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Re-Open for Business

Guo Lin, owner of Emperor's Buffet, and his family celebrated the grand re-opening of his business in the Beach Shopping Center Saturday with local cable television host George Ondek. Formerly called Emperor's Choice, the 28-year-old restaurant, which was completely renovated and remodeled, specializes in Chinese and Japanese cuisine and now offers a large buffet for dining in or take-out. Emperor's Buffet is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.

Local Veterans Advocate Charged with Bingo Fraud in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

A Vietnam veteran was charged Thursday with felony Gaming Fraud by allegedly changing the outcomes of weekly Bingo games at the Yorktown Jewish Center on Route 202.

Neil Gross, 71, of Mohegan Lake, was arrested by Yorktown Police following an investigation in conjunction with the New York State Gaming Commission. He was processed and released on his own recognizance. He is due in Yorktown Town Court on September 11 to answer the charges.

Examiner Media has learned Gaming

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KELLY HABERSTROH PHOTO

Neil Gross was one of several veterans honored by Yorktown Town Board Tuesday night.

Funeral Services Set for Couple Who Died in Murder-Suicide

By Rick Pezzullo

Funeral services will be held later this week for a Yorktown couple who died in a murder-suicide August 8 at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

Visitation for Richard DeLucia, 71, and his wife, Ann, 70, will take place Thursday, August 16 from 2 to 9 p.m. at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home in Thornwood. A Mass of Christian Burial for Richard will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

According to Westchester County Police Commissioner Thomas Gleason, Richard DeLucia shot his wife with a licensed .38-caliber revolver while she laid in bed in the intensive care unit on the

fourth floor of the hospital at about 9:39 a.m. Richard DeLucia then fatally shot himself. Both died of a single gunshot wound.

"I am grateful to the Medical Center staff and the officers from the Westchester County Police, Mount Pleasant Police, Greenburgh Police and New York State Police for their prompt and professional response in the first minutes of this tragic incident," Gleason said.

Police detectives later found a note from Richard DeLucia in their Jefferson Village residence on Molly Pitcher Lane indicating he was distraught over his wife's medical issues and wanted to end

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Richard and Ann DeLucia of Yorktown both died last week at Westchester Medical Center



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Purple Heart Recipients Recognized at Ceremony in Yorktown

By Kelly Haberstroh

The Yorktown Town Board honored members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21 at its August 7 meeting to mark the 236th anniversary of the Purple Heart award creation.

Since Yorktown is a Purple Heart Town, Supervisor Ilan Gilbert read a proclamation about Purple Heart Day, which recognized and thanked all veterans who have served the country and community.

"Whereas today, the Purple Heart is awarded to honor the combat wounded, wounded veterans of this country and those who make the sacrifice and never return home," Gilbert read. "Whereas our veterans have earned profound and eternal gratitude from all people of our town for the willingness to risk their lives and limbs for the sake of this nation, its people and the sake of its cherished freedoms."



PHOTO BY KELLY HABERSTROH

Yorktown Town Board members posed with local veterans at meeting last week.

Following the reading, Gilbert presented Commander Dale Novak with the accepted proclamation from the Town Board on behalf of their chapter.

"Everybody who has received a Purple Heart has different levels of suffering. For me, the six days that I spent in the hospital were a small thing compared to some people," Novak said during his acceptance. "They got the same medal I did, but they paid a much more severe price than me, so I thank you for this honor."

Novak also addressed the work that

his chapter does with the Hudson Valley Healthcare System PTSD inpatient unit in Montrose. They help fundraise for them to make their stay at the PTSD unit more pleasant, but also let them know the community is behind them, according to Novak.

In addition, Gilbert presented the individual certificates of appreciation to nine other veterans of Chapter 21, including Novak, "in recognition of the service and sacrifices in the defense of our country and its citizens on behalf of Yorktown and its residents."

Sr. Vice Commander Eugene Lang and Commander Neil Gross accepted awards on behalf of those not in attendance.

After receiving his certificate, Lang read a poem by Clive Sanders called, "Unless You've Been a Soldier," which details what soldiers endure, but how they are proud to have served their country.

Gross also recommended that the

Town Board work to implement a program in the Yorktown and Lakeland school districts that would allow for veterans to educate students about their experiences in World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars first-hand.

"Unfortunately, we have been cut out of the Ossining High School Living History Veteran's Project. I only attended a couple of their programs, but the knowledge and learning that went on was invaluable to the students," Gross said.

According to Gross, some students had no idea whatsoever about the organizations that make up the United States military or what a Purple Heart was.

"There are two sources of information – first is primary source, which is us, and the secondary source is your textbooks, writings and other documentaries," he said. "But there's nothing like hearing about our experiences as a veteran directly from a veteran."

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Commission investigators were notified of Gross' possible misdeeds as a Bingo inspector in May by a Cortlandt man who made a complaint after attending a Bin-

go session in late April and videotaped Gross' actions. The tape was turned over to investigators, who later attended some Bingo games to witness first-hand how Gross calls games.

According to Yorktown Police, Gross, a longtime Bingo ball caller at the Jewish Center, violated the rules of casino gaming of multiple Bingo games.

Gross, a Purple Heart recipient, co-

chaired Chapter 21 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and has lobbied many elected officials in Westchester and Putnam counties to designate their municipalities with a Purple Heart tag.



Pain Shooting Down One Leg? What you need to know about symptoms and treatment of sciatica...

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Q: Do I have sciatica?

A: You probably do if you feel a sudden and severe pain, along with numbness and weakness, radiating from the buttocks down the back of one leg to the foot. The pain can be crippling. It is usually intense when you walk, diminishing when you lie down.

Q: What causes sciatica?

A: The *sciatic nerve* branches from the spine in the lower back through the hips and buttocks and runs down the back of each leg to the foot. Sciatica occurs when this nerve is pinched in the lower back by spinal disc herniation – protruding disc material – or by a larger fragment of disc material. Disc herniation usually occurs during normal activities, such as rising from bed.

Q: Am I at risk for sciatica?

A: Sciatica is common. More than three million Americans are diagnosed with the condition annually.* Apart from the fact that 10 to 15 percent of patients have a family history of back problems, there are no risk factors. No behavior predisposes you to it.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: If you have sciatica and it is not severe, you will typically receive oral steroids (anti-inflammatories) for seven days. Once you're more mobile, you will engage in physical therapy for a period of time and then be

re-evaluated. If your symptoms persist, you may receive an injection of steroids at the nerve root to reduce pain. If this regimen fails, physicians will offer surgery. However, if a patient comes in unable to stand – basically bed-bound – we advise surgery sooner. It is important to know that 80 to 90 percent of patients get better without surgery.

Q: What can I expect from surgery for sciatica?

A: This minimally invasive procedure takes under an hour, and consists of removing the disc material pressing on the nerve. Most patients are pain-free following surgery. We have seen patients who arrived unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes, walk out the same day after surgery, completely asymptomatic. Sciatica recurs in ten percent of people, who may suffer recurrent bouts of the condition throughout their life.

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Ossining Adopts Gender Neutral Signage Policy for Bathrooms

The Village of Ossining has begun installing gender neutral signage on single person bathrooms in village facilities after recently becoming the first municipality in New York State to adopt a gender neutral signage policy in village facilities.

Mayor Victoria Gearity is hopeful other communities and private sector businesses will follow Ossining's lead.

"This is a simple policy that sends a strong message, Ossining is welcoming to everyone. I am proud to serve a community that values diversity and inclusivity," Gearity said.

