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Peekskill K9 Unit Awarded Check

Aftermath Services LLC last week presented Peekskill Police Chief Donald Halmy with a \$500 check for the department's K9 Unit.

Ossining Board Urged to Keep Emergency Tenant Protection Act

By Rick Pezzullo

A throng of residents and community leaders implored the Ossining Village Board last week not to repeal the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) that was enacted last September.

On September 5, the board narrowly voted to establish the ETPA following years of controversy over affordable housing and rent stabilization within the village. However, with Trustee Manuel Quezada having replaced John Codman, a proponent of ETPA, it appears Mayor Victoria Gearity and Trustee Rika Levin, who voted against

the measure five months ago, now have the upper hand to get rid of the law.

Ossining became the 20th municipality to enact the state law. Other Westchester communities, including Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Sleepy Hollow, Pleasantville and Tarrytown, have implemented ETPA.

Under the act, the village is required to enforce a rent stabilization policy for all buildings constructed before 1974 with six or more units.

ETPA ensures that tenants are offered one or two-year leases and that apartments receive proper maintenance. It

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Somers Town Board Pursuing Marijuana Sale Ban

By Neal Rentz

In response to the push by Governor Andrew Cuomo to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, the Somers Town Board is seeking to ban the sale of the drug.

The Town Board voted unanimously on February 7 to set a public hearing for March 7 at 7 p.m. on legislation that will be drafted by Town Attorney Roland Baroni.

At last week's meeting, Supervisor Rick Morrissey said he was seeking a way to ban the selling of marijuana in response to Cuomo's proposal.

"In my mind, marijuana is a gateway drug," Morrissey said.

Morrissey said town Police Chief Michael Driscoll and the Partners in Pre-

vention have expressed their opposition to the legalization of recreational use of marijuana.

The town could consider barring the sale of marijuana and pass the local law should the proposed state legislation be enacted, Baroni said. If the state legislation is approved, the town cannot bar recreational use of marijuana but could ban its sale, he said.

While there were some comments from Town Board members that acknowledged there are differences of opinion throughout the country regarding the legalization of marijuana, Morrissey's colleagues joined the supervisor in seeking to ban the sale of marijuana.

Councilman Anthony Ciriaco said the state has estimated that legalization would bring in \$300 million annually in new tax revenue. Councilman Richard Clinchy said the prospect of additional tax revenue should not be a motivation for the state to legalize recreational marijuana use.

Ciriaco said Cuomo is proposing to allow large cities and counties to opt out of the marijuana legalization should it be passed by the state Legislature, but would not provide that option to towns and villages.

Clinchy said he was particularly concerned that if marijuana was legal more youths would use the drug.



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Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey and his Town Board colleagues are pursuing legislation that would bar the sale of marijuana in town.

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also protects tenants from being evicted except on grounds allowed by law, illegal rent increases, landlord harassment, and all a rent freeze for certain senior citizens and people with disabilities.

In Ossining, more than 1,200 apartments are eligible for rent stabilization, making it the largest expansion of rent stabilized housing in the state in two decades.

Following a spirited rally in the streets that spilled into the Birdsall-Fagan Police Court Facility on Spring Street last Wednesday, about 25 individuals spoke at a public hearing for about 90 minutes, with the overwhelming majority vehemently against repealing ETPA.

"I believe our village may be turning its head, for a moment, away from what is right," said Julie Gross, a more than 50-year village resident and former Ossining High School teacher. "What happened in the last five months? What pressures have you had? Where are our values? Where are our concerns for our neighbors who can only live here under rent control? This is not who we are."

"To repeal would be striking a blow at the essential character of this community," said David Schwartz, vice chairman of the Westchester/Putnam Working Families Party. "Do not let

self interest trump achieving fairness in this community."

Mel Tanzman, executive director of the Westchester Disabled on the Move, said he was speaking for 3,600 seniors with disabilities in Ossining who "deserve the right to live in housing that is affordable, accessible and safe."

"The proposal to repeal the Emergency Tenant Protection Act in the Village of Ossining would strip them of the only legal protection available to them in New York State," Tanzman said. "The human cost to our residents and community is far too great. It's simply bad policy."

The proposal was also criticized by local clergy and caught the attention of a councilwoman in Newburgh, State Senator David Carlucci, Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia and Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, who said she was "incredibly disappointed" the Ossining board would consider doing away with the ETPA.

"Give it more than five months. It's cruel not taking into consideration what you have heard from people that you serve," Agudelo remarked. "ETPA is not the solution, it's not perfect, (but) it is protecting a large part of your pop-

ulation that is the most vulnerable."

Linda Mangano, a 34-year resident and owner of a two-family home, was in the minority supporting abolishing the law, contending it had "outlived its usefulness."

"We are a country of capitalism. We all have right to earn money, including landlords," she said. "I want government to stay out of my wallet."

Trustees Omar Herrera and Quantel Bazemore, who supported the ETPA last year and continue to be strong advocates, ripped their colleagues for considering repealing the measure. Herrera also suggested Quezada may have a conflict of interest since he is a landlord in the village.

"I don't play with people's lives and their paychecks," Herrera said. "What is being done here is completely unacceptable."

"The way some of my colleagues have dealt with ETPA is truly in poor taste. They have bought into rhetoric," Bazemore charged. "We are all in this together. We are all Democrats. Act like it."

Quezada, who rejoined the board in January following his election last November, said he does own a two-family home and will make his decision

based on what "benefits the village as a whole."

"I tend to focus all my energy on the public and the community itself," he said. "I understand a lot of the struggles that a lot of people have."

Levin said she cannot support the ETPA because "it is not income based," adding, "It is only about what building you happen to live in and that makes it inequitable and unfair to all those people."

Gearity penned a long column on her website explaining her reasons why she opposes the ETPA.

"The Village of Ossining's two greatest housing challenges are substandard housing and an inadequate supply of affordable housing for the people who need it most. ETPA does not address these concerns, and actually makes these problems worse," she stated. "There has been a lot of misleading and misguided messaging surrounding the ETPA conversation. The good news for people concerned about preserving and expanding affordability of housing in Ossining, is that there are effective actions we can take."

The board voted to accept written comments on the proposal until Friday, February 15. No date was set for a vote on the measure.



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

Ask the Doctor

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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.

* <http://umm.edu/health/medical/reports/articles/back-pain-and-sciatica>

Community Honors Loss of PV Teenager Elias Knapp

By David Propper

Putnam Valley has been a community in mourning the past two weeks following a tragic accident that resulted in the death of 17-year-old Elias Knapp.

Knapp, a student at Putnam Valley High School, died days after he accidentally shot himself while horsing around with friends earlier this month. At his wake Saturday, a long line of people wrapped around Yorktown Funeral Home to pay respects and show an absolute outpouring of love to the Knapp family.

Around 7:46 p.m. on February 1, deputies from the Sheriff's Department responded to a radio call of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head at 56 Ridge Ave. in Putnam Valley after a friend of Knapp called 911 to report the accident, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. When deputies arrived, they saw Knapp with an apparent gunshot wound to his head with three friends also present, the Sheriff's Department said.

Deputies, EMS workers and a medic tried to administer aide to Knapp, who was still breathing when they arrived, authorities said. He was transported by the Mahopac Falls ambulance to then be airlifted to Westchester Medical Center.

A decision was made days later to take Knapp off life support and his organs were donated, according to his father, Steven Knapp, who posted on a gofundme page that was set up by a town resident to help raise money for funeral expenses.

"His heart was pure gold, he was a nurturing loving young person still in search of himself," Steven said on the gofundme page, adding. "Please, remember him for the good and great things that he did throughout his childhood."

The Sheriff's Department is still investigating the matter as of last Thursday. No charges have been filed.

"Our deepest condolences go out to the Knapp family," the Sheriff's Department stated.

In his obituary, Knapp was described as a loving son, grandson, brother and friend who leaves behind his father, Steven, mother, Helena, two older sisters and three surviving grandparents. He also leaves behind his longtime girlfriend, Amanda Faul, who is a Putnam Valley High School student.

Instead of sending flowers, the Knapp family requests people consider volunteering a few hours to an organization in Elias's memory.

"He enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, camping, and riding his dirt bike. He loved playing video games, music, and spending time with family and friends," part of his obituary stated. "He had a

special connection with animals, especially his dogs, and had an unrivaled and witty sense of humor."

The gofundme page has raised more than \$22,000 with 370 people contributing in eight days as of Sunday night. The original funding goal was \$7,500.

The organizer of the fundraiser is Lenore Fontanez, who has known the Knapp family for more than two decades. She worked at a local deli where she would see Steve and Elias Knapp come in on occasion. Elias would also drive by Fontanez's home every day on

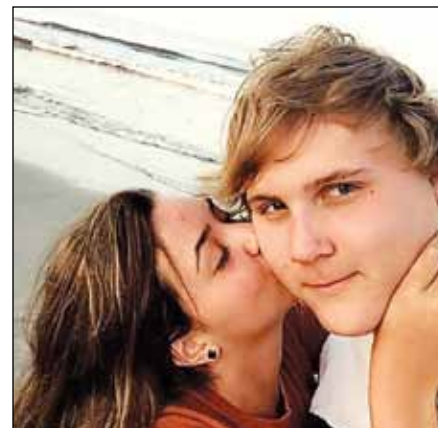
his quad or dirt bike, sometimes cutting through their yard to get to the deli.

