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## First Time Success

Lakeland East Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2540 (Benjamin Franklin Elementary School) and Troop 2277 (Thomas Jefferson Elementary School) ran their first Girl Scout event...Bounce to Brownies. This event is for first grade Daisy Girl Scouts that will be bridging to Brownies at the end of the year. They worked on their first Brownie badge (Girl Scout Way) and had fun making Sit-Upons, S'mores Cupcakes and SWAPS, as well as singing some Girl Scout songs. They also collected donations of toiletries for My Brother Vinny that will go to U.S. veterans in need and party supplies to make Birthdays in a Box for needy children.

## Mayor Rainey Declares Peekskill is a City "Rising"

By Rick Pezullo

In his first State of the City address, Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey painted a rosy picture of Westchester's only northern city last week in the packed chambers of City Hall.

"Peekskill is no longer on the rise. We are rising," said Rainey to thunderous applause from friends, family, supporters and city officials. "The City of Peekskill has a lot to look forward to."



Mayor Andre Rainey

mayor in Peekskill's history when he ousted two-term Republican Mayor Frank Catalina last November in a Democratic foursome sweep, mentioned Peekskill's diverse population as one of its strengths.

"Peekskill is a wonderful, strong, diverse city that is often underestimated," he said. "Peekskill has become like the pot gold---a destination city. I'm appreciative of the diversity on this (Common

Rainey, 33, who became only the second African-American to be elected

council. They have made me grow. This

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## School Officials Seeks Passage of Security Bills in Assembly

By Anna Young

School officials and local law enforcement joined State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) last week to urge Assembly members to move forward on four bills the Senate recently passed that would enhance school security.

In the wake of the Parkland, Fla. high school massacre that killed 17 people in February, the Senate voted to increase school resource officers (SROs) in schools and increase aid for school districts that expend resources to improve security and safety technology. The other bills would make two annual active-shooter drills mandatory and provide funding for mental health coordinators.

"We've seen these school shootings way too often," Murphy said at the June 1 press conference at Copper Beach Middle School. "As a father of three kids, my wife and I talk about this all the time. To be able to partner up with the school districts to do something about this is the opportune time."

While the Senate passed the four bills in March, school officials expressed their dismay that the Assembly has yet to act.

"There is no greater priority for us than the safety and security of our children and those who take care of them every day," Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone said. "I further

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PHOTO BY ANNA YOUNG

Local school officials joined Senator Terrence Murphy at press conference.

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want to express my shock that the New York State Assembly has taken no action on these issues and time is quickly running out.”

Hendrick Hudson Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter commended Murphy for making school safety and the millions of children who attend school a priority. He said the Assembly needs to act so educators can once again focus on teaching children.

Putnam Valley Superintendent Dr. Frances Wills stressed the “essential” need for mental health services in schools and the vital role SROs have in a school district and with the students.

“This is becoming an epidemic in our schools the issue of mental health concerns,” Wills said. “Our mental health services cannot possibly keep up with the needs that we have now.”

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) said issues regarding school safety have been “caught up in politics” and blamed Assembly leadership for their lack of action. With two weeks left in session, he encouraged his colleagues to work together to reach a resolution, stressing that he would come back after session to ensure a measure is passed.

“When we talk about priorities in state government school safety should be one of the top, if not the top priority,” Byrne

said. “We spend a tremendous amount of dollars and we need to make sure our children and their schools are going to be safe and protected.”

Murphy also sponsored a bill that defines school shootings as terrorism and vastly improves the methods of gathering of intelligence to protect schools against an attack. The bill enables individuals to be charged with committing an act of terrorism if they knowingly or unlawfully discharge a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, a place of worship, a mass gathering of 25 or more people, or a business.

The bill also codifies the operations of the New York State Intelligence Center,

making the Center responsible for the collection, processing, analysis, dissemination, sharing, and maintenance of intelligence information that will aid in detecting, preventing, investigating and responding to acts of terrorism, including school shootings.

“This is our obligation to protect our kids. Give the tools to our superintendents who are the experts. Give the tools to our chiefs of police who are the experts. Let them do what they know how to do; protect us,” Murphy said. “Enough is enough. We find billions of dollars to waste in New York state. We should find billions of dollars to harden our schools and make sure our kids come first.”

# Mayor Rainey Declares Peekskill is a City “Rising”

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council works together. We accept each other’s differences respectfully. We continue to serve as a united team.”

Rainey, who answers to the nickname “Noodle,” said a few years ago he was just a young rapper in Peekskill. Now, he’s in a position to help other young people’s dreams come true.

“This is such a blessing. I get excited knowing that I was elected mayor of the City of Peekskill,” he said. “My priority

has been the youth. Always has been and always will be.”

He said plans are in the works to improve programming at the Kiley Youth Center and to extend the trailway on the riverfront. He noted the Lincoln Depot Visitor’s Center and the Central Fire Station, two projects that have been talked about for years, are both on schedule to be completed this year.

Rainey listed several projects where shovels went in the ground during the

Catalina administration and mentioned he has had discussions with a developer interested in improving the affordable housing stock in Peekskill.

“Developers are very interested in the city. Peekskill is still open for business,” he said. “We are raising the bar.”

However, Rainey maintained the city needs to do more to market itself and challenged the economic development department to “step up to the plate.”

“The city must do more to fully realize

its potential,” he said.

He said he was recommending the city hire a public information officer to spread the word about all the positive things happening in Peekskill. He also said a Citizens Advisory Board will be established to combat litter.

“We want our city to be clean, refreshing and safe,” Rainey said. “This city, once we work together, will be one of the healthiest cities on the planet.”



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**A:** Our knee, hip and ankle joints are weight-bearing, so while the cartilage of other joints also wears out, the degeneration of these joints is painful due to their load-bearing nature.

#### **Q: I’m hearing about people going directly home to heal after joint replacement surgery. Is this a trend?**

**A:** A big one. It’s an approach we at Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) have long espoused, now gaining much larger national attention. Studies show that after knee or hip replacement surgery, there’s literally no place like home for healing – that it’s usually safer and people heal faster. At home, you’re forced to do more sooner, which speeds up the joint’s return to normal function. Results and safety are so remarkable, we at NWH are now pushing the envelope to include patients who live alone.

#### **Q: Have certain medical advances made healing at home possible?**

**A:** Yes! Important advances in knee and hip replacement surgical techniques and pain management paved the way for the home rehab revolution.

All my total hip and knee replacement patients walk the very day of surgery and are typically sent home within 24-48 hours, with some going home the day of surgery.

#### **Q: What actually happens at home?**

**A:** As an NWH patient, you must pass mobility and independence benchmarks before going directly home. For example, we wouldn’t use this approach with a very elderly person with balance issues. Patients go to outpatient PT; receive in-home therapy from visiting therapists; or use the latest advancement in PT – an online- and app-based program. Reflecting NWH’s patient-centered approach, my office is very attentive to our patients’ home-recovery needs. My nurse and I text with at-home patients, providing real-time contact and reassurance.