Paige Flanagan shared her reasons for supporting the gender neutral signage

policy, saying "As a transgender woman, I have many concerns about moving through our current society. One of the major concerns is foreign to most people; restrooms. I find myself to be more comfortable in places that have single-user restrooms, or gender non-specific restrooms. These certainly do not take away from anyone else, but they do add a level of confidence to those of us who worry about public restrooms. Ossining is proving itself to be a leader within New York, and it is appreciated. This is a terrific step toward equality."

Christina Picciano, Founder of LG-BTQ Ossining, commented, "Many people in the LGBTQ community suffer from anxiety and depression. I thank Mayor Gearity and the Village of Ossining for making us feel welcome, safe and loved."

Gearity thanked her fellow elected officials for their unanimous support of the policy, as well as the staff who moved swiftly to implement the policy and install the new signage. It was at a recent Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series program when it occurred to Gearity

that the village may have a role to play in improving the lives of transgender and gender nonconforming people. She proposed the Gender Neutral Signage policy at the June 20 Village Board meeting, and the policy was adopted with unanimous support by the Village Board on July 18.

The first sign was installed in the lobby of Village Hall. Additional signs will soon be installed at the courthouse and village parks where there are single person bathrooms. The geometric tile is a design widely used in California where gender neutral signage laws are already in place.

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her suffering. According to multiple reports, Ann DeLucia suffered a stroke a few months ago and recently returned home after staying at Burke Rehabilitation in White Plains. While at home, she fell out of a wheelchair and broke her neck, and she was admitted at the medical center.

The DeLucia's resided in Yonkers and Valhalla for many years before relocating to North Carolina. They returned to Westchester in 2016, settling in Jefferson Village.

Richard DeLucia, who reportedly had suffered some health issues of his own in recent years, was a Vietnam veteran. The couple, who were married for 47 years, were former longtime owners of Westchester Manor in Hastings-on-Hudson before they retired. They were the parents of one son, Richard.

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Peekskill Police Make Second Arrest in Daytime Murder

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Police have made a second arrest in the July shooting of a Bronx man on Park Street.

On Tuesday, police charged Sean DeLeon, 23, of Peekskill, with second-degree murder after they determined two males acted in concert in the July 13 homicide of Khalil Lyons, 22. Last week, Demetrius Bogan, 18, of Peekskill, was arrested in the fatal shooting.

On July 13, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Peekskill Police responded to the area of 1245 Park Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers discovered Lyons lying on the ground with what proved to be a single, fatal gunshot wound to the chest. A male suspect was reported to have been observed fleeing the scene after arguing with the victim.

Bogan and DeLeon have both been remanded to Westchester County Jail.

Anyone who has additional information on this incident is asked to contact Peekskill detectives at (914) 737-8000



Sean DeLeon

or email jgalusha@peekskillpolice.com. Anonymous tips may also be made at www.cityofpeekskill.com under the crime tips section.

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State Police

August 2 -

New York State Police, Troop K, SP Cortlandt Uniform Patrols and Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI), arrested Gary M. Carbone Jr., 28, a Cortlandt resident, for one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, all Class "D" Felonies, and one count of Menacing in the Second Degree, a Class "A" Misdemeanor. Police were dispatched to a report of domestic dispute involving a firearm. Upon arrival, it was alleged that Carbone menaced an acquaintance with a AR-15 style Assault Rifle prior to physically removing her from his residence. A loaded, unregistered, Ruger AR-556 was located and secured at the residence. Carbone was later taken into custody and transported back to SP Cortlandt to be processed. Carbone was processed without incident, arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

August 1 -

New York State Police, Troop K, SP Cortlandt Bureau of Criminal Investiga-

tions (BCI), arrested Stephen J. Candalaria, 24, a Verplanck resident, for one count of Falsely Reporting an Incident in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor. On July 17, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Candalaria reported to SP Cortlandt that his 2009 Mazda RX8 was stolen from 7th Street in Verplanck. An investigation into the alleged stolen vehicle determined that the allegations made by Candalaria were false and Candalaria was ultimately arrested. Candalaria was processed without incident and was issued an Appearance Ticket directing him to appear in Town of Cortlandt Court.

Yorktown Police

August 7 -

Michael Mallon, 28, of Mahopac, was charged with obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest after police and Mohegan Lake Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps personnel responded to the Macy's parking lot for a report of an unconscious subject at about 12:47 p.m. While at the scene treating the unconscious victim, it is alleged Mallon began interfering with police and EMS personnel during life-saving procedures. When officers attempted to arrest Mallon, he began

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Latimer Discusses Possible Privatization of WC Airport

By Anna Young

With the Westchester County Airport stirring up contentious debate over the years, County Executive George Latimer announced plans Monday afternoon to remediate residential concerns and discussed possible privatization of the airport.

Following a string of public forums in June where residents offered feedback on the airport's future, Latimer said his administration is taking an active first step to investigate airport operations and implement noise, water and air quality monitoring systems to create long-term solutions.

Officials said 10 portable noise monitors have been ordered and will be placed in areas that have received a high volume of complaints by the end of the month. The monitors will assess and validate the accuracy of data collected from the systems currently in place. A consultant has also been hired to analyze best practices to institute a state-of-the-art fixed noise monitoring system.

Data gathered from the monitors will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), who oversees air travel, Latimer said.

"We intend to change the permanent monitoring," Latimer said at a press conference held at the Westchester County



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Westchester County Executive George Latimer speaks at press conference Monday.

Airport. "We've seen a heavy concentration over the route that takes in Pleasantville and Chappaqua into the airport which was not what it was 10 years ago. We intend to try to attach these to the locations where the greatest amount of current noise is."

Improvements will also be made to the noise complaint system to increase response time and provide greater detail to resident concerns. Changes will go into effect in September.

While residents panned the increased traffic, noise, drainage and environmental impacts throughout the forums, several strongly opposed privatizing the county-owned airport. With the county facing a \$32.2 million deficit, Latimer, who harshly criticized former county executive Rob Astorino's controversial plan to lease the airport to a private operator during his 2017 campaign, said any decisions to lease the airport will be decided by the Board of Legislators.

"Governance of this airport has never been the main issue," Latimer said. "The issue of governance was brought in by the last administration and turned the discussion of the airport into a financial discussion."

Latimer said seeing the airport operate efficiently as a "transportation hub" is his main goal and has never viewed the airport "as a piggy bank to crack open." While he accused Astorino of wanting to "liquify an asset," he said the county has a fiduciary responsibility to balance the county budget.

Latimer added there is an ongoing

dialogue between county officials as to whether the airport would be leased long-term but wouldn't confirm if any proposals received under Astorino's administration were still up for consideration. Latimer said his administration has met with Oaktree Capital Management and Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. about their proposals, but asserted "no documents have been sent to the Board of Legislators."

Macquarie proposed a \$1.1 billion public-private partnership last fall. The 40-year lease would have included a \$595 million financial offer accompanied by \$550 in capital funds to maintain and improve the airport's infrastructure. Oaktree proposed a \$140 million deal in 2016.

Discussions with the Board of Legislators are informal but will only become formal if they choose to investigate one proposal, Latimer said.

"When we submit a budget in November it will reflect the common dialogue between the administration and the legislator," Latimer said. "I have not been a fan of changing the governance of the airport but I'm willing to listen to whatever the dialogue is, and that dialogue will be informal on the outset."

Murphy Calls on PSC to Take Action Against NYSEG

By David Propper

Over the past several months, much ire has been directed toward the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, which provides power for many residents in Putnam and parts of Westchester County.

