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Mahopac Native Dies in U.S. Coast Guard Accident

By David Propper

A Mahopac native and dedicated service member is dead after he suffered injuries on assignment with the United States Coast Guard that has left a community in mourning.

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski, 35, was killed when he sustained injuries while working in the bou yard in Homer, Alaska on January 31 after a crane accident occurred. Local emergency medical services personnel performed CPR and transported him to the South Peninsula Hospital where he was pronounced dead, according to a Coast Guard press release. He was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter

Hickory.

"It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of a devoted shipmate, husband and father following this tragic accident," said Rear Adm. Matthew T. Bell Jr., Coast Guard 17th District commander. "Chief Warrant Officer Kozloski faithfully served his country for over 17 years and we are forever grateful for his steadfast devotion to duty and sacrifices."

The Coast Guard is still investigating the incident.

Kozloski is a 2001 graduate of Mahopac High School and leaves behind a wife and four children.

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Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski will be remembered for his lifetime of service to the Coast Guard and country.

Swastika Discovered in Somers High School Library

A swastika was discovered written on a chair in the Somers High School library last Thursday.

After the evidence was documented, a custodian used a cleaning solvent to remove the symbol, an email to parents stated.

"We are deeply disappointed that anyone in our community would vandalize school property with such a despicable symbol of hatred and intolerance," principal Mark Bayer and Superintendent Dr. Raymond Blanch stated in an email. "As a school and district, we will not tolerate this behavior and our administrative team will investigate it thoroughly."

The school officials also encouraged parents to talk to their children about "our values as an inclusive community."

They noted that due to the location of the symbol, the district's investigation will rely upon student information.

"We greatly appreciate the immediate action taken by the student who discovered the symbol," the email stated. "Please encourage your child to speak to an administrator immediately if he or she has any further information that could help us identify the student responsible."

On Feb. 1, Bayer sent a follow up letter to parents and explained part of the investigation process.

"We interview students, partner with law enforcement, and verify any information that we obtain," explained Bayer, who again condemned the act.

"It is up to us as a community to stand

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New Eagle Scout Recognized

Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel presented a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the Yorktown Town Board to Eagle Scout Miraj S. Patel (center, no relation) of Troop 174, shown with his parents, Sachin and Minal Patel, and his brother. His Eagle Scout project involved building a shed at John F. Kennedy High School in Somers where equipment can be stored safely.

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up against these acts of intolerance, to send an unequivocal message that we will not allow this behavior in our schools or anywhere else," the principal wrote.

Elizabeth Lavine Russell, a parent at the school, said she is "disgusted and saddened to see yet another symbol of hatred and intolerance in my children's learning environment."

Russell, who is Jewish, has a 16-year-old sophomore daughter and 15-year-old freshman son at Somers High School.

"School should be a warm, welcoming, safe space for all students, no matter race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.," Russell said. "I applaud Mark Bayer for his quick



note to parents with information and hope the child who did this receives the education necessary to understand how harmful a symbol can be."

Millie Jasper, executive director of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education

Center in White Plains, said in a statement that the center has reached out to the school district and she is confident that officials will take the appropriate steps.

"The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center believes that most young people use hate speech and symbols out of a lack of understanding, not malice so we've developed a program to educate, not punish," Jasper stated last Thursday. "We reached out to the superintendent of schools to share information regarding hate symbols and hate speech as well as the history of antisemitism. We believe the Somers Schools administration takes this recent incident very seriously and we hope that they respond to our offer to help in reaction to this incident as well as

proactively to dissuade future incidents."

Two Somers High School students were arrested in 2016 for causing more than \$29,000 in damage to more than 40 school buses. Fire extinguishers were used to spray graffiti, including a swastika and profanity, on the pavement, police stated at the time.

Nationwide, the number of reported hate crime incidents in 2017 was up 17 percent over 2016 totals, according to the latest F.B.I. statistics released in Nov. of last year. There was also a spate of incidents in Westchester County last year, with swastikas and other hate symbols found on a local college campus, on road signs and on a newspaper, among other examples.

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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents all of Putnam, said in a statement that his heart goes out to Kozloski's family, other Guardsmen and the Mahopac community.

"Michael dedicated his entire adult life to protecting our country as a member of the Coast Guard, and his service will not be forgotten," Maloney said in a statement. "I ask the Hudson Valley to join me in praying for Officer

Kozloski's family and offering support during this difficult time."

Maloney, who is the chairman of the subcommittee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, said he would continue to monitor the situation as additional details come forward and stands ready to provide support the Guard as they seek answers and works to prevent future accidents from happening

State Senator Peter Harckham said

his deepest condolences are with the family of Kozloski, who served the country admirably for 17 years.