Fontanez said she interacted with the Knapp family one way or another almost daily, which made the news of Elias's accident even more sickening.

"Literally my heart sunk," she said. "I sat there in disbelief saying, 'I cannot believe this.'"

The community has also put bright blue lights all throughout town to re-

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Community Congress Holds Final Forum Before Vote

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Community Congress held its third and final public forum Saturday at Peekskill Middle School before a city-wide vote is taken in mid-March.

The Community Congress is a non-partisan initiative that gives residents the opportunity to address issues they are most concerned with, identify shared priorities, and engage in finding solutions to move Peekskill forward.

The first forum was held in December at the United Methodist Church, followed by a second forum in January at Peekskill Brewery. At the three forums combined, 38 residents and local leaders presented proposals that will be presented on a ballot that will be mailed to about 10,000 residents, each of whom will be asked to rank their top three ideas.

"This gives the community the power to set the agenda," group facilitator Jason Angell said to about 100 onlookers at the middle school Saturday. "This is about a community coming together and seeing what people of Peekskill care about."

Any resident 13 years old or older was invited to sign up to share their priority to better Peekskill. On Saturday, 15 residents came forward to outline their proposal in three minutes or less.

Valerie Eaton, president of the Peekskill NAACP, urged residents to lobby for



Group facilitator Jason Angell chats with Peekskill NAACP President Valerie Eaton Saturday at Peekskill Middle School.

Peekskill to have an early voting polling place, which the state Board of Elections would have to approve since Peekskill has less than 50,000 registered voters. Having a polling place would give residents up to nine days prior to Election Day to cast a ballot.

Deb Milone, president of the Hudson

Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, presented a concept to transform Peekskill into a large, "magical" holiday display during December.

"Create a magical environment that people from all over will want to come and see," Milone said. "This will also attract positive publicity for our city. Let's

make Peekskill a visual wonderland in December. If you light it, they will come."

Margaret Steele, an eight-year resident who works in an art loft downtown, proposed establishing a vision map to transform Peekskill into a model walkable city.

"We have a chance to be a leader in this," she said. "We are just a walkable city by default. We are not pedestrian-friendly."

Other proposals included setting up a council to serve as advocates for the elderly, adding more street lights, forming a committee to research ways to build an outdoor covered facility for ice skating and hockey in the winter and graduations and concerts in the warmer months, and providing more jobs for youths.

The ideas that receive the most votes from the ballots mailed in March will become the Community Congress' prime focus, Angell said. Once the votes are tabulated and the results are revealed, an "action oriented fair" forum will be held.

"The hope is that out of the process, what rises to the top are what people share in common," Angell said. "One thing about all the leaders in the community who devote so much time...it is so hopeful. There are so many people already looking at things."

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

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Save A Life is a program designed to inform and empower high school students and adults to become community allies and first responders to support teens and families in crisis.

*Keynote Speaker John Morello

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- *Vaping & E-Cigs: Get The Facts
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Yorktown Democrat First to Announce Bid for Kaplowitz's Seat

By Martin Wilbur

Vedat Gashi enjoyed his first run for public office so much that three months later he's ready to do it again.

Gashi, a Yorktown Democrat who lost his initial bid for public office last November to Assemblyman Kevin Byrne in the 94th state Assembly District race, announced last week that he will be running for the seat being vacated by Michael Kaplowitz on the Board of Legislators in District 4. The district is comprised of portions of Yorktown and Somers and all of New Castle.

While filling Kaplowitz's shoes will be difficult regardless of who his successor may be, Gashi said he's looking to pick up the mantle and represent the district with a similar drive and attention to detail as the longtime incumbent.

"I think it leaves a void and I think it comes at a time when we have some pressing questions before us," said Gashi, 40, a real estate attorney. "I think it's a challenge. I think there's a need and I'd love to advocate on behalf of what I regard as a changing or emerging demographic up here."

Among the top pressing issues facing

the district and Westchester is helping the county get back on firm financial footing. Last year, Westchester's bond rating was reduced from the highest to the second highest level by Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's.



Vedat Gashi

Gashi said he will also look to assist each of the district's municipalities push forward its long-stalled sewer projects. The three towns each have a project drawn up that will address the issue of failing septic systems in certain areas and prevent pollution in the New York City reservoirs.

The issue has been a problem that has thus far proven to be insurmountable to overcome. Yorktown, Somers and New Castle have each been promised \$10 million each in East of Hudson funds the county is holding that were derived from New York City in 1997. There is nearly \$30 million remaining, however, there are other communities that are also looking to tap into that funding, he said.

"I think all three together and separately can make a pretty strong argument to get a little more funds in there to get to the promised amounts and get that increased funding from the city and the state," Gashi

said. "They all benefit from that."

With his announcement, Gashi became the first candidate in either party for the seat. The new election schedule represents recently passed by the state, will see candidates begin the five-week petition process on Feb. 26 to get on the ballot, he said. If any race goes to a primary, that will be held in late June.

Although Gashi, who came to the United States from Kosovo with his parents when he was four years old, said he hasn't

heard of any other candidates for the seat yet in either major party, he is ready for any challengers. He said he intends to eschew partisan politics and represent all residents, not just those in Democratic strongholds.

"I think you're doing the position a disservice by catering to just one part of the district," Gashi said. "We govern for everybody and the job is to be a representative not of the Democratic areas but the whole district, for everybody who lives here."

Local Candidates Line Up to Run for Testa's County Seat

By Rick Pezzullo

Westchester County Legislator John Testa still has more than 10 months left representing residents in District 1, but a handful of Republican candidates are already lining up to fill his seat.

Throwing their hat in the ring to date are former Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, Yorktown Councilman Tom Diana, Yorktown GOP Committee Vice Chairman Chris Arnold and Yorktown district leaders Rob Puff and Raymond St. John.

Candidates are scheduled to be interviewed by the Westchester Republican

County Committee Saturday morning, February 16 at Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant. On Wednesday, February 20, at the same location, district leaders will choose a candidate to run in November in District 1, which covers parts of Cortlandt, Peekskill and Yorktown.

Meanwhile, Peekskill Councilman Colin Smith, a Democrat, is planning to announce his intentions to enter the race today (Tuesday) at BeanRunner Cafe. District 1 has been represented by a Republican for many decades

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HVGCC Honors Businesses, Non-Profits and Individuals

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce honored several member businesses, non-profits, and individuals at its annual Awards Ceremony on January 26 at the Mansion at Colonial Terrace in Cortlandt. More than 200 business, community and government leaders were on hand to applaud the honorees.

"It is important to recognize our local businesses, non-profits and individuals who make a difference in our community. This year's honorees exemplify the positive and meaningful impact they have on our lives all year round. While we honor each of them, they actually honor us with their ongoing contributions to the betterment of our region," said Deb Milone, President, Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Buchanan-based Continental Building Products was honored as the chamber's Business of the Year for its commitment to the community and its employees. Continental is installing a roof top solar panel system, which when completed, will be the largest in New York State. Expected completion is Spring 2019, when area residents will have the opportunity to purchase low cost power through a program with Con Edison. In addition, the local plant maintains one of the best safety records in the company.



Back Row: (left to right) Angela Perez-Gonzalez Vice President, Operations Peter Courtway Corporate Director Information Technology Shireen Pais, MD, FACG, AGAF, FASGE Chief of Endoscopy Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy Board Certified Gastroenterologist Front Row: (L to R) A. Bonnie Corbett Chief Nursing Officer & Vice President, Patient Services Stacey Petrower President, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Ellen Bloom Director, Marketing & Development Jayne A. Lieb, MD, FACS, FASMB General & Bariatric Surgeon, New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Mrs. Jennifer Amorosa Louis F. Amorosa, MD Attending Orthopedic & Spine Surgeon Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Columbia University Medical Center

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital was honored with the chamber's Quality of Life Award for enhancing and improving the quality of life for area residents by continuing to expand access to advanced medical care and services. The Hospital continues to recruit and engage highly skilled and talented primary care physicians and specialists to NewYork-Presbyterian

Medical Group Hudson Valley.

Jim Witt was honored with the chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award for his charitable work with the Hope for Youth Foundation. Witt is best known for his long-range weather calendars that predict what the weather will be like years, even decades, ahead. He turned his passion for weather into helping kids when

he co-founded the Hope for Youth Foundation in 1986. Since its founding, HFYF has raised and donated more than \$3.7 million to children's charities from the calendar sales and other fundraising efforts.

Justin Wingenroth was honored with the chamber's Young Professional of the Year Award. Wingenroth is a dance instructor with more than 15 years of experience in teaching ballet, jazz, musical theater, lyrical and tap, who now operates The Dance Conservatory in the Peekskill/Cortlandt area, providing quality dance education in a safe, warm and inviting environment.