Now, state Sen. Terrence Murphy wants to see the lights turned off on their operation in New York.

Murphy, a Republican that represents the 40th district, wrote to Department of Public Service Commission (PSC) chair John Rhodes urging the PSC to reopen the region to find another power producer that could be more capable than NYSEG, which has faced a torrent of the criticism in the wake of battering storms.

"It is clear NYSEG cannot deliver reliable power to its customers," Murphy wrote.

Murphy said there have been an endless series of service interruptions the past couple of years, arguing drastic steps need to be taken because NYSEG customers have lost faith in their power provider.

On March 2, the Winter Storm Riley, which brought high winds and more than a foot of snow, resulted in long durations of the lights being out due to snapped power lines and flooding. Repair crews were not responsive and many



NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy wants to see the lights turned off on NYSEG.

customers were given inaccurate restoration times, Murphy's press release stated. Then on March 7, another winter storm, Quinn, crushed the region and more customers were left without power for days with no firm idea of when the lights would be turned on.

During that time, state and local officials across the board slammed NYSEG and other power providers for the multiple days that customers were without

power.

Since those two powerful storms, Murphy believes customers have lost power due to insignificant storms, with some residents in Somers, North Salem, and Lewisboro losing power for the 10th time this year.

While the state senate was in session, Murphy, chairman of the New York State Senate's Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, authored

a bill aimed at reforming how utility companies respond to power outages. The legislation, which would include enhanced vegetation management and look into reimbursement policies, passed the senate, but was never taken up by the state assembly.

"My office continues to work with dozens of constituents who have sought reimbursements from NYSEG for their losses from this year's storms and have yet to receive an adequate response," Murphy said in a statement. "How much more do we have to go through? Residents and our partners in government are at the end of their rope and understandably so. If NYSEG cannot provide safe and reliable power then the PSC must find someone who can."

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who has been critical of NYSEG, doesn't think the company should stop operating in the state, but should be given more flexibility to cut down trees to avoid downed power lines. He thinks any power company that would come into this area would have trouble keeping the lights on during nasty weather.

"We're not going to solve this problem switching companies," said Oliverio in an interview. "No matter who is here, they still have to deal with the tree problem."



Pickers Paradise & Pretty Pickens Party Room Mahopac

By David Propper

Mahopac resident Jamie Buccellato has always had the desire to open her own business. The past three years, she's achieved that goal—twice.

Owner of Picker's Paradise and Pretty Pickens Party Room, which are right next to each other, Buccellato has provided Mahopac residents with two stores along Route 6, though they have very different purposes.

Picker's Paradise opened in 2015, offering vintage merchandise, antiques, home décor and a wide variety of other items that might catch someone's eye. Buccellato likes to repurpose furniture and bring new life to it, rather than seeing it thrown out.

"I've always had a love of stuff," she said with a laugh.

Buccellato had family members that were involved in the junk removal business and they kept bringing her stuff that she would then help them sell on Ebay like collectibles and antiques. It got to the point where the collection of stuff became too much for Buccellato to store in her home so she decided to open a storefront.

During that time, Buccellato said she's shocked at some of the items people try to get rid of. But she loves finding how one person's trash can in turn become a treasure for another household.

"I like the nostalgic of vintage items that maybe have become obsolete," she



Pretty Pickens Party Room opened more recently, but is ready to host birthday parties for children looking to explore their artistic side. Owner Jamie Buccellato and Picker's Paradise have been a mainstay along Route 6 since 2015.

added. "It's nice to see that they still exist somewhere."

The most valuable item Buccellato has ever come across was a clock from the 1800s, which she sold for a solid price. She is able to determine what a price should be with the help of the Internet, making appraisals easy. While she doesn't focus much on consignment, she will sell items online for customers and collect a commission fee.

On the other side of the storefront is Pretty Pickens Party Room, which is a

completely separate entity and allows Buccellato to work with children, a passion of hers.

The party room is a fun place for kids to host their birthday craft parties, including paintings, jewelry making, tea parties and creative imagination. The room can hold up to 30 guests and is also available for local crafters to hold their own classes.

"My love for painting, I was hoping it'd be infectious on maybe a young child or letting them experience their creativity,"



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she said.

Going forward, Buccellato doesn't plan to be done yet. After going back to school for her Masters in education, the next business she wants to open is a preschool.

"I definitely like building on businesses," she said. "Just keep building something."

Picker's Paradise and Pretty Pickens Party Room are located at 606 US-6, Mahopac and its phone number is (845) 621-7425.

Reps Chastise Trump Administration for Newsprint Tariffs

Area congressional representatives are joining a bipartisan chorus of critics who are chastising the Trump administration for imposing tariffs on Canadian newsprint.

Local congressman Sean Patrick Maloney is a co-sponsor of a bill introduced in June by Congresswoman Kristi Noem, a South Dakota Republican. The legislation, known as the PRINT Act, would place a temporary hold on the newsprint tariffs while the Commerce Department investigates the adverse impact on the industry.

"Millions of Americans rely on their local papers for the latest news on what's happening in their corner of the world," the District 18 Democrat said. "New digital platforms are great, but they're not reporting on what's happening in your

own backyard. The last thing we should be doing is taxing our local free press. This is an issue that Democrats and Republicans are both up in arms against – and we're fighting to rollback these tariffs to protect thousands of jobs and local papers."

In January, tariffs were implemented after the Commerce Department sided with North Pacific Paper Company, a paper mill based in Washington State. The paper company had alleged that Canadian manufacturers were selling newsprint at artificially low prices. On August 2, publishers received mildly helpful news, when the department issued tariffs that were lower than industry watchers originally anticipated. The tariffs range from 3.38 percent to 20 percent but, on top

of that, newsprint prices are projected to increase by about 30 percent over the next year or two, remarked Michelle K. Rea, executive director of the New York Press Association.

Most publishers have seen the price per metric ton increase by \$200 or more over the past 10 months, Rea noted.

"The newsprint tariffs are putting enormous pressure on an already challenged industry," she said.

Local Democratic Congresswoman Nita Lowey, for her part, said, "President Trump's arbitrary decision to get the United States into a trade war is hurting many aspects of the economy, and I'm deeply concerned about the impact of resulting tariffs on local newspapers."

"Current, local news is fundamental

to holding elected officials accountable and to addressing the information needs of our communities, from emergencies to community events, and it plays an indispensable role in contextualizing important national issues," the District 17 Democrat added. "We simply cannot afford for local newspapers to be priced out of business because of President Trump's careless policies."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Rea, the press association executive director, is continuing her efforts to lobby for ending the tariffs.

"The fight continues and we hope to convince the department to eliminate the tariffs after a hearing to be conducted later this month," Rea concluded.

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Obituary

Jeanette McAnally

Jeanette I. McAnally, a resident of Ossining, died August 6. She was 78.

She was born in Yonkers on Mary 24, 1940 to William and Ethel (Henderson) Mc Lean. She worked as a computer operator at Reader's Digest in Pleasantville. She will be deeply missed by her daughters, Janet (Edward) White and Colleen Jones, brother, William McLean, sister, Maureen Sutherland, grandchildren, Tanner, Braden, Grayson, Liam, Ethan, Declan and Ronan. The family would also like to thank her amazing caregiver Stacey Anne for all that she did for her. She was predeceased by her husband William R. McAnally, and sisters, Joan McLean and Ethel Shelley.

Sebastiao da Silva

Sebastião Afonso da Silva, a resident of Cortlandt, formerly of North Tarrytown and Ossining, died August 1 in Portugal. He was 87.