My patients tell me, “I’m so happy I could be home with my family! It pushed me to be more active more quickly.” I’m confident this is the best path for most people. If it were me, I’d choose it.

# Construction of Mohansic Trailway in Yorktown Kicks Off

By Rick Pezzullo

National Trails Day was marked in Yorktown Saturday morning with a ceremonial start of construction of the Mohansic Trailway in a wooded area near French Hill School on Baldwin Road.

The Mohansic Trailway, a joint project of the Town of Yorktown and the Yorktown Trail Town Committee, is a 0.4-mile missing link in the town's network of 60 miles of trails. The work is being funded by two grants totaling \$20,000 from the Hudson River Valley Greenway, supplemented with funds from the town.

"This town is progress and preservation. This is so important," said Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert. "It's just a wonderful resource. Another asset of Yorktown that has been overlooked."

Yorktown residents Walt and Jane Daniels, who former Supervisor Susan Siegel dubbed "Ms. Yorktown Trail Lady," will be overseeing the day-to-day construction of the Trailway, which will be done mostly by volunteers.

It is estimated the work on the Trail-

way, which includes a 600-foot boardwalk that will be built over a wetland and three bridges over streams and culverts, will take approximately 10 to 14 months to finish. A portion of the Trailway will connect to FDR State Park.

It is anticipated the Yorktown Town Board will designate the Trailway land as parkland.

Local Boy Scouts helped Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert dig in at ceremonial start of construction of Mohansic Trailway Saturday morning.



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

## Correction

In an article last week about the closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plants being on schedule for 2021, it was incorrectly reported that about 125 acres will be needed to store spent fuel rods in dry cask storage.

In fact, far less land will be required to store 125 containers of used fuel. The Northern Westchester Examiner regrets the error.

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# Annual Relay for Life of Yorktown Slated Friday at YCCC

By Rick Pezzullo

One of the region's top fundraising Relay for Life events to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held Friday at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center on Veterans Road.

This year's Relay, which runs from 4 p.m. to midnight, has set a goal of \$150,000. As of Monday, almost \$68,000 has been pledged.

Jane McCarthy, Westchester Region Volunteer Rep for the American Cancer Society and former six-year chair of Relay for Life of Yorktown, has already exceeded her fundraising goal and recently posted some reasons why she is committed to the cause.

"I Relay for those who can't. I Relay because I recently spoke to over 500 4th, 5th and 8th graders and 98% of them knew someone with Cancer! I want to



One of the many teams that form each year at Relay for Life.

finish the fight against cancer so that they do not have to speak to 4th and 5th graders when they are almost 50," McCarthy stated.

"I Relay for my friends who are powerful, amazing survivors: Dawn, Debbie, Jean, Julie, Kathleen, Lisa, Lori, Rachel, Regina, Sharon, Tim. I Relay in honor of

those who have been lost to this awful disease!" she continued. "I Relay because it is heartwarming, inspirational and WE Make a Difference! I Relay because I LOVE Purple Power! I Relay because I LOVE People! I Relay because I know our money goes to fund high level researchers who are working on a CURE! I Relay because I will never lose HOPE!"

Relay for Life of Yorktown is a community gathering where groups, organizations and teams fill the YCCC field with booths and activities. A survivor/caregiver walk around the track will take place at 5:30 p.m. After dark, an always moving Luminaria Ceremony to acknowledge everyone touched by a cancer will be held. More than 500 Luminaria have been dedicated this year.

For more information, visit <http://main.acsevents.org>.

## Informational Meeting on Cortlandt Medical District Wednesday

By Rick Pezzullo

A public informational meeting on the establishment of a Medical Oriented District (MOD) on Route 202 in Cortlandt near New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital and the proposed development of two sites in the area will be held Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at

Cortlandt Town Hall.

The intent of the MOD is to encourage economic revitalization in the area surrounding the hospital and implement the goals and recommendations outlined in the town's 2016 Sustainable Comprehensive Plan.

"We're excited about the MOD," Cort-

landt Councilman James Creighton said at a joint board meeting in early May. "It's something that I think is very good from a planning perspective."

One of the proposed projects, referred to as the Gyrodyne Site, calls for the redevelopment of eight contiguous parcels totaling 13.8 acres with 100,000 square

feet of medical offices, 4,000 square feet of complementary retail, 200 residential units, 180 structured parking spaces and 383 at-grade parking spaces.

Another project, known as the Evergreen Site, would include the redevelopment of three vacant contiguous parcels

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# Hello Again, Dolly! Festival a Six-Month Celebration

By Anna Young

One man's passion for Barbra Streisand's "Hello, Dolly!" has turned into a six-month-long festival commemorating where the beloved classic was filmed in Garrison and Cold Spring 50 years ago.

Garrison resident Christopher Radko was just nine years old when he fell in love with the beauty and wonderment that "Hello, Dolly!" brought to the silver screen. His parents took him to the Rivoli theater in New York City for the films Hollywood-style premiere where the youngster was introduced to Streisand's on-screen persona for the first time.

"I loved seeing the movie," Radko said. "It was so upbeat and colorful and had wonderful ideas about picking an adventure in life and following your heart and believing you can make big things happen for yourself."

Radko, who grew up in Westchester, always questioned where the movie was filmed, hoping to one day find himself on

the same streets director Gene Kelly shot his most infamous scenes. It was until Radko stumbled upon a coffee shop in Garrison nearly 45 years later that all his childhood memories came rushing back to him.

He had asked the barista where to visit in the quiet town and eventually sputtered with excitement when she recommended a location where the movie was filmed.

"I just couldn't believe it," Radko said. "All my childhood memories came back, and all the buildings are still here. I talked to the people that were there and they confirmed it's where they made the movie."

After finding the place he had spent nearly a century dreaming about, Radko packed up his things and moved to the iconic location where he has spent two years planning the 50th anniversary celebration of the academy award winning film.



"Hello, Dolly!" was filmed locally 50 years ago.

"I started this festival as my civic contribution to the community because I love being here and it's a way for me to tip my hat to the whimsy and beauty and magic of the movie itself by honoring it and remembering it," Radko said. "We're putting on an amazing festival, so the community can share its own cultural history but seen through the lens of a Hollywood motion picture. It's cool that this movie can connect everyone."

The Hello Again, Dolly! festival is a six-month extravaganza compiled with educational events and celebrations throughout Putnam and Westchester counties. The festival kicked off last month with an exhibit at the Putnam History Museum featuring original costumes from the film, including the gown worn by Streisand, behind the scenes photos, rare foreign posters, original set design drawings, and Kelly's script.

The festival followed with the Garrison Union Free School's annual spring concert, a screening of *The Matchmaker*, a lecture with Preston Pittman on the historical antecedents of "Hello, Dolly!" and a Victorian hat making seminar.

On June 16, actor Tommy Tune will lead the "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" costume parade at Garrison Landing, where the original scene was filmed,

followed by an ice-cream social and a question and answer session with the Broadway veteran. A scenic evening riverboat cruise will follow, with an outdoor screening of the film at night on the Landing where it all happened.