Chereese Jervis-Hill was honored with the Chamber's Chairman's Award for her involvement with chamber events and her professional achievements at Events To Remember, a boutique events management and public relations firm. Jervis-Hill has received numerous awards and recognitions, including recently being named one of Westchester's Leading Businesswomen from 914INC. Magazine.

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce is the region's leading voice of businesses with more than 520 members. For more information, visit: www.hvgatewaychamber.com.

Under New Ownership and Direction by Joseph A. Giordano Jr.



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Obituaries

Orianna Parker

Orianna Catherine Parker, a resident of Ossining, died February 2 in Sleepy Hollow. She was 99.

The youngest of four sisters, she was born in Summerville, South Carolina to Charles and Sarah on July 23, 1919 and moved to Mount Vernon, NY in 1928, where she attended the public schools. In 1942, she married Frederick A. Parker in 1942 shortly before he was assigned to military duty in Europe. She assisted the war effort by working in factories manufacturing war supplies. After the war's end, they settled in Mount Vernon and had three sons, Frederick, Michael and Dennis. After spending years raising her children, she returned to the workforce as an employee at the Westchester County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services where she remained until her retirement. In Mount Vernon, she was an active member of Asbury, AME Church.

She moved to Ossining in 1999 where she volunteered at the Ossining Food Pantry and attended Trinity Church. She was a fierce competitor in Scrabble and enjoyed music. She was predeceased by her husband Fred, her sisters Frances, Anna and Florence. She is survived by her three sons, grandchildren Kristen, Jonathon, Christian, Andrea, and Zoe and great-grandchildren, Rebekah, Rachael and Tessa.

Lia Brennan

Lia Janice Brennan, a resident of Jefferson Valley, died peacefully February 4, 2019, in her home surrounded by her family and her faithful bodyguard, Shadow, her

loving Chihuahua. She was 83.

Born Cornelia Janice Luttenberg on July 6, 1935, in Manhattan, to John and Janice Luttenberg (surname later changed to Bal). Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Woodside, Queens NY where she spent her childhood. She attended the High School of Performing Arts in NYC for two years and later graduated from PS 125 in Queens.

She served in the United States Air Force as a personnel specialist from 1953-1955 at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, TX. During that time, she was with the WAF (Woman in the Air Force) where she performed as a singer and actress in the All WAF shows. Later in her service, she received the National Defense Service medal.

After her time in the Air Force, she worked several jobs from telephone operator to cigarette girl at the Copacabana, in its heyday. In 1965, she married John Brennan (Div. 1993) and settled in Jefferson Valley, in 1970, where she lived for 49 years. During that time, she worked for the United States Postal Service in Jefferson Valley as a senior clerk for more than 20 years.

She is survived by her children Liane Buttigire of Jefferson Valley, Lauren Stellwagen (Michael Stellwagen) of Somers, and John Glenn Brennan of Bedford Hills, her grandchildren, Michael, Christopher and Caitlyn Stellwagen, her sister Coralin Parker of NJ, and her brother John Andres Bal of Manhattan. She will also be lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews who adored their Aunt Lia.

She will be remembered as a passionate writer of children's books, plays and poems. Given her extensive vocabulary, she was a fierce Scrabble player. Many times,

the children were banned from entering the kitchen when she and her best friend Cathy were having an intense game that lasted for hours. Always exploring her crafty side, she had enjoyed photography, sewing, and crocheting. Lia's favorite pastimes were bingo and musical theatre, especially if her granddaughter was in a performance. She will be sorely missed by her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Meema."

Gregory C. Jackson, Jr.

July 18, 1997 - February 1, 2019

Gregory C. Jackson, Jr. a lifelong resident of Ossining Passed away on Friday February 1, 2019.

Gregory was born in Sleepy Hollow on July 18, 1997 and was the son Gregory and Lisa (Martinez) Jackson, Sr.

Gregory was a graduate of Ossining High School, class of 2016. He played football, basketball, wrestling and lacrosse. His favorite activity though, was skateboarding. Gregory was instrumental in bringing to Ossining the Snowden Avenue Skateboarding Park. It was around 2008, when Gregory, addressed the Village of Ossining Board of Trustees at a public session and played a pivotal role in the creation of the park.

Gregory is survived by his parents Lisa and Gregory Sr.; his sister Paris D. Martinez and Sharain T. Gray; his grandparents William and Regina Jackson and Manuel "Pop" Martinez; his aunts and uncles William Jackson, Jr., Crystal Chandler, Tony Martinez, Manny Martinez, Marguerite Horton and Bridget Murphy; his niece Analise Hinson; nephews Aki Williams, Jarret Leonard, and William Green.

Antonia Reyes

Antonia Reyes, a resident of Ossining, died February 4 at Westchester Medical Center after a brief illness. She was 79.

She was born in El Salvador on August 21, 1939 to Pedro and Florencia (Martinez) Cortez. She was a former secretary in her native El Salvador and upon arriving in the United States, she devoted her life to taking

care of her family. She was a communicant of St. Augustine's Church.

Mrs. Reyes is survived by her husband of 44 years, Mario; her three children; and four granddaughters.

Carmen Garcia

Carmen Garcia, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully February 6. She was 60.

She was born in Maunabo, Puerto Rico on September 14, 1958 to William and Bonifacia (Perez) Morales.

She volunteered at many agencies and organizations in Ossining which included St. Ann's Parish Bingo and the Festival, local Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries and nursing homes. She was a Certified Nurse's Aide at St. Mary's Rehabilitation for over 20 years. "She was a very generous, loving, caring, giving woman to all she met."

Mrs. Garcia is survived by her husband Jose Valdes; her four children, Cynthia Rivera, Daniel (Desire) Rivera, Raymond Garcia and Anthony Rodriguez; seven grandchildren: Terencia, Tywan, Iris, Tatiana, Raymond, Adryan and Jayden; seven siblings, Rosa, Jose, Wanda, Maria, Victor, Maribell and Milagros; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Kenneth Onley, Sr.

Kenneth Onley, Sr., a resident of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and most recently of Ossining, died on February 6. He was 88.

He was born on July 6, 1930 to James Glover and Mary Frances Onley in Valhalla. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired foreman with County Asphalt in Tarrytown. He had a love and passion for his work on the USS Intrepid for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda Onley of Stuart, FL and by his loving children, Kenny Onley of Ossining, and Camille Yannantuono of Ventura, CA. also survived by his five cherished grandchildren, Camille Yannantuono-Sorpresi, Tiffany Goodrow, Robby Onley, Stephanie Onley, and Socorro Lopez and one great-grandson, Sebastiano Sorpresi. She was predeceased by his brother, Donald

Police Blotter

State Police

The Troop F Child Abuse Unit in Orange County announced the arrest of Eduardo Talentino (aka Elder Talentino), 53, of Monroe, NY and Margaret Patterson (aka Charlene Patterson), 79, of Lake Peekskill. Both subjects were charged with committing the Educational Law Felony, of Unauthorized Practice of a Profession. A joint investigation with Orange County Child Protective Services and Orange County Fraud revealed that Patterson, a licensed MSW (Master of Social Work), was aiding and abetting Talentino, who was purporting to be both a psychologist and/or psychiatrist with a PHD but was treating clients without a license. The investigation also revealed that Talentino was also purporting to be an FBI agent. Patterson and Talentino worked in offices located at 124 Main St. in the Village of Chester and The Center for ADHD at 32 South St. in the Village of Washingtonville. Additional Charges are pending. Anyone who has information regarding Talentino and Patter-

son are asked to contact the Orange County Child Abuse Unit at 845-291-2810. All calls will be kept confidential.

February 2 - State Police arrested Latascha N. Kelly, 47, of Cortlandt, for Falsely Reporting an Incident in the 3rd degree, a class A misdemeanor. On February 1, at approximately 11:13 p.m., troopers responded to Lexington Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt for a domestic dispute in which the caller was reporting the suspect was holding her hostage and actively shooting at her. Investigation by the State Police, Westchester Police Department, and Yorktown Police Department including K9 units, who all responded to the emergency call, found no evidence of any shots fired in the area. The caller, later identified as Kelly, had left the scene, and told investigators when contacted by telephone that she no longer wanted assistance. Further investigation found Kelly engaged in a domestic dispute, and then falsely reported the incident to Westchester County 911 in an attempt to incriminate the victim.

Man Pleads Guilty to Child Porn, Weapons

By Rick Pezzullo

A Croton-on-Hudson man pled guilty Monday to charges of child pornography and possessing a firearm.

Westchester County Court Judge Susan Cacace accepted the plea of Christopher Alessandro, 26, to charges of attempted disseminating indecent material to minors in the first degree, a Class E felony, and attempted criminal possession of a firearm, a Class A misdemeanor.

According to Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr., on May 7, 2018, the New York State Police, in

conjunction with the Virginia State Police, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office High Technology Crime Bureau, arrested Alessandro in Croton.