He was born December 22, 1930, in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, son of Portuguese parents, the late Maria Cândida Andrade da Silva and Afonso da Silva. At five months of age, he and his family returned to Alijó, Portugal, where he was raised and educated.

At 22 years of age, he returned to Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, where he met and married, his beloved wife of 55 years, Aldina Miranda da Silva, on January 19, 1957, who predeceased him in 2012. On October 7, 1957, Sebastião and Aldina arrived in the United States and resided in North Tarrytown until 1971, when they moved to Ossining.

A deeply devoted family man, he worked at General Motors in North Tarrytown until his retirement in 1989. He was a generous soul, who would always help anyone in need. He loved to sing, dance and play guitar and was an avid "Sporting Clube de Portugal" soccer fan. He had great pride in his Portuguese heritage and culture and felt equally proud to be an American.

Mr. da Silva dedicated more than four decades of his life as a Pillar in the Portuguese American Community. He worked tirelessly as a volunteer in the many different roles he held over the years. On May 4, 1968, he co-founded the "Fernão de Magal-

hães" Portuguese School, where he was the Director for 13 consecutive years; the school is still active today. Ten years later, in 1978, his personal dream for the Portuguese Community was fulfilled when they broke ground for the current location of the Portuguese American Cultural Center of the Tarrytowns (PACC). He was also one of the founding members of the "Portuguese Civic Association of the State of New York," and was honored with the "Man of the Year" Award in 1991, after many years of dedicated service to the Association.

He is survived by his daughters, Candida Miranda da Silva Rodrigues (Carlos) of Buchanan, and Cecilia Miranda Silva (Arlindo) of Cortlandt, and grandchildren, Steven Silva (Angela), Crystal Rodrigues Horgan (Todd), Craig Manuel Rodrigues (Christine) and Sabrina Silva Mara (Richard) and great-grandchildren Jake, Olivia, Sophia, Kendall, Camryn and Callie. He is also survived by his siblings, Walter A. da Silva (Leonilda), Elza A. da Silva Soares (Antonio) and Bráulio A. da Silva, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister Alice A. da Silva Dinis.

Henning Haggblom

Henning Haggblom, a resident of Somers, died August 4. He was 91.

Dearly loved husband of Janet Haggblom for 66 years. Loving father to Lisa Billingsley, Diane and Claude Crispell, Karin Abel, and Amy J. Finney and grandfather to Jennifer, Alyssa, Devon, Alice, Penny, Dennis, Anson, and Christopher. He was predeceased by infant daughter Elin June.

He immigrated from his birthplace on the island of Åland, Sweden with his parents in 1929. He graduated from Bronx High School of Science and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in teaching from S.U.N.Y. Oswego, where he met his wife. He pioneered driver education in Northern Westchester County and taught driving and industrial arts in Yorktown Central School District for 33 years. Upon his retirement in 1985, he began substitute teaching in North Salem School District. He was a long-time active member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Yorktown.

Joseph DiSclafani

Joseph Martin DiSclafani, a resident of Buchanan, died August 1. He was 71.

He was born on February 2, 1947 in the Bronx. He was a proud U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. He worked for Con Edison for 38 years. After retirement he was a school bus driver for Bauman Bus Company in Ossining. He was the past president of the Cortlandt National Little League. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his dogs, Brutus, Kaykay, Grizzly, and Baron.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lor-

raine J. Kearns, his loving sons, Josephs Jr. and John DiSclafani, caring sister, Irene Watts, and his adoring granddaughters Lauren, Danielle, and Alyssa.

Henry Roberts

Henry V. "Moon" Roberts, a lifelong Peekskill resident, died peacefully August 7. He was 96.

He was born on October 13, 1921 to John and Elizabeth (Harbolic) Roberts. He was a graduate of Peekskill High School. On January 6, 1950, he married the love of his life, Lillian Scofield, at the First Baptist Church in Peekskill. She predeceased him in 2001. "Moon" proudly served his country during World War II and after returning home went to work as an accountant for the VA Hospital in Montrose, NY. After retiring, he joined the Peekskill Senior Citizens and served as their treasurer until 2012. He was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE).

He is survived by many nieces and nephews and his two "Adopted" daughters. Along with his wife, he was predeceased by brothers John, Joseph, Leonard, Albert, Charles, Anthony, Edward, Stanley, James and Francis and two sisters Elizabeth and Marie Roberts.

Philip Perugini

Philip P. Perugini, a resident of Buchanan and formerly of Ossining, died August 9. He was 96.

He was born on May 26, 1922 to Tomaso and Angiolina (Farcucci) Perugini. He was a former resident of St. Joseph orphanage in Peekskill. At the beginning of WWII he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was one of the original "Band of Brothers," the group of soldiers with the 101st Airborne, 506th Parachute Infantry, with the Easy Company Squad. He parachuted behind enemy lines on D-Day in Normandy. He received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the jump.

Upon discharge from the military, he worked with the Ossining School District as a custodian until his retirement in June 1984. Mr. Perugini was a member of the American Legion Parker Bale Post. He enjoyed bowling and golf, and was a very good windmill pitcher in softball.

Mr. Perugini is survived by his former wife, Josephine (Dante) Antonini, four children Thomas (Suzie), David (Martha), Linda (Fran), and Richard (Carmen), and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph in 1968, a Pearl Harbor survivor.

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Newsprint Tariffs and Fake News Mantra a Threat to Democracy

By Adam Stone

With the cascade of scandalous national news relentlessly flooding our minds these days, it would be easy to understand having missed the headlines about the outrageous, needless and industry crushing tariffs on newsprint.

The Trump administration has imposed punishing tariffs on Canadian newsprint, triggering an enormous rise in print costs for publishers, leading to the thinning out of newspaper staffs across the country, the reduction of print schedules, and, in some cases, the ceasing of publication all together or the looming threat of the end.

Although the tariffs are theoretically in keeping with the administration's wider trade war, it's impossible to ignore the climate in which the unwarranted tariffs were imposed: one in which the president assaults the Free Press and, in spirit, our cherished and Constitutionally protected First Amendment rights each day.

That's why Examiner Media's opinion pages are joining with editorial boards across the country this week to spotlight

the cynical attacks and stand together in defense of our profession and the critical role it plays in educating the public, watchdogging elected officials and, in so doing, breathing life into our democracy.

In an environment where nearly all political debates are conducted within perceived partisan constructs, it's frustrating to know that championing a Free Press — a value as American as apple pie — is viewed in some circles as a left of center proposition. Those who maintain that position should realize that an undermining of journalism, in the long run, will impede free and independent reporting voices from across the spectrum.

Of course, this isn't to say media outlets are above reproach or without faults. To the contrary, it's absolutely vital for critics of the press to monitor journalistic content carefully and shine a bright spotlight on inaccurate reporting and shoddy journalism. But we have arrived at a place where any unflattering report gets characterized as "fake," while the president uses the Stalinist phrase

"Enemy of the People" to eat away at the credibility of credible journalists. Although the sustained and frighteningly successful attacks have mostly been targeted towards national media outlets, the overall effect is an eroding of trust in all news gathering organizations, from big city TV news stations all the way down to your friendly local community newspaper.

Just last week Ipsos released a startling poll revealing that one in every four Americans say they believe "the president should have the authority to close news outlets engaged in bad behavior," including a plurality — a terrifying 43 percent — from the president's political party.