"How rare is that for any performer to redo what he or she did in the same spot half a century later?" Radko said.

Later this month other events will include, an evening of songs and memories from the films, a behind the scenes seminar with Radko, and an evening with Jerry Zaks, the four-time Tony winning director of the Broadway adaptation of "Hello, Dolly!"

While many events are free to the public, others including a performance by Tune at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill and a special program with Kelly's wife Patricia Kelly at the same location will have a fee.

"This is my little gift to the community and my way of saying thank you for the creativity the move represents and the joy it brings to people," Radko said. "It's a local tribute to our local community's history and I'm glad to be part of it and share it with everyone."

For more information, visit [www.helloagaindolly.com](http://www.helloagaindolly.com) or email [contact@helloagaindolly.com](mailto:contact@helloagaindolly.com).



Yorktown resident and photographer David Rocco (right) had an opening reception Saturday for his month-long exhibit on the New Mario Cuomo Bridge at the John C. Hart Library in Shrub Oak.

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# Holocaust Survivor Recounts Harrowing Experience

By Anna Young

Holocaust survivor Peter Somogyi shared his harrowing story of survival to a standing-room-only crowd last Tuesday night during Yorktown's second annual Holocaust remembrance ceremony.

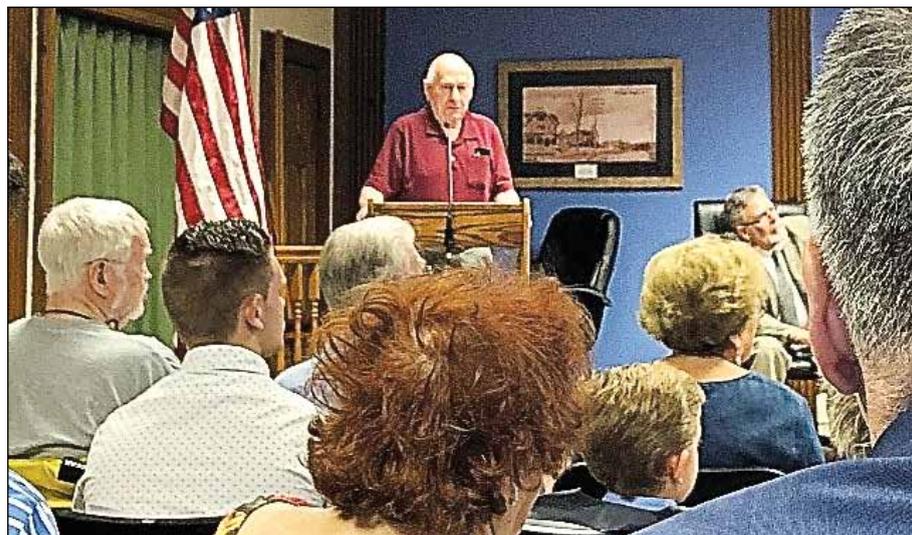
Somogyi's life rapidly changed when he was 11-years-old as his family was herded into a Jewish ghetto in 1944 and eventually deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Upon their arrival in Auschwitz, Somogyi and his twin brother were surrendered to Nazi physician Josef Mengele and his mother and sister immediately perished in the gas chambers.

"They (the guards) grabbed us and I didn't have a chance to say goodbye," Somogyi said.

Somogyi questioned where his mother was after they were separated and was told by the guards to look at the flames erupting from the gas chambers. He said the smell of death and burnt hair was unbearable.

The brothers were transported to a barracks intended for twins and dwarfs where they were stripped of their belongings and forever marked with their identification number. Somogyi quickly lost his identity and became A17454.

Every twin and dwarf soon became an experimental object for Mengele to use,



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Peter Somogyi speaks to packed crowd at Yorktown Town Hall.

he said.

Mengele, also known as the "Angle of Death" subjected his victims to painful injections, surgeries and countless other grueling experiments. While the brothers didn't endure many operations, Somogyi explained how Mengele's tests left hundreds dead, describing the "pyramid of dead bodies" outside the barracks every morning.

"We were guinea pigs. We didn't have to do anything but be a guinea pig to his

experiments," Somogyi said. "We had seen so much death that it was really unbelievable. We just existed"

Somogyi was sent to the gas chambers one night, but Mengele insisted on keeping him alive to continue his experiments, he said. During his time at Auschwitz, Somogyi was assigned to the gas chambers once more and ordered to be shot dead.

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz in 1945 and Somogyi and his brother

eventually journeyed to their hometown in Pecs, Hungary. Their father also returned home months later following his liberation from the Dachau concentration camp.

Only four people from his large family survived, he said.

"They all went to the gas chambers. All of them," Somogyi said. "Why did they have to die?"

While Somogyi refused to speak of his experience for several decades, he said he felt compelled to come forward with his story to shut down those who claim the Holocaust never happened. He said there won't be any survivors left in years to come and expressed the importance of sharing his eyewitness account to the horror behind his survival.

Following his testimony, several elected officials commended Somogyi for his courage and presented him with various proclamations on behalf of the state, county and town.

"We really owe you something. What we owe you is history. What we owe you is generational," Westchester County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said. "And what we owe you is that each and every one of us needs to never forget what we hear and teach our next generation and the generation after."

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## Obituaries



Norma Pavan

### Norma Pavan

Norma Anna (Giannini) Pavan, a resident of Yorktown, died May 29 after a long period of declining health. She was 82.

She is joining her recently departed husband George, who died on May 14, 2018. She touched many lives and will be forever missed. She was well known in the communities of Yorktown Heights, where she raised her family since 1958, and Mahopac, where she lived most of her younger years.

She was born on December 27, 1935 in the Bronx as the only child of Helen (Ferrieri) Giannini and Eugenio "Gene" Giannini. Both were talented artists, with Gene having attended art school at Cooper Union in New York City and Helen decorating their home with oil paintings as well as teaching others her skills. Coming from practical Italian immigrant roots, both turned to more practical trades - Gene as a commercial painter and Helen as a seamstress. Both were extremely talented in their fields. They imparted a very strong work ethic and importance of family to their daughter Norma.