In April 2018, the Virginia State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Unit contacted the New York State Police Cortlandt barracks regarding an unknown male in New York sending indecent material to a special agent posing as a 14-year-old girl. After an approximately monthlong investigation, investigators in Cortlandt and the Troop K Computer Crimes Unit identified

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Letters to the Editor

State Needs a New Direction Morally and Spiritually

To the Editor,

I was very pleased and honored to be a witness to the many citizens of Yorktown who participated in the Town Board meeting of Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Several speakers and a packed meeting room voiced their dismay and serious objection to the passage of the Reproductive Health Act by our New York State Legislature. Constituents of our Town as well as New York State, described the passing of R.H.A. in 2019 a tragedy; as it embraces the proposition that some living human beings do not deserve the protection of our laws, inapposite of our tradition to respect human life.

Now, by the Governor and Legislature's celebrated action, other rights guaranteed in our Constitution have no meaning. Abortion access does nothing to advance the rights of women; rather, it invites both women and men to view unborn children—their own unborn children—as disposable objects-systematically

eliminating any legal recognition, no matter how meager, that an unborn child could be worthy of protection or concern. As proud Catholic; a long time parishioner of St. Patrick's Church; a member of the churches several ministries and co-coordinator of its Respect Life Ministry and thirty-five year citizen of Yorktown with four daughters, I was heartened by our citizens, our mothers, fathers, women and men, all voicing a strong reminder to our Town Board that the desire to live freely is an expression of personal dignity, as we are created in the image and likeness of an Almighty God, made for a relationship with Him. Human freedom is the power to become who we, as spiritual and bodily beings, created to be from the moment of conception to natural death. We are in mourning—our state needs a course correction—not just legislatively, but also morally and spiritually.

On Tuesday night's Town Board agenda, we heard the voices of our

Board exclaim the good works of our first Responders and Police Department, properly applauding their good works upholding the respect for the life of all our citizens. We heard of the strong appreciation for our Superintendent of Highways protecting the lives of citizens keeping our roadways safe and clear for travel, respecting the lives of all ages. We heard the Board applaud the good works of the Alliance of Safe Kids in their mission to save and protect the lives of our youth in our Town, respecting their dignity and life. We heard the voices of those who support affordable housing -respecting the diversity of life within our borders and the needs of many economically challenged to have affordable shelter. We also heard resoundingly from the many who spoke eloquently and forcefully that the RHA is not a Reproductive Health Act, but a Reprehensible, Harmful and an Abusive piece of legislation on the dignity of life.

Many asked for and pleaded with

our Town Board's members to craft a resolution to be sent to Albany that its citizens and those entrusted for their care do indeed respect life. A life that is worth living from conception to natural death; and the actions in the passing of RHA by our elected official are wrong; deadly wrong. It is an essential part of the very core of all people of good conscience to support the lives of all, especially the voiceless, the most vulnerable and marginalized, most importantly our unborn children. Remember our first responders, officials and police; our community leaders concerned with the lives of youth; the citizens supporting our economically challenged who deserve shelter; all in all respecting and protecting life. To our Town Board: Craft the resolution to protect life. Honor those who do it every day, by signing it and sending it to Albany. Let's not bequeath to our children a culture of death.

Peace,

JOHN STEDMAN

Former Supervisor Should Read the Bill of Rights

To the Editor,

In his vicious attack on Governor Cuomo's religious faith, Michael Grace yet again shows why the people of Yorktown so resoundingly turned him out of office. There are momentous

issues facing us as a community, locally and nationally, involving deeply held beliefs. However, we need to recognize that all of us are joining this debate in good faith, as equal citizens, worthy of a fundamental respect. The message of

recent elections couldn't be clearer: we are tired of these politicians who seek to exploit our differences and use honest and heartfelt differences to divide us and turn neighbor against neighbor. Mr. Grace, go back and read the Bill of

Rights: it's not too late for you to learn how to contribute to a debate, rather than sow discord.

JIM MCKEAN
Yorktown

Grace Manipulates History to Advance a Personal Agenda

To the Editor,

Tuesday's Town Board Meeting in Yorktown Heights featured former Supervisor Michael Grace weighing in on New York's Reproductive Health Act with his warped, inaccurate, inflammatory and self-serving version of the RHA, which in truth, merely codifies existing law that is constitutionally based.

Michael Grace told his audience:

"The Nazis did not come to power via a violent coup d'état but through a progressive campaign of propaganda slowly enveloping an uninformed, disinterested and unbelieving population... Be forewarned it may come much more subtly. . . . Perhaps in the form of a democratically elected

governor . . . signing a bill allowing for infanticide that only by the contrivances of Joseph Goebbels could be called the Reproductive Health Act."

I believe our community recognizes his manipulation of history to advance a personal agenda. The path to the Holocaust has an ancient history. A historical review reminds us that Christian anti-Semitism has not been subtle, rather it has been a tradition of centuries. Historian Raul Hilberg summed up the pattern:

12th century Crusades- "You have no right to live amongst us Jews".

16th century ghettos - "You have no right to live among us."

20th century Nazis - "You have no right to live."

Hilberg, Raul. The Destruction of the European Jews

In an effort to legislate morality, it is critical for citizens in a pluralistic democracy to be scrupulously faithful to historical fact. The Holocaust was a unique genocide and as such may be analogous to other genocides, but it can not be trivialized by distorting history to serve one's political agenda. Incumbent on all of us is the duty to honor lives taken by Nazis: Jews, Christians, Roma Sinti, and all others incinerated or murdered by Nazis. As a holy endeavor we must carefully adhere to historical truths of the Holocaust. Otherwise, we dishonor the dead and pervert the truth of our human history.

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Letters to the Editor

No One is Pro-Abortion

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Michael Grace's letter in The Examiner and comments at the recent Yorktown Town Board meeting regarding the passage of the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) in Albany.

Granted, abortion is a highly emotionally charged issue with which we have struggled for years. However, Mr. Grace's comparison of abortion to the Nazi's extermination of Jews is extreme hyperbole. He makes it sound like New

York State is requiring women to have abortions or is actively encouraging abortion. No, New York has merely taken steps via the RHA to make sure that abortion is a safe and legal option for those who choose it.

There have been unwanted pregnancies since the dawn of humankind. And women in desperate situations have found ways to terminate those pregnancies, often losing their own lives in the process. The average women's

child bearing years span 30+ years of her life. That is a long time to never make a mistake, forget to take a pill, always have enough money to purchase birth control, or avoid being raped.

No one is pro-abortion. No one encourages abortion. And no one should presume to know the circumstances or make the most personal and wrenching of decisions for a woman who is struggling with an unintended or unviable pregnancy—not the government nor the church.

Mr. Grace needn't worry that our society is marching toward another holocaust fueled by government-issued propaganda devaluing human life. The U.S. abortion rate is actually at an all-time low. For Mr. Grace and others who would like to put an end to abortion, there is a pretty simple solution: fight for comprehensive sex education and affordable, accessible contraception.

CELESTE THEIS
Croton-on-Hudson

Simplifying Proposed Affordable Housing Law in Yorktown

To the Editor,

With an affordable housing set aside law under consideration in the Town of Yorktown, I am expecting misinformation to abound. It's really simple: do we want to be inclusive or exclusive. The proposed law, which only applies to developments of over 10 units, calls for 10% of units in new developments to be affordable. To qualify, a single person would have to make under approximately \$50,000 per year for a rental unit and under approximately \$66,000 per year to purchase a unit. For a four-person household, the maximum income for eligibility would be approximately \$71,000 per year for a rental unit and \$94,000 per year for homeownership. A deed restriction will keep the units affordable. Much of the discussion thus far has been about impact on taxes and about where the people would come from who might get the units under a lottery system.

Let's start with taxes. For baby boomers like me, who were born in the decade after World War II, the housing market

was creating lots of small "starter" homes for families. When I moved to Yorktown in the late 1980s, the market was creating "McMansions." If there was regional demand for housing for the upper middle class, driven by our proximity to NYC, and there was more profit to be made building a large house, why would a developer build a small starter home that he would make less profit on? This trend took place despite the fact that there was a diminishing supply of smaller homes, and high demand for them which was driving up the prices.

It doesn't take a brain surgeon to know that smaller homes have a lower assessment and pay lower taxes. Back in the 1950s, did anyone call for only building large houses, so that each one would pay higher taxes than most of the existing Yorktown homes? Or rail against starter homes, because of who might live in them?

With a limited supply of remaining buildable land, and continued high demand, the housing market is out of whack, leaving many commuting long

distances (great for the environment, eh?) from their jobs to find housing they can afford. The pinch is most strongly felt on senior citizens on fixed incomes, perhaps looking to downsize, as well as on our kids just starting out on their own.

That brings us to "who" affordable housing might be for. Take any room full of current Yorktowners, including long-time residents, and ask them where they are from. In the answers you will hear some "natives," but mostly you will hear the Bronx, Manhattan, Yonkers, etc. Why isn't there a call to incorporate in Yorktown's zoning code a requirement that we restrict, or give preference to, only current Yorktown residents for sale or rental of existing or new housing?

Given that affordable housing is a relatively scarce commodity, I understand the desire to give preference to those already in our community. However, just as fair housing laws prohibit realtors from "steering" people toward or away from certain communities in a discriminatory

manner, it's easy for a municipality to run afoul of those laws and be sued if it develops policies that in practice may exclude some people.