To be sure, media outlets, like all human institutions, can be deeply flawed. But to take that fact infinitely further, and falsely dismiss nearly all American journalism as literally "fake," is to propagate a lie so enormous and so consequential that it's impossible to calculate the damage it will spawn. Also, to acknowledge the media's shortcomings is not to acknowledge the growing but

dangerously false notion that most professional journalists are fictional storytellers or, as the president says, "very dangerous and sick." In actuality, the overwhelming majority of American journalists are ethically minded, striving to be fair and, in a very substantial way, serving a patriotic professional mission to keep citizens informed and the government in check — after all, journalism is the only profession our forefathers knew to explicitly protect in our Constitution, enshrined in our treasured First Amendment. From the brave war photographers risking their lives on the battlefield to the reporters covering local town board meetings, journalists serve an indispensable role in American life and deserve respect.

Citizens from across the country, of all political stripes, must stand against the systematic attacks on journalism and journalists. Our democracy's ability to breath healthily depends on it.

Adam Stone is the publisher of Examiner Media.

Reckless Attacks on Free Press a Danger to the Entire World

By Judy Patrick

We've been complacent.

We thought everybody knew how important a free press was to our world and that all this talk about us being the enemy of the people would be dismissed for the silliness that it is.

But the reckless attacks have continued, instigated and encouraged by our president.

When the leader of the free world works to erode the public's trust in the media, the potential for damage is enormous, both here and abroad. We once set an example of free and open

government for the world to follow. Now those who seek to suppress the free flow of information are doing so with impunity.

The time has come for us to stand up to the bullying. The role journalism plays in our free society is too crucial to allow this degradation to continue.

We aren't the enemy of the people. We are the people. We aren't fake news. We are your news and we struggle night and day to get the facts right.

On bitter cold January nights, we're the people's eyes and ears at town, village

and school board meetings. We tell the stories of our communities, from the fun of a county fair to the despair a family faces when a loved one is killed.

We are always by your side. We shop the same stores, attend the same churches and hike the same trails. We struggle with daycare and worry about paying for retirement.

In our work as journalists, our first loyalty is to you. Our work is guided by a set of principles that demand objectivity, independence, open-mindedness and the pursuit of the truth. We make mistakes, we know. There's nothing we hate more than errors but we acknowledge them, correct them and learn from them.

Our work is a labor of love because we love our country and believe we are playing a vital role in our democracy. Self-governance demands that our citizens need to be well-informed and that's what we're here to do. We go beyond the government issued press release or briefing and ask tough questions. We hold people in power accountable for their actions. Some think we're rude to question and challenge. We know it's our obligation.

People have been criticizing the press

for generations. We are not perfect. But we're striving every day to be a better version of ourselves than we were the day before.

That's why we welcome criticism. But unwarranted attacks that undermine your trust in us cannot stand. The problem has become so serious that newspapers across the nation are speaking out against these attacks in one voice today on their editorial pages.

As women's rights pioneer and investigative journalist Ida B. Wells wrote in 1892: "The people must know before they can act and there is no educator to compare with the press."

Judy Patrick is the New York Press Association's vice president for editorial development.

Correction

Vape Escape's generous donation to the 2018 Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund was omitted from the July 24 edition where the event was showcased with a photograph.

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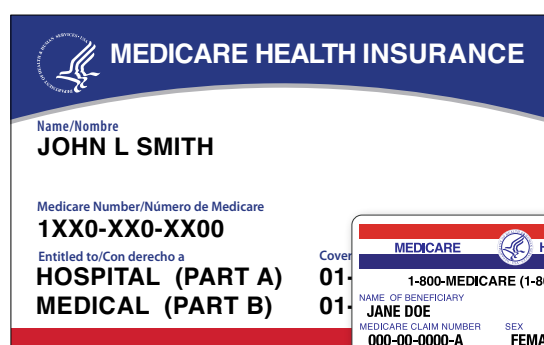
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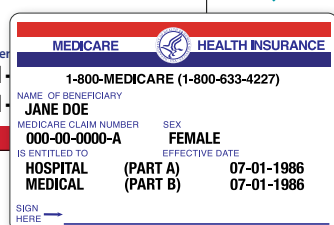


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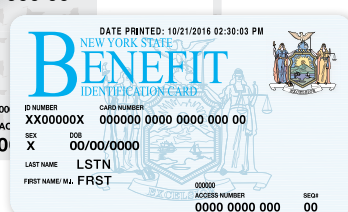
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To this day, when we now live in a luxury condo with the Trump name attached, I feel that we are constantly on a staycation, considering all of the amenities it offers. These include an indoor and outdoor pool, a well-equipped gym, walking paths and a running track. I can't say that I take advantage of these amenities as I should, especially the gym, but just knowing that they are there allows me the illusion of being on vacation every day. And what really drives that illusion home is the fact that I don't have to worry about the roof leaking or mowing the lawn.



By Bill Primavera

Some homes lend themselves better to staycations than others. I was reminded of this just this week when Cindy Haas, a colleague of mine at William Raveis Real Estate, used the term "staycation house" on one of her current listings at 290 Barrett Hill Road in Mahopac. I couldn't resist calling her to ask what "staycation" meant to her and she responded, "Simply a place you don't want to leave."

She elaborated on other "vacation-ish" features offered by the house: "It has privacy, which is very important, being carved into a hill and contiguous to a conservation property. The house is surrounded by a huge deck and a pool with a waterfall. The pool cabana features both a wet and dry sauna and an entertainment center, complete with a kitchen, a fireplace which is open on both sides and a huge fire pit."

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struggling with the officers and had to be physically subdued. He was arraigned in Yorktown Town Court and released on \$500 cash bail.

August 9 - Julio Cruz, 22, of Ossining, was charged with grand larceny after police were assigned on August 2 to investigate a larceny complaint at the Hudson River Financial Federal Credit Union in Mohegan Lake. After conducting an investigation, it is alleged Cruz engaged in an online check cashing scam where be-

tween June 2 and June 13 he stole more than \$1,000 in cash from the credit union. He is scheduled to appear in Yorktown Town Court on September 20.

Jeremy Levine, 30, of Putnam Valley, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs and criminal possession of a controlled substance following a report of a motor vehicle accident with a vehicle in a ditch. An investigation revealed Levine was driving while impaired on drugs and in possession of a quantity of Xanax. He was released on \$100 cash bail.

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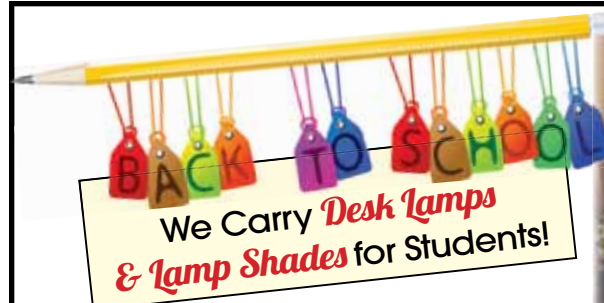
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Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Teen Summer Reading Challenge: The Teen Summer Reading Challenge, a Somers Public Library program, is being held through Aug. 29 for tweens and

teens in grade six and up. There will be raffle prizes available for program participants. Please register on our online at <http://www.somerslibrary.org/teensummer.asp> or call the library at 914-232-5717.

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.

POUND Program: POUND™ Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

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

Thursday, Aug. 16

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, through Labor Day; open only on weekends the rest of the year 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 www.westchestergov.com.

Friday, Aug. 17

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not re-

quired. 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.