Mrs. Pavan was raised in Mahopac where she attended the public schools through high school. She was a colorful

and outgoing teenager including spending time as a cheerleader in high school. She went on to study secretarial work at Berkeley Secretarial School in White Plains. Shortly after being introduced, in 1956, she married George, the love of her life and had 62 years together until his recent passing. She was a high-energy and loving mother, dedicated to everything needed to get her children through St. Patrick's School, where she was a frequent volunteer. She was also a Cub Scout den mother and served numerous parent support roles in Boy Scouts, brownies, and at John F. Kennedy High School. After her children left the nest, she went back to school and became a Certified Medical Technician, first working with Dr. Fritz Popper of Yorktown, and then serving more than 20 years of volunteer service with the Yorktown Ambulance Corps. She enjoyed retelling her many intense ambulance calls to her family. From the 1960s to the 1980s, she was active with the Women's Auxiliary to the Yorktown Heights Engine Company No. 1, where her husband was a Life Member with more than 50 years of service. The Auxiliary and fire department were a major focus of Norma and George's life - both in service and socially. Some of their closest friends were through these organizations. Norma always enjoyed being surrounded by her family. Being an only child, and with George's sister passing on early in life, their focus became on their immediate family. Together they raised five children, and the family grew to include eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pavan is survived by her children Ed (spouse Nicole) Pavan of Murrells Inlet, SC, John (spouse Carol) Pavan of Brunswick, ME, Bill Pavan (spouse Becky) of Derwood, MD, Joe Pavan of Hopewell Junction, NY, and Christine Baron (spouse Curtis) of Mahopac. She is also survived by a generation of grandchildren - Kendall St. Laurent, Tracey Pavan, Matthew Pavan, Averi Pavan, Marc Pavan, Andrew Baron, Jacqueline Baron

and Thomas Baron. She was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Gwenivere St. Laurent and Natalie Pavan, both of whom she recently was able to enjoy.

### Lindea Whalen

Lindea O. Whalen, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died May 23 at her home on Dream Lake Rd. She was 82.

She was born on May 14, 1936 in Brazil and was one of nine children. She came to this country at age 33 and it became her second home ever since. She was always very grateful to all the people that helped her on the beginning of her life in America. Most of her life here, she worked at IBM from which she retired at age 56. She got married to Robert Whalen on September 1, 1979 and adopted his two sons as her own.

Her life mission was helping others. For the past 25 years she volunteered at Phelps Hospital and Cherry Door, the thrift shop in Tarrytown. For many years, she was an active member of Senior Citizens of Croton-on-Hudson.

She loved traveling, chatting with friends and family and good food. Although she never had children of her own, she always took care of her nieces and nephews as if they were her own.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, stepchildren, grandchildren, her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and her friends.

There was no wake or funeral as she donated her body to New York Medical College so it could be used for scientific research.

### John Gilleo

John Gilleo, a resident of Peekskill, died May 28. He was 60.

He was born in Peekskill on July 15, 1957 to John and Marion (Benedict) Gilleo. He is survived by his daughter Sheena Vanechaute and his seven sisters: Jean DiSanto, Donna Amodeo, Joyce Gilleo, Alice Travis, Nancy Gilleo, Patricia Simone Taylor and Virginia Gilleo. Mr. Gilleo was on the Board of Directors for the Hudson Area Health Center. He loved animals and gardening.

### Lenore Shanley

Lenore E. Shanley, a resident of Cortlandt, died June 1. She was 89.

She was born on April 7, 1929 in the Bronx. She was the Office Manager for Yorktown Printing for many years. She was an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Putnam Valley, a longtime member of Van Cortlandtville Historical Society and a member of Nor-Cort Senior Citizens. She was a Chaplain at HVHC for over 20 years and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by her son, James (Marilyn) Shanley, daughters: Susan (John) Albano and Loren (Frank) Sim, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, James J. Shanley on January 13, 2002. Mrs. Shanley was a loving and kind mother and grandmother.

### Perry Verrone II

Perry Thomas Verrone II, a resident of Peekskill, died May 29. He was 90.

Mr. Verrone served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was born on December 16, 1927 to Perry and Mary Verrone. He is survived by his two children Perry T. Verrone III and Christopher Verrone, his daughter-in-law Jennifer, and his five grandchildren, Sofia, Julia, Luca, Alesia, and Camila. He is predeceased by his brother Robert Verrone and sister Dorothy Verrone and survived by his sister Antoinette DeMeo.

### Dolores Gariepy

Dolores Savarese Gariepy, a longtime resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died May 27. She was 90.

She was born June 5, 1927 to Frank and Josephine Pender Savarese in Brooklyn. She earned degrees from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, Hunter College and NYU. She retired from Pace University as a professor and Chairperson of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. She leaves behind her daughter Ellen and son-in-law Len Shields of Stormville, NY; her son Martin and daughter-in-law Kristen of Wappingers Falls, NY; her only grandchild Eric Lee Shields, the light of her life and her very dear longtime friends Doris and Don Daubney. Her husband, Thomas A., predeceased her in 2004.

### Frederick Bock

Frederick W. Bock, a resident of Putnam Valley, died peacefully on May 25 with loved ones at his side. He was 71.

He was predeceased by his family from a very young age but leaves behind a lifetime of friends who became his chosen family. A man known for his love, kindness and generosity; Fred was a lover of life and living. He will be greatly missed by those he loved, inspired and mentored.

Services will be held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley on Friday, June 8 at 11 a.m.

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## Dance for Joy Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

Lagrangeville resident Roberta Humphrey has had a passion for dance since childhood.

She has been sharing that passion as the owner and director of Dance For Joy, which is located in Mohegan Lake. She is starting her 25th year in providing classes at the school.

Humphrey said last week she started her programs at the Tom Thumb Preschool in Mohegan Lake, invited by Tom Thumb Director Nancy Brophy. "She wanted ballet classes in her new big space," Humphrey recalled. "I outgrew it and moved across the street for three years and then moved down here for the rest of the time."

Humphrey said she came up with the name of her business "because for me, that's what dance always has been. And I feel like it should be something that everybody enjoys."

Humphrey said she had taught at other schools where "they were too strict or felt that only the perfect body should be dancing. And I think dance, especially ballet, is for everybody, all shapes and sizes."

Though Dance for Joy specializes in



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Roberta Humphrey is the owner and director of Dance for Joy in Mohegan Lake.

teaching ballet, it also offers classes in modern, contemporary tap and jazz dancing.

For youths between the ages of three

and six, Dance for Joy offers BippityBop, which introduces young children to the world of dance, Humphrey said. Second grade students add jazz dance to their ballet lessons. Classes are conducted by age group until the about the age of 10 when "at that point they have to start meeting some physical readiness skills to move on to our intermediate level," she explained.

At the age of 12, students can audition for the school's youth ballet company, which is for students through the senior year of high school. There are also adult classes offered.

The company concludes its year with a performance in May at Yorktown Stage. In addition, the school performs "The Nutcracker for Kids" every December at Yorktown Stage. "It's a one-hour condensed and narrated version of the entire 'Nutcracker,' she said.

Joy of Dance offers both regular school year classes and summer programs, which begin in June.

Before she opened her school, Humphrey worked in the computer software industry for more than 20 years, but continued to teach dance and danced herself as a member of Dance Prism, a small dance touring company in the Boston area. "Everything was nights and weekends," she said.

Her love of ballet continued a family tradition, Humphrey said. "I grew up dancing ballet. My mother (the late Jean Humphrey) was a dancer," Humphrey said. "She was very supportive me opening this school. That's where my love of ballet comes from."