So, in summary, yes - smaller homes with deed restrictions that limit price will pay lower taxes than larger homes with no restrictions. But remember, the proposed set aside law only applies to new developments, which are adding to our tax base. We are not adding a second police station, or a second town hall, when a new development is built, so the town is receiving additional tax revenue, while much of the fixed costs in the town budget are not impacted. That's a net benefit to current taxpayers in Yorktown, even if 10% of the new development is affordable.

And who are "those people" we are so afraid of who might be selected by a fair and open lottery system? If we look in the mirror as a community, they are us.

KENNETH BELFER
Chair of the Yorktown Community
Housing Board

Guest Column

Time for Lowey, Congress to Support Green New Deal

By Zachary Fisch

I write to express my continued disappointment at Rep. Nita Lowey for her failure to take the bold and urgent steps needed to combat the growing threat of climate change to our region.

Lowey failed to support the call for a Green New Deal subcommittee that would have had actual power to draft legislation to address climate change. She only signed on to a non-binding resolution indicating general support for the Green New Deal after activists spent months flooding her office with calls and visits, and the day after this paper published a previous version of this commentary online where I called on her to support the resolution, which she originally declined to cosponsor. This is

not leadership, and it is not enough.

Climate change is an existential threat to our civilization right now. Disasters like Superstorm Sandy, which affected thousands of families in Westchester including my own, will become common. The Lower Hudson Valley is 50 percent more likely to have a 100-year flood in the 2020s, and up to 190 percent more likely to have one in the 2050s. Large parts of our infrastructure, including Amtrak and Metro-North, will be underwater within our lifetimes.

We don't have much time to stave off catastrophe. A recent U.N. report found that we need to reduce emissions by 45 percent in the next 12 years to keep the rise in global temperatures to a manageable level.

A Green New Deal would do just that. It would put people to work to decarbonize our economy and protect our homes and infrastructure. Not only could it literally save the planet, it would make our communities more livable and help us prepare to rescue the economy during the next recession. All the while, it would help lessen our county's staggering income inequality, among the worst in the nation.

We need policies that match the scale of this impending crisis. A select committee on a Green New Deal would not have enacted those policies; it simply would have studied the problem and recommended legislation for Congress to pass in 2020. It was a reasonable approach backed by people across the

political spectrum: 81 percent of voters approved of the committee, including 64 percent of Republicans. But Lowey let it die.

Rather than backing a select committee on a Green New Deal like over 40 other members of Congress, Lowey did what she has done for most of her 30-year tenure in Congress: resist bold action. She instead backed a watered-down climate change committee whose chair, Kathy Castor, signaled a willingness to kowtow to fossil fuel companies and other polluters that have an interest in kneecapping our ability to avert climate catastrophe. That committee is unlikely to produce legislation that will stop our

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State Legislature Pushes Through More Gun Laws

By David Propper

Already boasting some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, the New York State Legislature passed a series of bills that made gun laws even tougher, but left a sharp divide among political parties.

With a Democratic majority in the state senate and assembly leading the way, new gun control legislation passed easily last week as Albany continues to move forward with a progressive agenda promised by Gov. Andrew Cuomo during his State of State address last month.

The legislation included the "red flag" bill that allows law enforcement, school staff and family members to request a judge stop a person they believe is a threat to themselves or others from temporarily owning or buying a gun until a hearing is held. Other measures banned teachers from carrying a firearm on school grounds, extended the waiting period for someone to purchase a gun if they don't pass an instant background check and banned bump stocks being sold or manufactured, which can increase the rate of fire in a semi-automatic weapon.

"We take a big step forward today," Cuomo said during a gun safety forum last week. "No one wants to take guns from legal gun owners who are mentally healthy. We don't want people who are mentally ill or are past felons to have gun. That's all this is."

This is the second time during Cuomo's tenure in office that sweeping reforms aimed at gun control have been passed. The first time was in 2013—the SAFE Act—in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shooting that killed 27 people.

Putnam state representatives were split over the new set of bills. Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Sen. Peter Harckham, Democrats, voted in favor of the complete package of bills while Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and

Sen. Sue Serino, Republicans, did not.

The most controversial piece of the package was the "red flag" bill.

Serino, who lost a brother to suicide, said while she understands the intent behind the "red flag" law, the bill is too broad and fails to get to the heart of the issue when it comes to mental health and gun violence. She added the Democratic majority played politics and rushed the legislation through without getting input from appropriate stakeholders.

"I could not in good conscious support legislation that allows ordinary citizens, with no mental health training or background, to single out others as harmful while then failing to provide any mental health services, support, or legal assistance to the accused," Serino said in a statement. "That's a recipe for disaster."

She pushed for legislation that would've put more mental health professionals in schools, but it was rejected by leadership within the state legislature.

Byrne voted against the "red flag" law because of numerous flaws, including opportunities for exploitation and abuse, lack of timely due process and that it provides no additional attention, services, or supervision for those individuals flagged for mental health help. Once a person is flagged as a possible danger, no action is required after confiscation until a hearing is held to determine whether or not that person should have their gun back, Byrne said.

"If these people are such a danger, we should not be leaving them in society where they may have access to alternative methods to harm themselves or others; they should receive an immediate mental health evaluation and the state should be providing assistance and support," Byrne said in a statement. "Without this added attention, there is a very legitimate concern that this law could

unintentionally escalate a situation and further endanger public safety."

Byrne did vote to ban bump stocks, a piece of legislation he has consistently supported. Byrne said he has also advocated for more mental health services and measures to better protect schools, but assembly leadership has not put the legislation forward.

Supporting the set of gun laws, Sen. Peter Harckham said the "red flag" bill was a "common sense gun safety" measure. He added that there needs to be a "high level of proof" that could result in a firearm being taken away.

County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, a Democrat, said she was heartened that state lawmakers have responded to the pleas from responsible gun owners and gun safety advocates. Families, mental health providers, medical professionals and law enforcement have the tools they need to identify people that might hurt themselves or others, she said.

"That will enable us all to proactively assist those who need intervention, and keep our communities safe. At the same time, we have protected the Second Amendment rights of law abiding gun owners," Montgomery, a Philipstown resident, said in an email. "I hope that New York State's achievement will be a model for similar legislation across the country."

Patterson resident Andrew Falk, a former state assembly candidate and current Working Families Party state committee member, said not taking action to curtail gun violence would be "immoral."

"We need to stop sacrificing our children on the alter of the Second Amendment," Falk said in an email. "To have a mechanism for reporting a person for additional scrutiny before a tragedy occurs is a safeguard that should be welcomed by everyone and one of the reasons many of us have worked so hard to make a Democratic State Senate a reality."

But Putnam GOP committee chairman

Tony Scannapieco said now "some jerk in the street" can call authorities and assert a person shouldn't have a firearm because he is mentally unwell. He called the legislation "insane."

"Every time there's a mass shooting, they're always complaining we need to talk about reforms," Scannapieco said. "When a guy takes a truck and drives down a park in Manhattan and kills a bunch of people, they don't say anything about trucks."

The Putnam County Firearm Owners Association (PCFOA) slammed the new set of gun laws rolled out and accused Cuomo of pandering for political reasons all while depriving residents in the state from their right to bear arms. The PCFOA said the state assembly and senate attacked several different amendments in the Constitution and the new legislation "has no basis in law and no basis in fact."

"And such actions have been undertaken with the primary goal of promoting an anti-American political agenda," the PCFOA stated. "The members of PCFOA oppose the enactment of any legislation that infringes upon any Rights especially the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and considers such laws to be politically motivated, unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority."


Man Pleads Guilty to Child Porn, Weapons Charges

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Alessandro.

Alessandro was arrested and charged in May 2018 on the indecent material charge and in June on the gun charge. He was fired two days after his May 7 arrest from his job as a court officer trainee in the City of New Rochelle. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 26.



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Little Kings and Queens Daycare Peekskill

By Neal Rentz

Peekskill resident Joan King said recently there were two reasons she named her Peekskill business Little Kings and Queens Daycare in Peekskill: King is her last name and she added queens to the name of the business because she wanted another name to compliment kings.

The business, which has four locations in Peekskill, describes itself as being places “where little hands do big things.”

“The business is just growing,” King said. “It started as a home day care. We’ve been in Peekskill for 25 years.”

King recalled that she began her business following the death of her mother Carolyn Cheeks, who had been providing care for her then three-year-old daughter.

The 50 Dayton Lane location is decorated with a festive Valentine’s Day look. “I wanted to give it a homelike feeling because I’ve been into family daycare for 25 years,” King said. “Family daycare is really like a home-based daycare. So, when you walk into the building, I wanted to give that same effect, the home feeling. I wanted the kids to feel like they’re at home where



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Little Kings and Queens Daycare has been in Peekskill for 25 years.

they can enjoy themselves. Without decorating and doing what I was doing I felt like when I walked in here it felt like a prison or a school.”