"His devotion to duty and public service defending our nation will never be forgotten. His family, friends and members of his unit will be in our thoughts and prayers," Harckham said in a statement. "Let us never forget the sacrifices the members of the military make defending our freedom."

Putnam Veterans Affairs Director

Karl Rohde also offered his sympathies to the family and friends of Kozloski.

"Survivor Outreach from West Point has been in touch with the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency trying to establish contact with family members," Rohde said in an email. "As with any veteran or service member who passes we offer our condolences and assistance we may be able to provide."

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State Police

February 4

State Police and the Buchanan Police Department investigated a robbery on Bleakley Avenue in the Village of Buchanan. Just before 10 a.m., victims described a dark-skinned male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, with a white and red face mask, held them at knife point in a small business office on Bleakley Avenue near Broadway (former Johnny Rit's Bar location). One victim reported being tied up by the suspect. The suspect fled then the scene with an unknown amount of cash in a black, four-door sedan in an unknown direction. Anyone with information regarding this incident or possible information regarding a suspect should contact the State Police at (914) 769-2600.

January 30

New York State Police and Westchester County Police arrested Deshawn Smalls, 27, of Peekskill, for Criminal Possession of a Firearm, a class E felony, and Justin Patterson, 31, also of Peekskill, for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd degree, a class C felony, Falsifying Business Records in the 1st degree, a class E felony, four counts of Menacing in the 2nd degree, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Forged Instrument, Obstruction of Governmental Administration, all class A misdemeanors, and False Personation, a class B misdemeanor.



Deshawn Smalls



Justin Patterson

At approximately 8:50 p.m., troopers responded to Main Street in the Town of Cortlandt for a report of menacing with a firearm. Using information obtained from the victims, Westchester County Police located the suspect vehicle on East Main Street and arrested Smalls. The second suspect later identified as Patterson, fled the area and was located hiding in a wooded area north of the suspect vehicle. Troopers took Patterson into custody without further incident. Patterson initially provided a false identity and documentation, in an attempt to avoid association with an active drug sale warrant for his arrest. Investigation found the men to be in possession of a Makarov pistol which Patterson used to menace four victims.

Both subjects were arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail with a return appearance date of February 7. Smalls was remanded in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail or

secure bond, and Patterson was remanded in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail or \$100,000 secure bond.

January 26

State Police from Stormville arrested Chavis J. Pigott, 22, of Peekskill, for DWI and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd degree, both misdemeanors. He was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Yorktown when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol with a suspended license

and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Somers arrested Romelio P. Tenesaca, 43, of Ossining, for DWI. He was the subject of a welfare check at the 7-Eleven on Route 100 in the Town of Somers when he attempted to drive out of the parking lot. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Somers arrested Lyman G. Young, 35, of Milan, NY, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Route 100 in the Town of Somers when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investiga-

tion revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Yorktown Police

February 2

Christin Hicks, 36, of Ridgefield, CT, was charged with driving while intoxicated after being pulled over on Route 6 and Mill Street at 2:30 a.m. for allegedly failing to signal a lane change and had less than two headlamps. Hicks posted \$100 cash bail and was released to a family member. She is scheduled to appear in Yorktown Town Court on February 14.

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Former Mayor Catalina Interested in Seat Legislator Testa Calling it Quits from Elected Office

By Rick Pezzullo

Westchester County Legislator John Testa announced last week he will not be running for reelection in November for the seat he has occupied for the last 10 years.

Testa, 60, a Republican, has served the last six years as Minority Leader of the Board of Legislators. He has been an elected official for 22 years, starting as a Peekskill councilman in 1997, followed by three terms as mayor.

"I want to thank the communities I have represented for the continued support given to me over the years," Testa said. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve and now it is time to pass the torch and step back from elected office."

In a written statement, Testa pointed out he has never lost an election. He did opt not to run for reelection as mayor after a six-year stint. He retired as a history teacher in 2013 after 33 years at Peekskill High School.

As a County Legislator in District 1, which comprises Cortlandt, Peekskill and Yorktown, Testa said he continued his record as a fiscally conservative, taxpayer-minded lawmaker. Including his final three years as

mayor, Testa had a string of 10 straight years with no tax increase budgets. He was a leading member of the bipartisan coalition that was formed at the Board of Legislators joining with former County Executive Rob Astorino that right-sized county government and put policies in place that preserved essential services, kept taxes flat, supported public-private partnership agreements for Playland and Westchester County Airport, The North 60 Biotech project, and protected local home rule control for Westchester municipalities over federal government overreach.