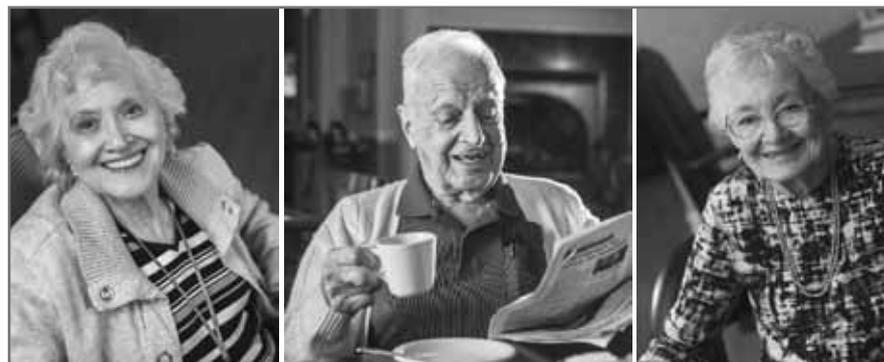
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# Lawmakers Hold Boating Safety Course in Memory of Local Man

State lawmakers, elected officials, and residents gathered on the Hudson River Saturday to talk about the importance of boating safety this summer.

"The eight-hour boating safety course my office is sponsoring today opens boating education up to residents for free and allows them to take a course that could save lives. This course is required under state law now because of legislation Assemblywoman (Sandy) Galef (D/Ossining), Assemblyman (Tom) Abinanti (D/Greenburgh), and I fought for tirelessly following Bryan Johnson's death on the water," said Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester).

Carlucci, Galef and Abinanti sponsored a boating safety course Saturday in Bryan Johnson's memory at the Shattermuc Yacht Club in Ossining. In June 2012, Johnson, 26, of Ossining, drowned to death in the waters off City Island in a boating prank gone wrong.

Police said Johnson jumped off the boat and went for a swim, but the boat pulled away without him, and when his friends returned they could not find him. Johnson's body was found several days later.

"We as a family would hate to see another family go through this because it is not easy, and it does not go away. I would



Local lawmakers and residents at the Shattermuc Yacht Club in Ossining.

like to say thank you to Sen. Carlucci, Assemblywoman Galef, Assemblyman Abinanti and everyone who played a role in getting today's boating course ready," said Johnson's grandmother Thomasina Laidley Brown.

About 50 people attended the eight-hour boating safety course taught by instructors with America's Boating Club of Westchester. Their organization announced that five scholarships would be given out beginning next year in Johnson's memory to cover the cost of the course.

"I want to thank everyone for putting this course together. I also want to thank Anthony Reyes with America's Boating

Club of Westchester. I am very grateful for what they are doing with the scholarships, and that came as a surprise. I am sure my son is very happy today. I hope the people taking the course inside take it seriously, and maybe they can help someone else one day," said Johnson's mother Sheila Lilley.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported there were nearly 4,300 recreational boating accidents in 2017. According to their report, the leading cause of fatalities in 2017 were drownings, and in more than half the cases people were not wearing life-jackets.

"What is most alarming about this report is that 81 percent of deaths occurred

on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. When the driver had taken the course we offered today, that number was dramatically reduced to 14 percent," said Carlucci.

The U.S. Coast Guard has said the number of accidents and deaths on the water have decreased since 2016.

## Informational Meeting on Cortlandt Medical District Wednesday

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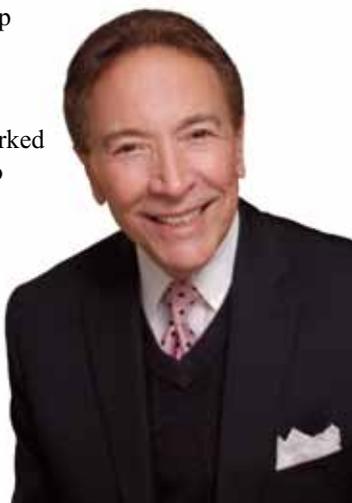
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# Sister Act Reaches Heavenly Heights at WBT

by Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Arriving just in time for a season where families have celebrations and events to participate in, the current Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) production is a lively, welcoming attraction. On the WBT stage until July 1, 2018, *Sister Act* has music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Glenn Slater and is based on the book by Bill and Cheri Steinkellner. Readers may recognize the name of Alan Menken because of his eight Academy Awards and his musical connection with numerous Disney productions among other venues. He debuted on Broadway with *Beauty and the Beast* in 1994, created the stage version of *The Little Mermaid*, a stage adaptations of *Aladdin* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* to mention just a few of his successful, talented endeavors. This production contains additional book material by Douglas Carter Beane, is directed and extraordinarily choreographed by Donna Drake, with musical direction by Bob Bray.

*Sister Act*, based on the Touchstone Motion Picture, tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva, whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found, a Convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of the Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. This is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. Having seen the film version, starring Whoopie Goldberg, many years ago, we looked forward to a live production on stage to enjoy this humorous musical

story all over again. As anticipated, the WBT continued its habit (pun intended) of offering fantastic entertainment to its audience!

The dazzling dance routines and songs inspired by Motown, Soul and Disco were perfectly entwined in the storyline that takes place in the 1970's time frame. Casting is perpetually on point when the WBT presents its shows and audience members can quickly relate to the characters portrayed in their shows. It was easy to become attached to each of the *Sister Act* characters and their plight and begin rooting for a positive outcome to the story. This show features: Zuri Washington (as Deloris Van Cartier), Mary Jo McConnell (Mother Superior), Lani Corson (Sister Mary Robert) Ken Jennings (Monsignor O'Hara), Philip Michael Baskerville (Curtis Shank), Danny Wilford (Eddie Souther), Corben Williams (TJ), Jayson Elliott (Joey), Mike D'Amico (Pablo), Sandy Rosenberg (Sister Mary Lazarus), Katelyn Lauria (Sister Mary Patrick). Many of the cast members have dual roles and multiple costume changes so the equally talented ensemble of Melanie Burg, Joanna Caruso, Sinee Daniels, Hannah Eakin, Hector Flores Jr., Keyonna Knight, Jose Plaza, T. Shyvonne Stewart, Jessi St. George, Stephanie Sable, Karen Webb add to the strength of this inspiring production.

There are many standout segments in the show, including the hilarious banter between the Mother Superior, who was against the idea of hiding a showgirl in their midst, and the somewhat "floozy", Deloris Van Cartier (a made up stage name) that seems to have her own street-wise way of looking at life. The talented



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Cast of *Sister Act*; nuns in *Sister Act*. (Below) Cast of *Sister Act*; (above) Nuns that delight audiences in play.

singing Deloris can't believe her ears when she is assigned to be part of the off-key choir of nuns in the poorly funded congregation. How the nuns find their vocal talents and combine with disco dance moves provides some of the best choreography we have seen in many years. With a large cast of about 25 performers the stage was always ablaze with song, dance, glitzy costumes and scenery. The WBT continues to impress with how their stage is turned into the locale of the current production. For *Sister Act*, the convent scenes were depicted with ceiling to floor stone archways and pas-

sages which replicated a religious orders domain. All during the performance audience members could be heard laughing out loud at the humorous lines of the cast members, clapping enthusiastically after all of the song and dance numbers. The finale brought a well-deserved standing ovation.