Little Kings and Queens offers a variety of programs, including pre-kindergarten,

before and after-school programs, as well as all-day programs, King said. Services are provided to children from six weeks to 12-years-old.

Educational and recreational programs are available, King said, noting children

learn through play and repetition.

The pre-K program is intended for four-year-olds to prepare them for kindergarten in the Peekskill School District, King said.

The daycare centers provide pick up and drop off services for the youths they serve in the afterschool programs, King said. “After school we just make sure that when the kids come in, they get snacks. They do homework and then they get to free play with their friends,” she said.

Some of the recreational activities are offered in the “fun palace,” which is a room where youth get to play in various “career houses,” such as a post office, construction company and grocery store, King said. The even get to dress the part of the various play businesses in the fun palace.

King said she enjoys working with youths. “I love the daycare business. I’m also in the foster care business,” King said, “I love to take care of kids.”

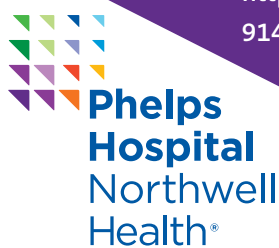
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Lakeland High Senior Named Top Youth Volunteer

Jothi Ramaswamy, 17, of Mohegan Lake, a senior at Lakeland High School, was named New York's top high school youth volunteer of 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

As a State Honoree, Ramaswamy will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medalion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where she will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2019 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 24th year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

These are New York's top youth volunteers of 2019: High School State Honoree: Jothi Ramaswamy Nominated by Lakeland High School, she has partnered with corporations and universities to conduct more than 45 technology workshops for girls in grades 3-12, while con-

necting them to female role models who have had successful careers in science, tech, engineering and math (STEM).

"Thirty-three boys. Zero girls. My jaw dropped," Ramaswamy said when her brother mentioned the gender ratio of his computer coding class. She knew firsthand how valuable those skills are, because her mother, an engineer, had been able to step back into her career and support the family after the death of Jothi's father. "It fired up my determination to even the playing field," she said.

Her response was to start a nonprofit

organization called "ThinkSTEAM," with an "a" for to STEM subjects. "I realized that so many girls are incredibly artistic, and teaching them how to combine their own creativity with technology is the perfect way to encourage them to learn about STEM," Ramaswamy explained.

After creating a website and assembling a board of directors, she asked IBM to help her host a wearable technology workshop to show girls the intersection of technology and fashion. It that she collaborated with her school district to put on an all-day series of workshops for 75

middle school girls. So far, Ramaswamy has engaged more than 1,000 girls with Google, Facebook and Amazon, as well as with Columbia and Stanford universities. She also has conducted an annual contest inviting girls in five countries to create videos that encourage girls to pursue STEAM subjects. ThinkSTEAM now has student ambassadors organizing workshops for girls in eight states. She also has conducted an annual contest inviting girls in five countries to create videos that encourage girls to pursue STEAM subjects.

Solaris Spearheads Effort to Donate Beds to Animal Shelters

By Rick Pezzullo

Solaris Sports Club in Yorktown and its members, with an assist from The Harlem Wizards basketball team, recently joined forces for a good cause.

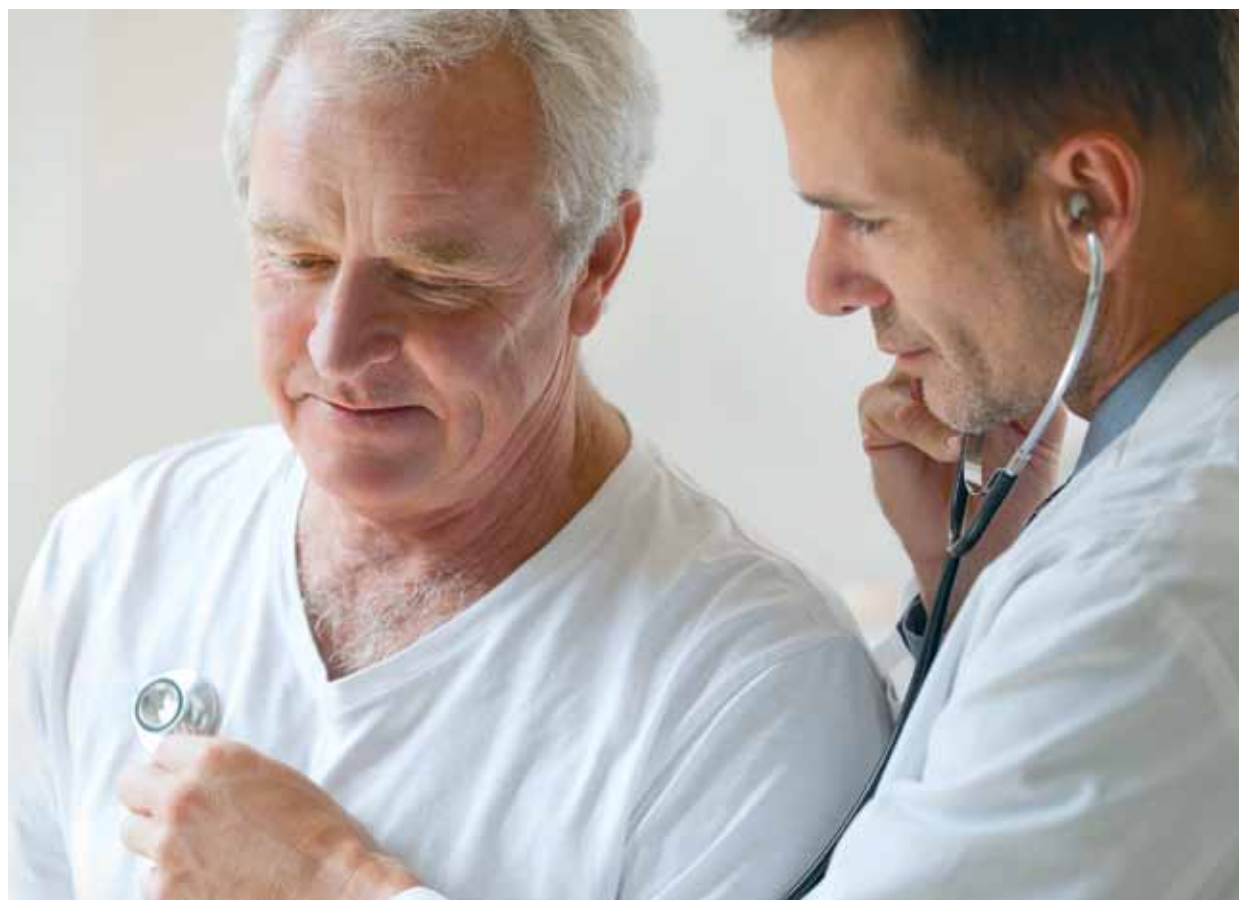
In a few short weeks, 100 beds for dogs and cats being housed at area animal shelters were purchased from donations from club members and proceeds raised from a clinic with the Wizards on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We all said we wanted to do something for the animals," Jeannie Geyer, event coordinator at Solaris, explained about how the effort began. "We want to pick shelters that are in need of beds."

Geyer said she and others traveled to pet stores from Mohegan Lake to Yonkers to shop for the different types of beds and emphasized most stores offered generous discounts.

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ride the school bus are more than just memories, these are critical moments that define growth and change.

For many families, the first time they send their child to camp is one of the biggest let-go, hold-your-breath and watch-them-soar moments in childhood.

In today's world of high-tech kids and families who have a constant connection to each other, it's essential to take the time to emotionally prepare for camp. It is, of course, important to prepare the first-time camper, but families need to make sure that Mom, Dad, younger siblings at home – virtually everyone – is ready to adjust to camp life.

The American Camp Association® (ACA) provides these tips to help ease first-time families into the camp experience.

- **Parents.** As parents, it is important to focus on the positive aspects of camp. Remember that separation is natural, necessary and inevitable. What better place to have that first experience than in a caring and nurturing environment designed specifically for children?

Parents can also focus on the amazing benefits of camp – an experiential education like no other – teaching valuable 21st century survival skills like leadership, teamwork, problem-solving and interpersonal communication.

- **Siblings.** Family therapist Bob Ditter, one of the nation's leading experts on camp, cautions it is likely that the child left at home will experience separation anxiety and truly miss his or her sibling. To help them prepare, be sure to talk

about that. Before the eldest child leaves for camp, take a picture of your children together that the sibling can keep in their room or carry around. Remind your children about the communication they can have with each other through letters and postcards.

- **Other family members.** Be sure that everyone is aware of the upcoming experience. Family members should know how to contact the camper, if they are interested, through letters and care packages. Make sure to be aware of any communication policies the camp may have, such as no phone calls or restrictions on what can be sent in a care package.

In addition, an increasing number of camps are using websites to display photos or video during the camp session. According to ACA's 2011 Emerging Issues Survey, 75 percent of responding camps indicate that they post photos or videos to a website for families to view. Forty-five percent indicate that they post information, photos and videos to social media outlets like Facebook. Families should be sure to ask camp directors about these options.