Teen Club: The Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club will meet at the Somers Library on Fridays 8/17 & 8/24 from 3 to 5 p.m. Join us play Dungeons & Dragons this summer. Familiarity with Dungeons and Dragons is encouraged. The Club is for youths in grades 6 and up. No registration is required

Free Concert Series: Enjoy this year-long free concert series featuring different genres of music including blues, soul, rock, reggae, jazz and more. Host John Ford, of Ford Piano, will bring together various local musicians every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come upstairs to the food court at the Jefferson Valley Mall, 650 Lee Blvd., Yorktown Heights, NY. Feel free to stop by Ford Piano on the lower level of the mall. For more information call 914-739-1224 or e-mail john@fordpiano.com or Visit www.fordpiano.com. comm for the musical line-up.

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.

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 9:30 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday Aug. 18

Zen Meditation: Authentic Zen meditation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Tesshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 1 1698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at <http://www.yorktownzen.org> or e-mail us at 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.

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

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

Honey Bee Day: Celebrate National Honey Bee Day from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at

Hilltop Hanover Farm, 1271 Hanover St. Yorktown. This family event is free and open to the public. Talk to Hudson Valley Natural Beekeepers, learn about beekeeping, observe bees in the apiary, view live bees in an observation hive, see how honey is harvested, sample local honey, visit our beautiful pollinator garden and learn about plants that attract all kinds of bees. Honey and bee products will be available for sale. All proceeds will benefit Hilltop Hanover Farm. Info: www.hilltophanoverfarm.org.

Sunday, Aug. 19

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: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

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

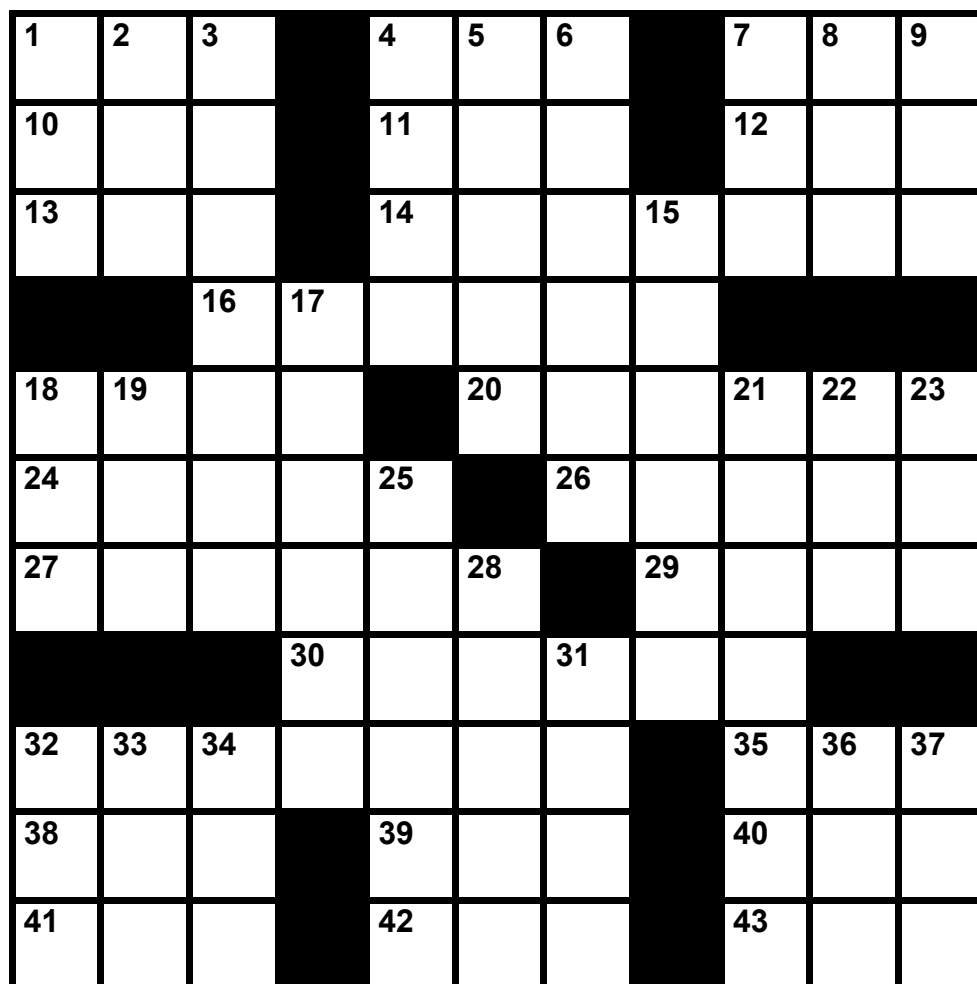
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ACROSS

1. "Evil Woman" rock band
4. Show grief
7. Military rank, abbr.
10. Presidential nickname
11. French island
12. It may be high in the afternoon
13. Brewpub offering
14. Cracked up
16. Parent's dream or Examiner special sections, Back to _____
18. High, prefix
20. Busybodies
24. Cortlandt Manor dance studio, Street _____
26. Explode
27. Commercial cat
29. Tiny, informally
30. "Rigoletto" and "La Boheme"
32. Becomes accessible
35. Cheer for a bullfighter
38. Seating arrangement
39. Mil. branch
40. Mauna ____ volcano
41. Salmon eggs
42. 2nd letter addendum

Down

1. Time
2. Internet laughter symbol
3. Like a brigadier general, 2 words
4. Breathe out
5. Meat and vegetable stews
6. Off with you!
7. Letters on a Cardinal's hat
8. "Fancy that!"
9. Child
15. Singer Estefan
17. Yellow
18. 1972 treaty subj.
19. Zodiac sign
21. Turned over more than another brand
22. Letter abbr.
23. Hog haven
25. Closes, as a jacket
28. Children's doctor
31. Tach readings
32. Former hockey great
33. Nanki-____ of "The Mikado"
34. Mrs. sheep
36. Brit's bathroom
37. Wolf down



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Info: 914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

Monday, Aug. 20

Bridge Program: Bridge at the Somers Library is being held on Mondays throughout 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. These classes are for beginners and players with some experience as well. Learn how to navigate your way around the game from bridge maven Walter Heitner. You will learn bidding and work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, you will all get better together. Space is limited; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call the library at 914-232-5717.

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.

Movie Mondays: Movie Mondays is continuing today at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, at 6:30 p.m. with a screening of "Avengers – Infinity War." The free screening will be presented on a 100-foot screen at the Field Gallery.

Keep in Mind

Kickoff Breakfast: Support Connection announces a Kickoff Breakfast for their Annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. The celebration, hosted by New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital will take place on Aug. 22, from 8 to 9 a.m. at 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt, in the main lobby of the Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center. The Kickoff Breakfast is free and open to everyone. The Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer will take place on Oct. 7, rain or shine, at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with these diseases. For more info on the Kickoff Celebration Breakfast, contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or walk@supportconnection.org.

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zation filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 02, 2018. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Prince Consulting LLC, 184 Willowbrook Ave., Stamford, CT 06922. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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A Suggestion Based on Decades of Experience

Friday Night at the Movies.

Over the years my wife and family have always set aside Friday night as the one element in our lives that was consistent from week to week. It was the night to sit back, de-stress and enjoy time together with no distractions.

And we have a theme.

What could be more relaxing than comfort food – our choice is pizza – paired with wine and a movie?

But it can be a challenge to pair pizza, wine and a movie. Learn from our stumbles: 1) Blood and gore on the screen do not pair well with pizza and wine – no Quentin Tarantino movies, especially Kill Bill; 2) No foreign movies with subtitles; it's much too sloppy trying to read and eat at the same time.