*Sister Act* is the perfect venue when it comes to Mother's or Father's Day celebrations, graduation outings or a place to take visiting guests from out of town. "Give the gift of entertainment", with a gift certificate, which can be used at the convenience of the receiver for this or

other upcoming shows. It's the best value in town for a delicious dinner at evening shows, or lunch during matinee performances. There is no charge for parking. The WBT is located in Elmsford.

Reservations: Call (914) 592-2222. Also at: [www.BroadwayTheatre.com](http://www.BroadwayTheatre.com)

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Sunday Matinees: Lunch: 12 pm & Show: 1:30 pm Sunday Evenings: Dinner: 5:30 pm & Show: 7 pm. Ticket Prices: Dinner & Show range between \$59.00 to \$89.00 PLUS TAX depending on the performance chosen. Beverage Service & Gratuities are not included in the ticket price. Discounts are available for children, students, and senior citizens at selected performances. Also check the website for on-going Special Offers!

## WBT Mainstage:

**Sister Act** - April 5 - July 1

**Anything Goes** - July 5- September 9

**Phantom** - September 13 - November 25

**A Christmas Carol** - November 29 - December 23

**Phantom** - Returns December 27 - January 27, 2019



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## Tuesday, June 5

**Somers Library Programs:** Several programs have been scheduled for the Somers Library. A writers' workshop is held on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon through June 25. Space is limited, so register early! Please register on our online calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Writers' Workshop Session I am held on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. through June 14. People of all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! Register for one session only please. Register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Writers' workshop Session II is held on Thursdays, through June 14, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. People of all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, so register early. Register for one session only please. A spring poetry workshop is held on Thursdays, 6/7, 14, and 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participating members will be encouraged to expand their repertoire of poems. Register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717.

**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>.

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

## Wednesday, June 6

**Ossining Library Programs:** Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at the Ossining Public Library. On June 6 at 6:30 p.m. the OPL Spring Film Series will present the re-scheduled film "Rome - Open City" in the Budarz Theater. Free. On June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the theater. The Ossin-

ing Documentary & Discussion Series will continue with a screening of "Major." For more information on the series please visit [www.ossiningdocumentaries.org](http://www.ossiningdocumentaries.org). Join us afterwards for the panel discussion. Free. On June 10 at 2 p.m. in the theater a Classical Concert will be held. Free. The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series presents an afternoon of classical chamber music with the All Seasons Chamber Players. This concert concludes the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series for the season. The season will start back in September. For more information on the All Seasons Chamber Players and their 37th season, please visit [www.allseasonschamberplayers.org](http://www.allseasonschamberplayers.org). For more information about the library, call 914-941-2416 Ext. 327 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

**Senior's Fitness Classes:** Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in the City of Peekskill on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10- to 11 a.m. The Class name is "The Workout." For more information, please contact Ray Glashoff at 914-734-4254. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center (Field Library), 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the Library.

**What Stress Can Do:** Did you know that 75 to 90 percent of all doctor's visit are stress-related? Come learn about what stress can do to your health, wealth and performance and what you can do about it. Ossining resident Harry L. Campbell, author of "What Stress Can Do" will lead this presentation at Trinity Church, 7 S. Highland Ave., Ossining, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Harry Campbell at 914-441-9714.

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

## Thursday, June 7

**Talmud Class:** Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages will have its final session from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come and bring a friend, even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

Trip To The Tropics: A quick trip to the

tropics will be held at the new "Color of Summer" exhibit at the conservatory at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, located on Route 35 in Somers. The conservatory will be replete with tropical flowering plants from all over the world in a balmy, rainforest climate, accented with the music and sounds of the tropics. There will also be a visit from "Dillon," the veiled chameleon that has made friends with visitors to the conservatory. He will be in his special enclosure. The exhibit will run through June 30. Admission fees are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under on weekdays and \$7 for adults and \$3 for children on weekends and holidays. The conservatory is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last tickets of the day are sold at 3:30 p.m. The conservatory is closed Mondays except holidays. Entrance fees are collected at the Garden Shop. Information about this exhibit and Lasdon is available at [lasdonpark.org](http://lasdonpark.org).

## Friday, June 8

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

**Temple Beth Am Shabbat:** Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500. A Welcoming Shabbat for Tots will proceed the service at 5:30 p.m. Filled with movement, music, and ruach (spirit), Rabbi Robbie and Rebbetzin Ellen help bring in the Shabbat with that special "Shabbat Spirit" followed by a Shabbat dinner. The only cost of the dinner is a Shabbat Shalom smile. To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail Rebbetzin Ellen at [RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com](mailto:RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com).

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in

the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

## Saturday, June 9

**Camp Open House:** Camp Nabby, 1 Nabby Hill, Mohegan Lake, will be holding an Open House on June 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop in anytime between those hours for a personalized tour, enjoy a meet and greet with camp directors and take advantage of incredible Open House specials. For more information, please contact the camp office at 914-528-7796 or via e-mail at [summer@campnabby.com](mailto:summer@campnabby.com).

**World Wide Knit:** World Wide Knit in Public will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the Gazebo at the intersection of North Division and Park in Peekskill. Do your knitting/crocheting/fiber art of choice. Or come to learn. Info: [wwkipday.com](http://wwkipday.com).

**Korean War Display:** "Korea, a War without End" captures, in displays of images, words, vintage equipment and weapons, the "police action" that began in June, 1950 when North Korea invaded Western South Korea at Lasdon Park. The exhibit will be open until September. The museum is closed Mondays, except holidays, Memorial Day through Labor Day; open only on weekends the rest of the year. It is also open on July 4 and Veterans Day. Lasdon Park, Arboretum, and Veterans Memorial, a Westchester County Park, is located on Route 35 in Somers. For more information on Lasdon and all Westchester County parks go to [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**Zen Meditation:** Authentic Zen meditation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Teshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 1698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at <http://www.yorktownzen.org> or e-mail us at [yorktownzen@gmail.com](mailto:yorktownzen@gmail.com).