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Biographical Films about Artists

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

While we enjoy a whole gamut of film topics, the most informative and interesting seem to be either documentaries or biographical movies about famous people. Whether it is a political or historical figure, celebrities, inventors or great artists, these films often depict a side of the person that is little known besides their contributions that made them famous. Over the years we have seen many movies that centered on artists and their works. Many of these films are available at the library, on television cable services or the older ones are frequently shown on regular channels. In no particular order, here are some that our family has enjoyed over the years.

Maudie was made in 2016 and starred Sally Hawkins (star of The Shape of Water) and Ethan Hawke. It was a co-production of Ireland and Canada and is about the life of folk artist Maud Lewis, who painted in Nova Scotia. Maud struggles with arthritis, had a sorrowful childhood and lonesome life. After her parents die her older brother leaves his grown sister Maudie with an elderly aunt that is kind, yet treats her like a child. One day Maudie answers a help wanted notice hung in the local general store. She becomes a housekeeper for a somewhat demanding, mean fish monger,

played by Ethan Hawke in his run down, dilapidated cottage. Watching their turbulent relationship evolve and Maudie gain fame through her art work is the basis for the plot of this moving true story.

Girl with the Pearl Earring is the story of the young woman that posed for Dutch Golden Age painter Johannes Vermeer's famous oil painting of the same name. The painting is a side profile of a girl wearing a headscarf and pearl earring. The young peasant girl was working in Vermeer's house as a maid and became his talented assistant and the model for one of his most famous works. The film starred the beautiful Scarlett Johansson, Colin Firth and Tom Wilkinson and was nominated for three Oscars.

Big Eyes is the name of the film about the artist that does the paintings where all the children have huge, almost cartoonish eyes. Produced in 2014 the film is a drama about painter Margaret Keane and her phenomenal success back in the 1950's. The drama surrounding this film is about the legal problems she had in the 1960's when her deceitful and conniving second husband claimed he did the paintings and not his wife. She had let him control her finances, marketing and publicity and was unaware of what his intentions were regarding stealing her

fame and fortune. This film stars Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz and Danny Huston.

Tim's Vermeer is a film we saw at the 2013 Hampton International Film Festival (HIFF) out on Long Island. It was nominated in 2014 for the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) award for best documentary. The film is about inventor Tim Jenison who seeks to understand the painting technique used by Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer and tries to copy one of his paintings, stroke by stroke, coming up with an absolutely amazing reproduction showing Jenison's astounding talents. "For reasons he cannot quite explain, Mr. Jenison hit upon a technological sleight of hand, using optical gadgetry that has been available for centuries, that he believed could have aided the work of the old master painters such as Vermeer, a 17th-century Dutchman with a startling talent for photorealistic work. Finding no literature that he felt proved or disproved his thesis, Mr. Jenison determined he had only one course of action and that was to use his discoveries to recreate a Vermeer work, despite his lack of painting experience."

Written by Penn Jillette, Teller (Pen and Teller), directed by Teller the film stars Tim Jenison, Penn Jillette and Mar-

tin Mull. This was a fascinating documentary and one of the best films we saw that year at the festival.

Others

The list continues with films that feature great artists as the subject. Too many to describe here you might want to research them on your own. Going back in time there is Lust for Life the 1956 film starring Kirk Douglas as the brilliant yet troubled artist Vincent van Gogh. It was directed by Vincente Minnelli and George Cukor. Anthony Quinn, James Donald and Pamela Brown also starred in the film. The film garnered three Academy Award nominations and a Best Actor in a Supporting Role Oscar for Anthony Quinn, who has a minor role as fellow artist Paul Gauguin. Following that release ten years later was The Agony and the Ecstasy the 1965 film starring, Charlton Heston, Rex Harrison, Diane Cilento and Harry Andrews is about the life of Michelangelo as the Renaissance artist that painted the Sistine Chapel's ceiling. The film is based on the novel of the same name by Irving Stone and focuses on the contentious relationship between Michelangelo and Pope Julius II, played by Harrison.

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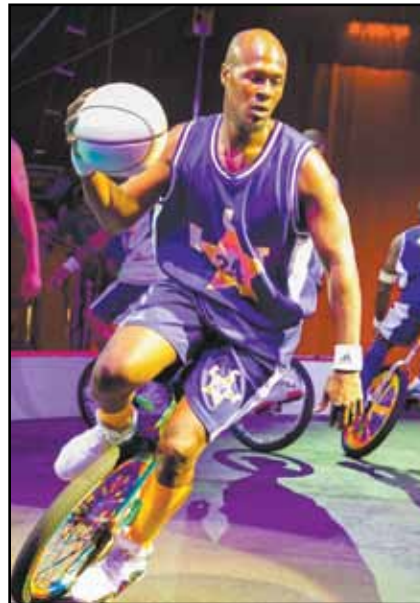
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Just as a person can be judged within the first few seconds, a house is judged in great part by the condition, functionality and look of its front door. When showing properties to prospective buyers, I'm always surprised to find an older home that has been upgraded, but the owners haven't paid proper attention to the front door, especially its hardware.

If the door needs painting or is warped and if the hardware is tarnished and in poor working order, a pall can be cast over the entire house. Perhaps some homeowners are unaware of a deteriorating front door. Many people enter a side entrance or into the mud room or kitchen. However, visitors normally come only to the front door.

While the functional purposes of a front door are to withstand the elements, help

toward energy efficiency and provide protection, visitors view it as an aesthetic statement, even a psychological one. If the door is attractive and in good shape, that perception extends to the entire household – and to its owner as well.

Look at your front door and determine whether it needs simply sprucing up or a total replacement. Some door problems can be repaired and others cannot. If the door is improperly hung, has trouble closing or latching, is slightly warped or is just sticking, these problems may be worth fixing. But if it has rot or is outrageously outdated in style, consider replacement options.

Whether you use a contractor or a handyman, get different opinions about which kind of new door to choose. Some would suggest that the top-quality material is still wood. Steel or aluminum may be recommended as the most sturdy and secure, but according to most remodeling contractors, the best choice today is the new high-quality fiberglass door. The insulation quality of the latter is better than that of a wooden door and it will not warp or crack.

The feature I like best about a good fiberglass door is that the manufacturers have

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Door hardware, which in aesthetic terms, can make a door "pop." But if it's worn, that pop can be a dull thud.

The polished look is one factor, but a lock and handle's functionality are the primary things to consider.

Basically, locksets fall into two different categories, mortise or cylindrical. While I don't fully understand the difference in mechanical workings, my trusted locksmith tells me that mortise locksets, which are installed into a rectangular dugout in the door, offer the ultimate in security, design and ruggedness.

The choice of locksets and handles can be a daunting experience. When I went hunting for new hardware, I was overwhelmed by the selection. I took a picture of the set I thought the most attractive and showed it to my locksmith. I asked him to supply the best choice for my particular door. Better to leave such things to the experts, unless you're a great do-it-yourselfer, which I am not.

Highly polished solid brass knobs, backplates, thumbatches are desirable but, fair warning, they can be quite expensive.

When it comes to selecting a color for the front door, it is a situation of relating to, or contrasting with, one of the other tones found in the house or the landscape that surrounds it. Many people today choose a deep green or red (which has many hues such as black cherry and adobe) to have their front doors stand out. There is a bigger trend now toward selecting yellow, which can be toned down with a covering glaze.

One cardinal rule about color: a front door should never be stark white. The theory is that the door should relate to the landscape in some way and pure white is rarely found in nature. If your preference leans toward white, it should have a hue of another color, such as pink or yellow. The large casing around the door should be a different color than the door itself. The casing should be treated like a trim, matching windows and other trim.

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Tuesday, Feb. 12

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, Feb. 13

New York-Presbyterian Events: Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond

Rd., Cortlandt. Healthy Heart Fair will be held on Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Caribbean Colombian Cuisine will be held on Feb. 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15. To register call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Bariatric Support Group will meet on Feb. 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. To register call 914-734-3966. Heart-Healthy Italian Cuisine will be held on Feb. 15 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. To register call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on Feb. 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. To register call 914-962-6402.

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday, except for Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. If you can't visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days. SBIC will not meet on days the Somers schools are closed due to snow. Collages and photographs by Jane Hogan are on display through Feb. 1 during library hours.

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The Workout – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call 914-734-4250 Ext. 1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

Senior Exercise: Workout M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. The programs are free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

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

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

Living With Loss: Support Connec-

tion, Inc. announces a free program: Men's Night Out: For Men Living With Loss will be offered at 7 p.m. at Travelers Rest, Route 100, Ossining. It is open to men to have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required to attend, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues-- led by Wendy Segal --is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein-- is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein--- is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)--led by Rabbi Sternstein- is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

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

REB Talks: Be a part of a bi-monthly discussion on topics that are worth sharing with others at Temple Beth Am at 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

Friday, Feb. 15

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

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

Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 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. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabi-biw@optonline.net.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

International Film Festival: "The Big Sick" will be the February film in the 2018-2019 International Film Festival sponsored by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Maryknoll, 55 Ryder Rd., Ossining. Admission is free and a brief discussion will follow the screening. For more information, visit <https://maryknollsociety.org/filmfest> or call 914-941-7590.