"My record of fiscal responsibility is one I am very proud of. I wanted to also elevate the standing of Northern Westchester communities in county government and bring the appropriate resources and infrastructure improvements we deserve," Testa said. "I was particularly pleased to bring an office to Peekskill that provides free legal services for eligible Northern Westchester veterans, seniors and victims of domestic violence."

In addition, Testa stated he spearheaded initiatives to fully rehabilitate approximately

six miles of county roads across Northern Westchester; bring improvements to county sewer treatment facilities and local county parks; support veteran groups; expand programs for youth and seniors; improve public safety; support businesses across the district; and be an important influence helping local communities and families during the Indian Point Closure process.

He also said he was a leader in preventing the establishment of barge anchorage sites along the Hudson River, protected the environment and supported environmentally sensitive laws and initiatives that led him to be continually recognized by the NYS League of Conservation Voters.

As mayor of Peekskill, Testa said he ignited an unprecedented era of revitalization, historic preservation, quality of life improvements, economic development, emergency preparedness, fiscal stability, environmental protection and recreational/open space improvements with new waterfront parks and "Peekskill Stadium," the only full-sized baseball facility in the area. Private investment and downtown commerce soared with renewed focus on local business and infrastructure improvements, including a million-dollar restoration of the Paramount Theater.

Under his leadership, Peekskill won many awards, including being named a "Preserve America" community by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior and one of the "Great Places to Live" in Westchester and the Hudson Valley. He was also named "Champion of History" by the Lincoln Society in Peekskill for his efforts in creating the Lincoln Depot Museum and was given the "Community Service Award" by the Peekskill Area NAACP.

"Although I am leaving public service, I intend to remain active and continue to contribute to my community," Testa said. I will now have more time to dedicate to the Lincoln Depot Museum and emerging business responsibilities. More opportunity to travel, read and learn is very attractive to me. Most importantly, I look forward to more time with my family and being a soon-to-be grandfather."

According to a high-level Republican Party source, former Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, who served four years in office before losing to current Mayor Andre Rainey in 2017, is being heavily recruited to run for Testa's seat based upon his wide bipartisan support in Peekskill, as well as his record of achievements as mayor. A formal announcement from Catalina is expected this week.



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Peekskill High Senior Recruited for Rowing Team in College

By Rick Pezzullo

The Cortlandt Community Rowing Association (CCRA) has made great strides since launching about five years ago, and a Peekskill High School senior is helping to put the non-profit organization on the map with her recent achievement.

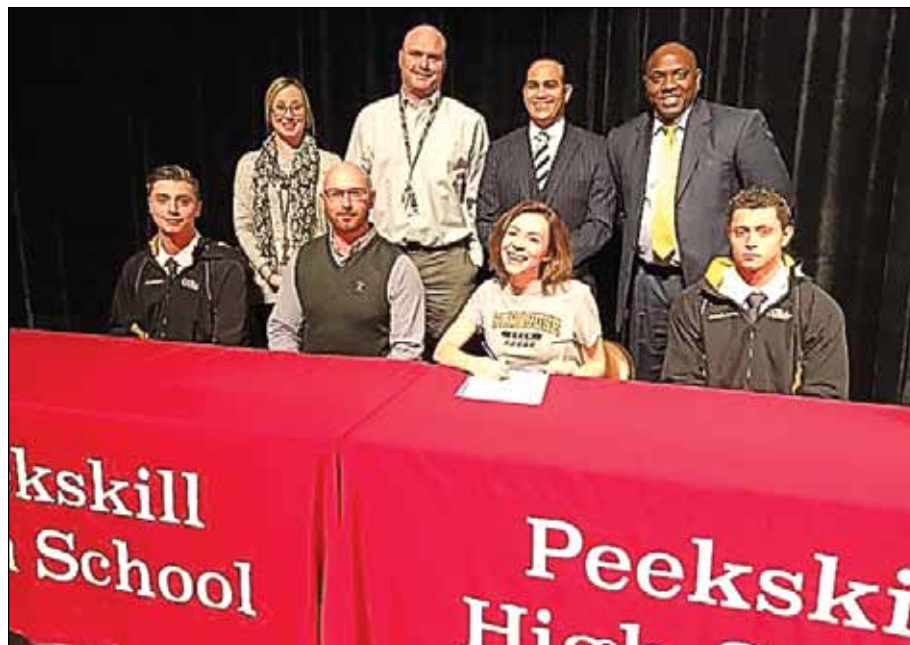
Julia Roach, who was a novice to the sport of rowing when her mother, Sol Miranda, encouraged her during her freshman year to give it a try, quickly developed a passion and skill level for that is now benefitting her in a big way.

Roach signed a recruitment letter from Syracuse University to join its women's rowing squad in the fall, becoming the first member of the CCRA to draw interest from a Division 1 school.