**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.

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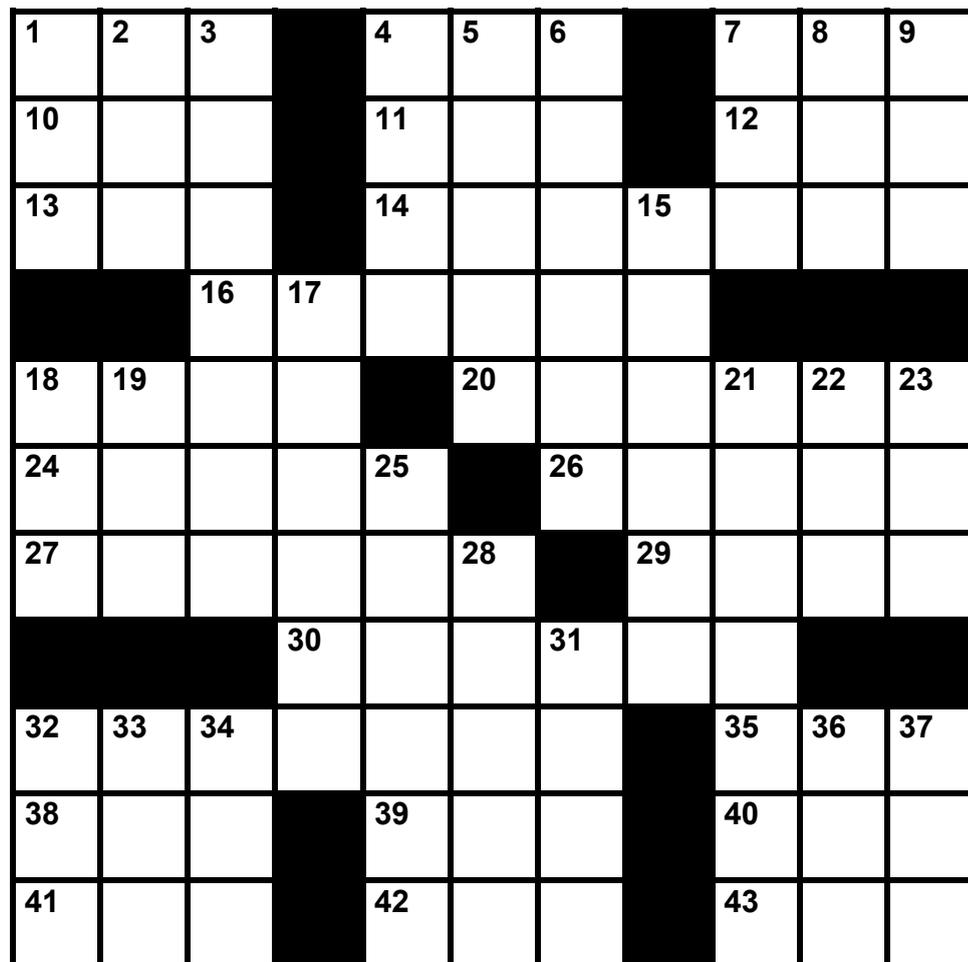
1. \_\_\_ Canals
4. Baseball great Roush
7. Paramedic's need
10. 252 gallons of wine
11. Mangy dog
12. Good works ad
13. Rapper prefix
14. "Reach for new \_\_\_" or Yorktown animal hospital
16. Unfold
18. Game of Thrones character
20. Arguments
24. You'll want to visit this Shrub oak ice cream parlor every day of the week, \_\_\_ Scoops
26. Jeweler's glass
27. Bam! chef
29. Court grp.
30. Bursts of applause, e.g.
32. "So what?!"
35. Head of England
38. \_\_\_ meter (measures distance travelled)
39. Copyright relatives, briefly
40. "A rat!"
41. "\_\_\_ good turn daily" (Boy

Scouts slogan)

42. Chinese basketball giant
43. Some Harvard grads, abbr.

## DOWN

1. Cardinal's insignia
2. Yes, in French
3. Legally off-base
4. Reiterate
5. Contests with pistols
6. Twaddle
7. Eur. speedometer reading
8. Believer's suffix
9. Prof's paper graders, often
15. "Vamoose!"
17. Took evasive action
18. Compass point
19. Bottom line
21. Had a fight
22. Be decisive
23. Green color
25. A fine point
28. Peruvian beast
31. Not to mention
32. Physique, informally
33. Vow words
34. Former Portuguese colony in India
36. Poetic over
37. Approves



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**ices:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com).

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit [DowntoEarthMarkets.com](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

## Sunday, June 10

**Somers Library Programs:** Two programs have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Public Library. Race Amity Day will be held on June 10 from noon to 5 p.m. Race Amity Day was created by the National Center for Race Amity in Boston, MA. Their purpose is to promote friendship within the human family and explore the history of

racial cooperation. The Somers event is to sponsor local celebrations of this day and assist in establishing Race Amity Day as a national holiday. Our event will open with light refreshments, a meet and greet and music performed by the Souls United of the Hudson Valley Choir. Following this introduction will be a showing of a shortened version of the film "An American Story: Race Amity and The Other Tradition." After the film there will be a discussion facilitated by Deirdra "Jen" Brown, founder of the "Race Unity Circle." The program will close with music performed by the Souls United of the Hudson Valley Choir, after which will be a potluck picnic on the lawn in front of the library or, in the case of inclement weather, in the Program Room. Mixed Media will be held on Mondays, 6/11, 18, 25, 7/9, 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. In this session, anything goes. Fill your bag with your favorites when you create, be it paints, watercolors, crayons, markers - you're the artist, this is your choice. Jazz music will be heard as you create. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; reg-

ister online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717.

**Special Conservatory Tour:** A Special Conservatory Tour will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Route 35, Somers. A tour of the tropical rainforest exhibit will be led by Lasdon's horticulturist and learn about rainforests as well as tropical plants. Weekend admission: \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets are sold at the Shop at Lasdon. The tour is free. Info: 914-864-7268.

**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. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion fee is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

**Bingo:** Bingo will be played tonight and June 24 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org)

## Monday, June 11

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# Your Home Colors Depend on Whether You're Moving or Staying

For many years, I lived in a large, 14-room colonial that presented many opportunities in selecting paint colors. Now that I live in a gorgeous condo but with a quarter of the space, I live with only one wall color: off-white, and having to choose an exterior color is not an issue.

Color is the most arresting, yet economical way to identify a home's character. While the exteriors of houses tend to subscribe to an unwritten code of neutral colors to conform to the sensitivities of the neighborhood, this is not always the case. Much to the consternation of some of my former neighbors, there was a bright sunflower yellow house in my community not far from an unabashed purple house, complemented by a pink stone driveway. One realtor told me they were both spite jobs to disgreeable neighbors, but I prefer to think that the homeowners just happen to be winsome and expressive.

Beyond personal expression, paint serves the practical purpose of being the cheapest, most effective picker-upper to a house's appearance, especially at sale time.

"It's the easiest way to upgrade a

home," said Joe Pascarelli, a longtime house painter.

Pascarelli knows a lot about paint. He said that the selection of color for either a house's interior or exterior is determined primarily by whether owners plan to "hunker down" for a long spell or to put their home up for sale.

"When they want to move, I suggest a lighter palette of mostly neutral colors, like off-whites that will appeal to the most people," Pascarelli said. "Mostly, they want their home to look clean and bright to put on the best face to the buyer."