Twisted Valentine: The Axial Theatre, entering its 20th anniversary year, has announced the line-up of short plays for its annual Twisted Valentines festival, a seasonal tribute to love and lovers that runs through Feb. 17 in Pleasantville. Performances will be held on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. on the campus of St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. Tickets are \$27.50 general admission and \$22.50 for seniors and students and can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3921382>) Info 914-286-7680; or www.axialtheatre.org.

Saturday, Feb. 16

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

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Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information call 845-528-2305.

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

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

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find

delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Lincoln Remembrance Day: The annual Lincoln Remembrance Day, sponsored by the Lincoln Society in Peekskill and the Lincoln Depot Museum, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 10. S. Water St., Peekskill. Info: 914-402-4318 or incolndepotmuseum.org.

Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free program Yoga: A Path toward. Wellness will be held on every Saturday for the rest of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Make Earrings: Tweens, teens and adults can create beaded earrings from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Somers Library. Join

us anytime up until 3 p.m. Since this workshop benefits a women's shelter, it could be considered for community service hours. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Lincoln Movies: The Abe Lincoln Influence in Movies will be the topic of the next program of the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society at 2 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Ave., Cortlandt. The speaker will be author/historian Dr. Brian Snee of Peekskill, whose upcoming book is "The Lincoln Blitz: Hollywood's 'Lightening War' on America's First 'America First' Movement." The free program is open to the public. For more information visit: www.vancort.net; or call 914-736-7868.

Jazz Masters Series: The Jazz Masters Series of Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will feature internationally known vibraphonist Christos Rafalides and his group, the Manhattan Vibes. They will perform at 7:30 p.m. at WCT's black box performance space at 23 Water St., Os-

sining. Tickets are \$20. A cash bar and refreshments will be available. Purchase tickets online at <https://jmscrafalideswct19.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Sunday, Feb. 17

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

Monday, Feb. 18

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Biographical Films about Artists

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painter Jackson Pollock and features Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Haden and Jennifer Connelly. Harden won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, playing Lee Krasner, Pollock's wife. Jackson Pollock was an East End resident having moved to East Hampton in 1945 and spent the rest of his life there.

Women Painters

There are many talented women artists, but only a few had their life stories captured on film to a commercial success. Frida, starring Salma Hayek as the lead, with Alfred Molina and Geoffrey

Rush is a biography of Frida Kahlo who suffered from pain after a crippling injury and "and her tempestuous marriage to her husband, Diego Rivera", also a painter. The film follows the professional and private life of this surrealist Mexican painter. Hayek was nominated in 2002 for an Academy Award for her role as Frida.

Camille Claudel is a French film about the life of 19th century sculptor, Camille Claudel. The 1988 biographical film starred Isabelle Adjani, Gerard Depardieu and Madeleine Robison. Camille was the sister of writer Paul Claudel and in the film her enthusiasm impresses

already-famous sculptor Auguste Rodin and he hires her as an assistant. But soon Camille begins to sculpt for herself and for Rodin. She also becomes his mistress. But after a while, she would like to get out of his shadow and there the conflict

arises.

With the winter months now here, it's the perfect time to curl up to a good movie and perhaps after it, be inspired to read one of the books about the artist the film was based upon.

Preparing Your Child – and Yourself – for Best Camp Experience

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Community Honors Loss of PV Teenager Elias Knapp

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member Knapp and his trademark blue eyes. So many blue light bulbs were purchased that stores near Putnam Valley were running out of the product. The suggestion was made by a classmate of his, Elayna Kurtenbach.

"I was so proud of this community, everybody came together for this family," Fontanez said. "(The Knapp family) wasn't alone. They had hundreds, thousands of people right beside them."

The school system also took a proactive role in comforting students affected by the accident and Knapp's subsequent death. On February 2, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills wrote in a post to the community that teachers and counselors would be ready to support students in classes when they returned to school the Monday after the accident and the high school was open Sunday afternoon im-

mediately following the accident with faculty on hand.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends," Wills wrote.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio said the death of Knapp is a loss that can never be replaced. One positive from this horrific tragedy, Oliverio said, is the overwhelming support shown to the Knapp family the past couple weeks.

Oliverio was an assistant principal at Putnam Valley High School for half of a school year when Knapp was a freshman before he took on the role as supervisor. Even though their paths only crossed for a short time, Oliverio said he knew of Knapp because he had a reputation of being a very good athlete.

Oliverio stressed he hopes this accident teaches young people to make wise decisions as they grow up to avoid the heartbreak the Putnam Valley community has endured.

"It's tough," Oliverio said.

Crossword

ACROSS

1. Lessen gradually
4. Show ____
7. "Murders in the ____ Morgue"
10. Round table member
11. Snobbish
13. Shelley's "____ Skylark"
14. Storage places
15. Bud
17. Spread
18. Wish harm upon
20. Dexterity
24. Walks along
27. Irish Poet or Yorktown financial planner, RF

32. Bibliographical abbreviation
33. Dissimilar
35. Frat house letter
36. Mark for misconduct
37. One of the Mannings
38. Dentist qualification
39. Lt.'s subordinate
40. Norm, abbr.

DOWN

1. Cornerstone abbr.
2. Tropical rain forest, e.g.
3. Interweaves
4. Look good on
5. Feverish
6. Italian for "uncle" or Croton deli
7. Canadian rebel Louis
8. Court grp.
9. Site for crafty entrepreneurs
12. Coffee stirrer, abbr.
16. Young lass
19. Something to pick
21. Hails
22. Worked (up)
23. Preferences
25. Passed out
26. Ristorante offering
27. Country singer, Wynonna
28. Flat
29. Thanksgiving dishes
30. French for key
31. Ireland's Irish name
34. Family

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The name of the LLC is Goodbear Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is **c/o 25 Bank St. Apt 214K, White Plains, New York 10606.**

The name of the LLC is Goodbear Property LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is **c/o 25 Bank St. Apt 214K, White Plains, New York 10606.**

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Here are the facts I've culled, based on an independent poll of consumer preferences. (The format offered specific choices; respondents were requested to check all that apply.)

Semi-sweet: 45 percent

Smooth: 44 percent

Fruity: 40 percent

Sweet: 38 percent

Dry: 36 percent

Savory (less fruit): 18 percent

Tannic: 6 percent

Clearly, a dry style is not the dominant preference of consumers. My conclusion? American wine consumers have a sweeter tooth than I believed.

It has been extensively reported that Americans consume alarming amounts of sugar. We've all read of the epidemic of obesity and diabetes in the United States. Soft drinks, chocolate, other candies and breakfast cereals continue to be consumed at alarming rates, albeit abating lately.

Why should our preference for wines be different?

The generally accepted definition of sweet wine is one with residual sugar of 30 grams per liter. This includes Sauternes and Ice Wine. Wines with nine grams or less are generally considered to be dry, that is, all of the sugars in the fermented grapes have been converted to alcohol. That leaves a significant range for semisweet wines.

I define sweet-style as fruit forward with a hint (or more) of sugar, either in the mouth or in the finish, and low in acidity. (The higher the acidity the lower the perception of sweetness.)



By Nick Antonaccio



wineries cater to consumer demand with multiple offerings of Rieslings and Gewürztraminers. Some consider these to be the finest in the country. Even I prefer several to pair with Asian dishes.

The Italians have also capitalized on the American sweet tooth. Prosecco, a typically sweet style of sparkling wine, has enjoyed skyrocketing sales in the last 10 years. Several producers supplement their wines with doses of sugar to meet the American preference. For a portion of Americans, Prosecco is the sparkling version of White Zinfandel.

Everyone's palate is different. My sensory receptors may conclude a particular wine is a dry style, while you may consider it a sweeter style. My palate's physiology may detect dryness before sweetness in a wine.

Drink as your palate dictates, not as a wine writer suggests.

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Time for Lowey, Congress to Support Green New Deal

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seas from rising and our forests from burning.

I was glad to see Lowey co-sponsor the resolution for a Green New Deal last Friday. Her statement offering support for this vital effort is important, and we thank her for it. But if it is not followed up with real leadership and action, it will mean nothing in the end.

I challenge Lowey to use her power as chair of the Appropriations Committee to take the concrete steps needed to protect Westchester and Rockland – and the planet. Push to replace Indian Point with renewable energy, not fossil fuels like coal or natural gas. Support debt-free college to enable young people to secure their futures in fields critical to decarbonization, such as solar engineering and urban planning, without taking on debilitating student debt. Provide for jobs programs that pay a good wage to workers who help retrofit

our buildings to the highest energy efficiency standards.

Climate change is not happening in 10 years. It's happening now. It's time for Lowey to realize that and act accordingly. We do not have time to wait. If we continue to allow her to play it safe, we will all pay the price for the rest of our lives.

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Editor's Note: Lowey's office contacted Examiner Media after the original version of this article was published online and stated that the congresswoman supported the resolution in principle prior to signing on as a cosponsor. She was never an opponent of the resolution, a Lowey spokesman said. The spokesman also said the column did not lead to the congresswoman's decision to join as a cosponsor.

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