We've now reached consensus in our choices. The pizza topping is a constant, the wine is always Italian red and the movie – well, two out of three ain't bad.

Here are my suggestions for the wine component. Since most pizzas have tomatoes as a base ingredient, red wines

generally pair better than whites. And since pizza is an Italian fast food, I like to consider Italian reds before others. There are several that I prefer, each of which complement the acidity of the tomatoes and balance the fat content of the cheese in a basic Neopolitan pizza.

My guidelines for good matches are wines that are not heavily oaked and have a bit of acidity and a bit of fruit. No high alcohol levels that will bring on sleep at the pivotal moment of your movie. Here are three wines that fit this profile:

1) Since our youth my wife and I have had an affinity for Chianti with our pizza. The mild flavor and medium body pair well with Neopolitan "pizza pie."

Chianti has undergone a renaissance in style over the last ten years. The wines are much more finessed and even more food friendly than in the past, while retaining their balance of acid and fruit. The tannins are softer, almost velvety, and the alcohol is manageable.

2) We've also gravitated to the wines of the Piedmont region – particularly

Barbera from the Alba and Asti sub regions. They are produced to be drunk young. They are not oaked and have mild aromas of earthiness and black cherries. Most importantly, they lack strong tannins and have the bright acidity that pairs well with pizza. They have become increasingly popular in wine shops across the Examiner's readership area and reasonably priced, several under \$20.

3) Valpolicella from the Veneto region is another favorite. These wines are a bit more lively and well balanced between acidity and fruit than the Tuscan and Piedmont wines. Try the Classico and Classico Superiore designated wines, which are young with moderate alcohol. The Ripasso style is more fruit forward. The dried cherry flavor and earthiness of these wines bring the tomato, basil and cheese flavors to the forefront of the palate.

As I mentioned at the outset, our pizza has been our one constant. I won't attempt to persuade you to try our favorite. Pizza is a very individual choice, whether you prefer traditional, thick or thin crust; medium cooked crust or darker, well-done crust; brick, wood-fired or coal-fired oven.

Similarly, toppings are an individual preference. A simple Margarita pizza is the epitome of the Roman style in Naples. The more exotic toppings are American-based. I still haven't succumbed to ham and pineapple pizza, but I have enjoyed caramelized onions and crumbled blue cheese pizza.

Our go-to pizza? Wood-fired with slightly burned edges, topped with crumbled sausage and broccoli rabe. I sprinkle a few red pepper flakes on my slice for an added punch.

The movie? Totally subjective. E-mail me your favorite movie to watch with pizza and wine. I'll select my favorite entry and reward the winner with a cash gift certificate.

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Bang Goes the Bombers!
Croton Bombers Explode,
Capture New York Elite Baseball 15U Title

Members of the Croton Bombers 15U baseball club pose with their championship banner after defeating the CT Rangers, 6-2, on August 5th to secure the New York Elite Baseball title behind the complete-game victory from P Sean Cregan, which was preceded by P Matthew Calise's three-hit 9-0 complete-game semifinal victory over the OC Bombers. Joshua Gillison led the Bombers with a .667 batting average and five RBI in the playoffs. Members of the team include: (Front L-R) Joey Phillips, Jaison Mock, Michael Casale and Colin Kelly; (Back L-R) Coach Michael Casale, Manager Rob Gordian, Zach Cohen, Matthew Calise, Coach Patrick Kelly, Joshua Gillison, Nick Torres, Sean Cregan, Nick Serrao and Eddie Scutari.

Sports

Shrub Oak Storm Punctuate Spectacular Season with GHVBL Title

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

On Wednesday, August 1st, Shrub Oak Storm 10U Coach Lou Vernagallo received one of those phone calls from one of his team mom's that no coach ever wants to get in the throes of a playoff run: Super-rookie Jake "The Rake" Bruno had just broken his right pinkie finger at basketball camp and would be out for the remainder of the Greater Hudson Valley League playoffs. The news only got worse when one day before the championship game the following Saturday Coach Vernagallo's own son, Louie, accidentally



SOAC P Nicholas Santobello delivers pitch in 10U GHVBL championship win.

caught his pitching hand in a screen door at home, causing a deep laceration that would require immediate attention.

The Storm were already up against it, with the top-seeded and undefeated Dutchess/Columbia Wolverines (20-0) on tap, and Vernagallo entered the game with an ominous feeling in the pit of his gut.

The Storm headed up to Rogers Park in Danbury CT on August 5th, nonetheless, in an attempt to secure their sixth consecutive GHVBL title.

Second-seeded Shrub Oak responded in kind, battling six frames in a thrilling back-and-forth affair with Storm starter Stef Cross keeping the Storm in the game by delivering three strong innings and striking out six. Cross exited the game with the Storm trailing, 5-4, but the Storm bats then came alive in the top of a five-run, game-sealing fifth inning, effectively putting the game away.

Storm P Nicholas Santobello was dealing over the final three innings, surrendering just two hits and one run, holding down a potent Wolverines lineup. Santobello recorded the final out of the game on a grounder back to the mound, touching off a mad-cap celebration in front of a packed crowd.

The Storm offense was led by catcher Grady McGee (4-for-4), who also brilliantly caught all six innings in the stifling heat. Michael Zumatto, who



Shrub Oak Storm 1B Vincent Lugo crushes pitch in GHVBL 10U championship win.

provided a consistent, hot bat down the stretch for the Storm, contributed two RBI. Louie Vernagallo, playing with a bandaged hand, also added two RBI. Excellent at-bats by Joseph LaPeruta, Vincent Lugo and Stef Cross in the fifth inning also helped secure the win. Excellent defensive plays by Cross and Kevin Gordon thwarted potential Wolverine rallies late in the game.

With the GHVBL 10B summer championship in hand, the Storm have now won six consecutive GHVBL titles with a record of 121-8 during the run. The team, consisting of mostly nine-year-olds, has been playing up in division against older players. The Storm will take a quick break and return to GHVBL Fall action in early September.

"They've earned a break," the coach said.



Shrub Oak Storm OF Michael Zumatto scores in passed ball in 10U GHVBL championship win.

"This team never ceases to amaze me. It's been an incredible run, the future is bright and now we get ready for the fall season."

Team members include: Kevin Gordon, Grady McGee, Nicholas Santobello, Stef Cross, Matthew Clyman, Michael Zumatto, Louie Vernagallo, CJ Simone, Jake Bruno, Joseph LaPeruta, Vincent Lugo and Michael Lucia, plus Coaches Lou Vernagallo, Anthony LaPeruta, Joe Lucia, Ron Santobello, Carlo Tucci and Max Selinger.

Liberty Raising Breast Health Awareness Despite Tough Season

By Danny Lopriore

WHITE PLAINS -- Katie Smith took over as New York Liberty head coach this spring and has suffered along with her players to find wins and bright spots in a season of tough losses.

The Liberty lost their eighth straight game last Wednesday evening in front of a supportive home crowd at the Westchester County Center. The heartbreaking 82-81 loss to the playoff-bound Los Angeles Sparks (18-11) left the team at 7-23 and looking for positives with only five games left in a season that will not include postseason playoffs for the first time in four years.

New York guard Sugar Rodgers hit two acrobatic 3-pointers in the game's final 10 seconds with the Liberty trailing, but her late heroics weren't quite enough to overcome the Sparks' lead down the stretch.