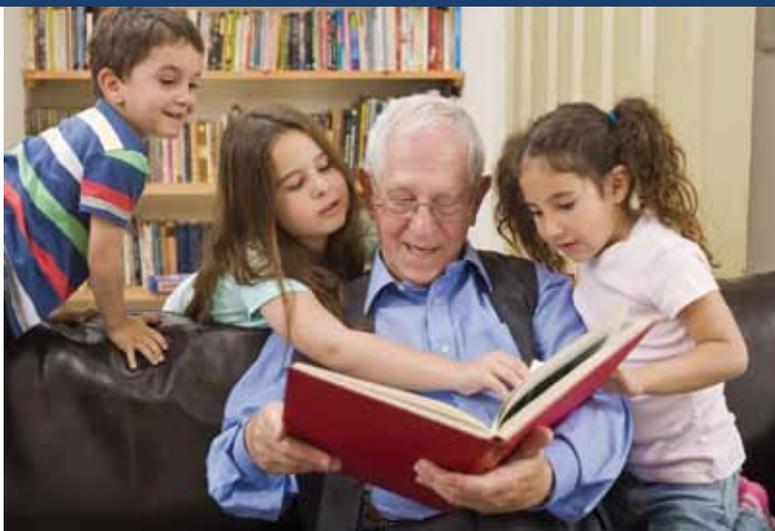
If you're not selling, the whole rainbow is your spectrum and certain colors can create illusions beyond the actual dimension of a room. Tips I learned in a realtor's decorating course are that cool colors (any that contain the primary color blue) make rooms feel larger and also bring a feeling of calmness. Warm colors (containing yellow or red) are stimulating and inviting and are good for making large rooms feel cozier and warmer. While softer or muted colors are preferred for the body of the house, deep or bright colors are best used for accents and trim.

For determining the cost of painting an exterior, Pascarelli said that he listens



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to the customer's requirements and factors in all characteristics of the home: the number of windows, doors, shutters and the amount of preparation that must be done. That preparation includes a power wash, checking for and correcting any rot, caulking, sanding and a prime coat. If the house is being painted the same color, it may require just one top coat, but a change in color may require several coats.

Asked for the cost to paint the exterior of an average sized house in Westchester or Putnam, Pascarelli estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000. Inside painting for the average house also depends on a number of factors, such as whether the color of every room is being changed, whether there are crown and base moldings and whether windows are vinyl or wood.

"Here, costs are lower because most clients don't paint the entire interior," Pascarelli noted, "but if the entire house is being re-painted, it tends to be a larger job and costs toward the higher end of the cost for painting the exterior."

Painting a single room usually costs between \$400 and \$500, he said.

If you decide to paint yourself, here's a neat trick to determine how much paint you'll need. For a ceiling, let's say, multiply the length by the width and divide that number by 350 to determine how

many gallons of paint you will need. The 350 number is derived from the fact that most gallons of paint will cover 350 square feet. Do the same thing for the side walls. Add the length of each wall, multiply that number by the height of the wall and divide by 350.

If you don't want to go through the trouble yourself, leave it to a pro like my longtime buddy and service provider Joe Pascarelli. He can be reached at 914-330-3889.

By the way, I eventually got to meet the owners of both the sunflower yellow house and the purple house in my community. I found them both to be very happy people who were delighted with their color choices. In fact, the owner of the purple house chooses that color for all her fashion, including her eyeglass frames.

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## Virtual Tour of N. California Continues With an Old World Focus

Last week, we continued our virtual tour to another small winery in California. I left you with the allure of Unti Winery and Vineyard, a family-owned and operated winery in the Dry Creek Valley appellation in Sonoma County.

A reader asked how I came upon this gem, amongst the hundreds of small wineries in Northern California. My wife and I had visited George and Mick Unti by happenstance in the late 1990s.

I had become enamored with Zinfandel wines from Northern California. On one of our many trips to California wine country, we decided to immerse ourselves in one of the sweet spots for producing Zinfandel. We focused on Sonoma County. We were able to meet and share wine with the folks who had dirt under their fingernails, the dirt of the true essence of their wines. It was exhilarating. During that trip I developed an ardor for the Dry Creek Valley and two wineries: Unti and Bella Vineyards.

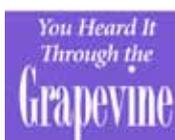
When my wife and I found ourselves heading to Sonoma County again last year to seek out small wineries, Unti was

at the top of our list.

In the late 1990s, the small tasting counter at Unti was in the equally small storage warehouse in the middle of the vineyard. Zinfandel was king then; today it plays an important but less dominant role at the winery. This is not a function of Mick Unti's diminished passion for the grape, but rather his expanding love of French and Italian grapes.



By Nick Antonaccio



The philosophy of the father and son team has evolved over the quarter century of living the family dream. Savoring one of his latest releases in the new stand-alone tasting room, the family's selection criteria for planting grapes became clear.

Anchored in their Old World heritage and a sustainable approach to nurturing the land and climate of their 60 acres of vineyards, Mick energetically states his mindset: "Which grapes and wines do we love that can viably be grown in our local terroir?"

The expression of the Unti wines is in their genes. You can sense their heritage in palpable ways. George's Tuscan-style home; the entrepreneurial passion that is not consumed with popularity or brand-

ing – it's for themselves and if others appreciate it, they're more than happy to spread their passion and their wines.

Here's an insight into Mick's focus on which grapes to grow and how to sell them. I asked Mick about his wine club, the lifeline of other small wineries with limited distribution means. "I don't have one. Yes, I probably should have a subscription club, but it's more intimate to send our current releases and offerings to our email customer list for their non-obligatory consideration."

His passion is evident and comes through in every description and narrative of a particular wine. In conversation, his pride and commitment to the Unti winery and philosophy is at times effusive, other times a subtle understatement. "We identify the grapes to grow based on the affinity of our favorite grapes for our environment," Mick explained. "Yet we've experienced the many trials and tribulations of a small winery."

The European grapes grown at Unti are a classic example of American proclivity for experimentation. Why not grow Barbera grapevines, grown almost exclusively in the Piedmont region of Italy? Why not experiment with Picpoul grapevines, grown in Southwest France?

And the results are stunning.

The driving element that influences grapevine plantings is Mick's preference for acidic wines. This led to the Unti decision to supplement Zinfandel plantings with those of Sangiovese, Barbera, Aglianico, Mourvedre, Grenache and Syrah. Then, in 2004, in his "constant pursuit for high-acid wines," Mick decided to plant white varieties. Today, he gushes about the Unti expression of Fiano, Verdicchio, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul plantings. I am not aware of any other winery that vinifies such an expansive panoply of grape varieties.

The Untis have experimented with numerous grape varieties. Consumers benefit from George and Mick's diligence and perseverance over a quarter century of passion. I encourage you to experiment. Join their mailing list today. I have.

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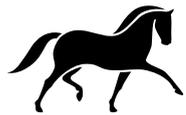
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75K to 100K	~25%
100K to 150K	~30%
150K to 250K	~20%
250K to 500K	~8%
500K or more	~2%

### Housing Stock

Category	Percentage
Owned	~75%
Rented	~15%
Vacant	~10%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$380,842	↓ 0%
HOMES SOLD	21	↓ 22.2%
AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET	90	↑ 1%
% OF SALES PRICE	9985	↓ 1.1%
HOMES FOR SALE	90	↑ 26.6%
MONTHS ON INVENTORY	4.3	

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1,178 sq ft  
4,461 sq ft  
1,431 sq ft

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