that will determine whether or not the Hornets are for real, including league bouts with Yorktown (1/2), Somers (1/4) and Brewster (1/10).

No.6 CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (3-4) played much



tougher in a 63-50 loss to undefeated Mamaroneck (6-0) and showed up big-

time in 53-40 win over host Ramapo on Thursday. We were tough on the Rams in this space last week and in the spirit of the holidays we apologize, but it's only because we expected much more than we had gotten. But Peyton Cayea went for 23 points against the Gryphons while Shane McNerney (12) and Christian Hutra (11) were all in double digits for Carmel, which seems to be trending in the direction we originally figured. Rams get a two-week break before hosting the annual Putnam Challenge on Jan.5th when they take on Somers in what should be a good one.

No.7 PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (3-2) had their biggest win of the season -- 72-70 in overtime against Roosevelt – when Lucas Feliciano dropped 16 points, including a buzzerbeating tip-in to force OT where freshman Arturo Macchia took over, notching the last six points, including the go-ahead

3-ball in the waning seconds. Panthers followed that up with a

HM YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Class A Huskers (2-3) got superb balance in a 66-49 win over Riverside with Brandon Carter (9 points), Anthony Ortiz (8), Roni Brucaj (11), Joe Sgobbo (10) and Rob Miller (12).

HM BREWSTER – Certainly, Harrison Dignan (22 points) was at the heart of Coach Nelligan's Class A Bears' (3-3) biggest win of the season, a 51-47 win over a solid Class AA Arlington (5-2).

HM HALDANE – Coach Virgadamo's Blue Devils (5-2) worked a methodical 58-38 triumph of Rye Neck with four double-digit scorers, including Mame Diba (14 points), Kyle Sussmeier and Matt Champlin (13 apiece) and Alex Kubik (11). Sidenote: If it were me, I'd want to beat the cr@p out of Put Valley rather than cancel two league games over a bizarre two-year beef #LetBygonesBeBygones.

HM PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils' (1-5) 70-59 win over Lakeland got out attention.

Put Valley, Yorktown Remain Unbeaten Entering Break

By Tony Pinciaro

PUTNAM VALLEY graduated two seniors, and its top junior opted not to play after its 2018 season, leaving the Tigers without any 12th-graders this year.

No seniors, no problem for Putnam Valley as the Tigers are off to a 7-0 start, after a 57-50 victory over Hastings.

In fact, this is an underclassmen-oriented team led by two juniors, Kelli Venezia and Cyera Daughtry, and one sophomore, Arianna Stockinger. Even though Putnam Valley is young, it is an experienced team.

"Only two seniors graduated, but a lot of the younger players have really stepped up, offensively and defensively this year," said third-year varsity player Stockinger. "They've been big contributors in our games."

Stockinger credited sophomore Jordan Tucker, freshman Amanda Orlando and eighth-grader Eva DeChent with raising their level of play. If opponents think they can exploit Putnam Valley's youth, they need to reconsider their approach.

"I think it pushes us harder to be better every day and makes us better when people and teams say that we're a young team," Stockinger said.

One thing opponents can expect when playing Putnam Valley, is a staunch Tigers' defense that makes scoring a major task.

Prior to Putnam Valley's victory over Hastings, the Tigers limited Dobbs Ferry to a season-low 24 points, and Hen Hud to just 30 points, and Harrison to 31 points. Putnam Valley beat Hen Hud and Harrison to win the Harrison tournament.

"Our defense has been very good each game and getting better every game," Stockinger said. "It's been a big part of our victories"

Stockinger said the defense, specifically Cyera Daughtry, played an excellent game against Hastings.

"Again, our defense stepped up," Stockinger said. "Cyera is a great lock-up defender. She guarded their best player and did a great job and that helped everyone else to step up and do their job, defensively."

Venezia led the offense with a teamhigh 20 points, Stockinger added 17 and Daughtry had a double-double – 12 points and 10 rebounds.

WALTER PANAS added two more victories – 66-39 over Peekskill and 66-52 over Eastchester, improving to 6-0.

Kristen Cinquina lit up the scoreboard for a game-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers and Cailean Nolan added 16 points against Peekskill.

"Alex Sudol, Julia Araujo, Kat Reynoso, and Emma Anderson played very solid defense and moved the ball very well," Panas Coach Matt Evangelista said.

Panas was without its starting center, because of sickness, so Julia Araujo played out of position and responded with 15 points and nine rebounds against



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Yorktown senior F Kat Severino makes her way to rack in the undefeated Huskers' win over Pelham last Wednesday.

Eastchester. Kat Reynoso and Nolan led the team with 17 points, apiece, including a combined nine treys.

Alex Sudol finished with five points, 11 assists and eight rebounds. Evangelista said Sudol hit a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

"Cailean and Kat each played excellent defense," Evangelista said. "Alex did a great job of locking down Eastchester's best scorer, holding her to nine points. Kristen Cinquina played a great all-around game and Megan Mucci and Erijona Rraci both made important contributions off the bench to help with the win."