"We have had problems finishing games, but I saw a lot of good things tonight with how we stayed focused through the game,"



Liberty G Bria Hartley drives lane on LA Sparks star Candace Parker in New York's 82-81 loss to Sparks at Westchester County Center last Wednesday.

said Smith, who was an assistant coach with the Liberty for four playoff seasons before taking the head job this year. "There were some little things to close the game I could have done a little better but, overall, we locked into the game plan and played really, really hard."

The Liberty led 66-61 after three quarters and looked poised to snap their losing streak before the Sparks took over and ran off a 21-15 fourth-quarter advantage to steal the win.

Liberty star forward Tina Charles led all scorers with 27 points, working hard inside and tossing in several short hook shots to help open a five-point lead with five minutes to play. Charles, a veteran team leader and WNBA All-Star and league MVP in 2012, talked about finishing the season on a high note after recent late-game losses.

"The effort we have been playing with is what we need to bring all the time," Charles said. "We do need to get better

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Sports

Put Valley Hoopers Doing Work, Take East Coast Panthers Title



By Ray Gallagher
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So, having been parked on a beach for the last seven days in gorgeous LBI, I may or may not have checked in with the real world for quite some time. Folks were still hitting me up with information, and I did some light "Twittering" while on the beach in an effort to make sure Antifa and like-minded menaces were clear of the Jersey Shore.

Perhaps the most impressive thing I had heard about from a local sports perspective while I was away was the outstanding job done by the Putnam Valley varsity basketball team in the 27-team summer league run by the East Coast Panthers AAU club at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry.

Coach Mike McDonnell's Class B Tigers, who also impressed the keen eye of sagacious hoops guru Lou DeMello, went 7-0 in the regular season and then ran roughshod through the playoffs, beating Class AA White Plains, Class AA Suffern and Class A Lakeland, convincingly, en route to the varsity title, running their summer league record to 33-1 overall (playing teams from NY, NJ, MA, PA, both publics and Catholics).

"It truly was fun to push these boys all summer, to laugh with the boys and laugh at myself," Coach McDonnell said. "Truly, a most special group, who, with the help of A.D. Brian Burrow, has what looks like a very exciting schedule for us this upcoming winter."

I've seen this group hard at work at 6 a.m. many days in the PV Town Park and it has done so with one likeminded purpose: To hoist the Valley's first gold ball in March of 2019. This was a great start for a program that has been to five Final 4's in six years but is yet to win the big one. Just getting to the County Center (or the Goldstein Center at Pace) won't satisfy the yearn this town has to win a basketball championship, and I know that's a lot of pressure to put on high school seniors, but this group – led by Darnel Shillingford and TJ Brescia – has big shoulders and can carry that kind of load. Plus, they've been preparing for this since CYO and rec. ball.

As close as I am to this program, I'm not sure I can handle another semifinal (three times) or championship setback (twice), so keep grinding, young men, your gold ball awaits!...

Perhaps the only local basketball team performing at a higher level this summer is Coach Dan Ricci's Ossining girls' team, but, then again, the eight-time reigning Section 1 Class AA Pride pretty much outperform every public school in NYS over the course of the last decade. P.S. this will be coach Ricci's final year as Pride football coach after serving the program in some capacity for some 30 years as former QB, assistant coach and head coach. Might be time to mold a statue in his Mr. Ossining's honor...

Equally impressive was the job done by local youngsters in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League championships (primarily held in Danbury, CT.) We had a slew of champions and runnerups in a highly competitive field with hundreds of teams in contention, which leads one to believe that the future of baseball is quite bright in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam region. The list of teams to win titles and/or compete for them is vast, including: Yorktown 8U A-League runnerups; Putnam Valley Miners 8U B-League runnerups; Yorktown 9U A-League runnerups; Putnam Valley 9U B-League champions; Yorktown 10U Elite League runnerups; Shrub Oak Athletic Club 10U B-League champions; Ossining 11U B-League runnerups; Mahopac Indians 12U B-League champions; Patterson 13U B-League runnerups; Patterson Pirates 14U A-League champions; East Coast Mavs 14U B-League champions; Mahopac Indians 15U A-League champions; Patterson 15U B-League champions; Cortlandt Panthers 15U B-League runnerups.

That is one impressive grouping, considering the local clubs represented in every division from 8U to 15U, which means we could be looking at a very bright baseball future when these here hifalutin youngins join the varsity ranks. Can't wait...

Sent out my annual preview note/

Direct Rays

request for info last Saturday to local gridiron coaches as I embark on my 30th year of covering Section 1 varsity football this fall, and I'm truly stoked to get it going. Expect to see our preview edition on newsstands on August 28th with the season set to kick off on August 31st (the earliest I can ever remember).

We've got so many great players to preview, including returning veterans with something to prove and key newcomers ready to crash the party. I'm hoping that captains – of all teams, not just football – can give me a follow on Twitter (@Directrays), so we can rap sports and get the player's perspective from start to finish for what

we hope will be memorable campaigns for the hard-working student athletes in about the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region. Don't worry, there's no Fake News spewed here...

If you want to save this state/country as badly as I do, you better get off your butts and vote in November, or we're going to hell in a handbag with the current NYS governor and some of the policies being pushed by this administration...

I'm at the point where I don't care what the NFL does about the current national anthem issue, which is only adding to social divisiveness and civil unrest nationwide: Stand, kneel or take a seat. I've tuned the kneelers out and will always be the first one standing hand over heart. That's who I am, will always be, and so, too, will my children be.



PV Tigers Ryan Soto, TJ Brescia, Darnel Shillingford, Brandon Guerra and Ivan Caposito gather for a recent 6 a.m. hoops workout at PV Town Park.



The Patterson Pirates 14U team ran roughshod over the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League A-Division en route to title.

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at closing out games though. Down the stretch, we seem to fall apart a little bit and that's how we end up losing. It's a mental thing. We must make sure the ball is going to the right people at the right times. We must call out plays, defend as a team, rebound the ball, and just bear down. We have to finish strong."

The Liberty celebrated "Breast Health

Awareness" night, with the players each wearing pink. WNBA President Lisa Borders, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and New York Knicks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. were at courtside to help support the event.

Charles reflected on the evening and its importance.

"It is special and personal to me," she

said. "My grandmother had breast cancer. I lost a good friend to breast cancer in April. It is great that the WNBA highlights such an amazing campaign."

Rebecca Allen and Amanda Zahui B both gave strong efforts for New York, which finishes its season with four games on the road. They scored 13 points apiece, with the 6-foot-5 center Zahui B grabbing

nine rebounds and playing strong defense.


"Amanda came into the season with her head on straight and a great attitude," Smith said of Zahui B. "She has played with confidence, and getting a scoring, offensive big is a plus. Amanda has improved on defense and we played well as a team. We're trying to get some wins as we finish the season."

Six Figures!



Shrub Oak Storm Cops 10U GHVBL Title for 6th-Straight Title

With its 9-6 win over top-seeded Dutchess County Wolverines on August 5th, the second seeded Shrub Oak Storm snagged the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League 10U B-League summer championship, giving the Storm its sixth consecutive GHVBL championships and a record of 121-8 during a spectacular run from a team consisting of mostly nine-year-olds playing up in division against older players. Jubilant team members include Kevin Gordon, Grady McGee, Nicholas Santobello, Stef Cross, Matthew Clyman, Michael Zumatto, Louie Vernagallo, CJ Simone, Jake Bruno, Joseph LaPeruta, Vincent Lugo and Michael Lucia with Coaches Lou Vernagallo, Anthony LaPeruta, Joe Lucia and Ron Santobello. Pitchers Stef Cross, Nicholas Santobello & Catcher Grady McGee (inset) were instrumental battery-mates down the stretch.



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