OSSINING (6-1) competed in the annual Slam Dunk Championship at the Westchester County Center and the Pride came away with a pair of convincing victories – 76-65 over Albertus Magnus and A 76-56 over defending Class AA state champion Baldwin (L.I.). The victory over Baldwin was the first meeting between the teams since the 2018 State Class AA final.

Seton Hall-bound Kailah Harris was selected the tournament most valuable player. Harris had 22 points and 17 rebounds against Albertus and followed it up with 20 points and 16 rebounds, despite fouling out midway through the fourth quarter. Harris has been outstanding since fellow senior Aubrey Griffin has been sidelined with an injury.

"I love how all of our girls have stepped up since Aubrey went down," Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said. "We feel we have the two best players in the section and Kailah is proving that. Now, our other girls are all getting better which will us that much better come playoffs."

Jaida Strippoli had a team-best 23 points against Albertus. She also registered nine assists and had five rebounds. Julia Iorio contributed 19 points and Brooke Weeks had seven points and seven rebounds.

LAKELAND (3-2) won both its games last week, improving to 3-2 on the season. The Hornets defeated Lincoln, 66-29, and

followed up with a 52-27 victory over Sleepy Hollow. Alexa Cole led the Hornets against Lincoln with 12 points and seven rebounds. Tyler Hormazabal added 11 points and five steals and Emma Walsh also had 11 points. Hannah Devine grabbed 11 rebounds and played excellent defense, according to Lakeland coach Miranda Lustig.

Cole filled out the statistics' sheet against Sleepy Hollow with 15 points, five assists and four blocked shots. Hormazabal contributed 10 points and Sarah Carroll added nine points.

"The last two games we've played pretty disciplined," Lustig said. We've had a lot of girls stepping up off the bench and it's been nice to see them take advantage of their opportunities. It's always nice to get a win before break because we know our schedule will get tougher in the second half of the season. The plan is to carry the positive energy into the new year."

It was a tale of two halves for BREWSTER (5-2) in a 56-35 triumph of Edgemont. The Bears trailed, 26-15, at halftime. Following a pep talk from Coach Mike Castaldo at halftime, the Bears were ferocious in the third quarter, outscoring Edgemont, 24-3.

"I told the girls they were not playing with a purpose and to either get on the bus and forfeit the second half or do something about it," Castaldo said.

Maggie DePaoli finished with 17 points and five steals and Grace Galgano added 10 points, 11 rebounds and four rejections.

YORKTOWN remained perfect, 5-0, with a 50-46 win over Pelham.

Kat Severino finished with 18 points, six rebounds, three assists and two rejections and Ashley Zeolla had a double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Jesse Barer chiiped in with nine rebounds and four assists

"We knew coming in that it would be a tight game," said Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy of Pelham. "Our perimeter defense has been very good and we were able to cut down on the number of 3-point opportunities by their shooters. We were able to protect the ball pretty well and kept control against their zone press."

Mundy likes the offensive versatility his team has shown to date along with total team efforts.

"We've been getting scoring from a bunch of different areas," Mundy said. "It seems like it's someone different every game. But what I'm really pleased with is the way the girls have bought into playing hard-nosed defense, especially those who have been coming off the bench and contributing. They're taking charges and communicating, which is the key."

CARMEL improved to 3-3 under first-year Coach Brandon Johanson following a 2-1 week. The Rams opened with a 69-66 loss to Croton, but responded with wins over Haldane, 59-56, and Mamaroneck, 62-61.



Yorktown's Ashley Zeolla goes up for two in Huskers' win over Pelham last Wednesday.

Claire Cody erupted offensively for the Rams. She scored 27 points against Croton, poured in 30 against Haldane and capped her week with 27 against Mamaroneck.

"The girls are making strides and improving their play with each game," Johanson said.

In the Croton game, Lili Alexander contributed 12 points and Khadijha Johnson added nine points. Johnson had 12 points against Haldane.

SOMERS (5-1) had a light week with one game – a 57-44 triumph of Harrison.

"Foul trouble hurt us early, but we managed to pull out a good road win," Somers' Coach Marc Hattem said.

Dani DiCintio finished with a gamehigh 17 points and Taylor Penzo added 12 points. Hannah Angelini had 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals.

HEN HUD (3-4) beat John Jay-Cross River, 58-46, to open the week, then dropped games to Hastings, 65-54, and Yonkers. Hen Hud seized control of the John Jay game in the first quarter, outscoring the Indians, 14-4.

Caitlin Weimar scored a season-high 29 points and had 20 rebounds. Aniyah Thomas added 11 points. Kira Varada had six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Hastings had an 11-point lead at half against Hen Hud and lengthened it to 16 points after three quarters. Weimer had 24 points and 17 rebounds and Grace Moretti added 13 points.

"It was a great game for us against John Jay," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman said. "We handled their pressure pretty well and limited our turnovers. We did a very good job, defensively, as well. Unfortunately, after that win we felt we could win by just stepping on the floor, which does not happen."



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