"That was a real goal the club was excited to make," said Cortlandt Councilman Frank Farrell, who spearheaded the creation of the CCRA.

"It's great for the club," CCRA President Dina Tompkins concurred. "It's a path for kids to take. It's a sport that can get you into college. This is such a great opportunity."

Miranda said her 5'4", 115-pound daughter was never interested in athletics, preferring instead theater and the debate team, but after joining the CCRA she "felt a sense of purpose to this sport."



Peekskill School District officials, along with (front row) CCRA Assistant Coach Lochlann Tompkins, CCRA Head Coach Steve Hetman, and CCRA Assistant Coach Avery Tompkins, joined Julia Roach during the signing of her letter to intent to attend Syracuse University.

"She loves Cortlandt Rowing. She's so grateful. I'm so grateful," Miranda said. "Frank (Farrell) had a vision and it's given the harvest of fruit in abundance right now and more to come I'm sure. Great things are happening with this club. She has a great coach (Steve Hetman).

They're a great team of people, friends and board members."

Roach has excelled in the coxswain position on the boat. The coxswain is the member who sits in the stern facing the bow. The coxswain is responsible for steering the boat and coordinating the

power and rhythm of the rowers.

"As a coxswain you have to take control and you have to have leadership. She (Roach) has a good leadership about her," Tompkins said. "She has such a passion for it. She's fabulous."

Miranda said her daughter researched how a coxswain functions by watching a lot of online videos.

"It's a very demanding sport," Miranda said. "Once she really dug in, her command with the sport blossomed."

The CCRA offers rowing and training opportunities for students from fifth to 12th grades, along with adults. The club currently has 55 youth members, 20 adults and eight "Little Vikings," drawing individuals from Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Rockland counties. It started with only eight members.

Roach is planning to study political science at Syracuse. Her mom said her goal is to be a senator since "she loves to argue. She loves to debate." She will be one of two coxswains in the Class of 2023.

"When you balance the gifts and the opportunity she has been given as a D1 athlete, I think you cannot pass on an opportunity like this," Miranda said. "It's like a lifetime opportunity."

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State Legislature Signs Off on Child Victims Act

By David Propper

What oddly took years to reach consensus was finally, and overwhelmingly, approved last week when the New York State Legislature passed the Child Victims Act.

The legislation, which had been on the table for years before a new Democratic majority in the state Senate took charge this year, was passed unanimously by the senate and by a wide margin in the Assembly as lawmakers from across the political spectrum lauded the new law. All state representatives that cover parts of Putnam County approved the measure.

The law will increase the statute of limitations for cases of child sexual

abuse. Child victims can seek prosecution against their abuser until the age of 55 in civil cases, which is a sharp increase from the previous age limit of 23. As for criminal prosecution, the age limit would be until they turn 28. The bill also allows a one-year window where victims of any age limit or time limit can pursue a prosecution.

"The only sin, I believe, greater than abusing a child would be protecting those who abuse a child," Governor Andrew Cuomo said during a forum in Albany last week.

GOP Senator Sue Serino voted for the bill, stating for every victim that speaks

out, it gets more abusers off the streets. But she would have liked to see the legislation do more to hold perpetrators criminally responsible.

"I have met with countless survivors and it has become abundantly clear that there are far, far too many children being victimized and scared into silence," Serino said in a statement. "Enough is enough, we need to do more to better protect New York's children."

GOP Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who voted for the act, said everyone deserves the opportunity to seek justice against his or her abuser.

"I've supported this legislation in the

past and believe the passage of this new law was a great example of how the legislature can work together across the aisle and be a voice for voiceless," Byrne said in a statement.

Prior to the vote, Senator Peter Harckham said on the Senate chamber floor the bill would go a long way in giving victims the justice they deserve. He said it would be an honor to vote for the bill and was gratified to see the bipartisan support for the measure.

"Everyone of us in this room knows somebody who was abused as a child," he said. "We may not know it, but every one of us knows someone."

Army Soldier Surprises Son with Visit at Ben Franklin School

By Rick Pezzullo

A U.S. Army National Guard soldier made a surprise visit last Thursday to his son that he hadn't seen in a year while away on duty in the Middle East.

Specialist Chris Larkin flew into New York from Texas and headed straight to Ben Franklin Elementary School in Shrub Oak to reunite with his son Sean, a second-grader.

Principal Patricia Moore slipped into the school library where the class had gathered holding a large sign that said,

"Welcome Home." Sean then turned around and saw his dad. Sean ran and leaped into father's arms while his classmates and school staff cheered.

Larkin, who worked with Moore and second grade teacher Kathy Nash to set up the surprise, thanked his commanders for helping him as well.

Larkin had returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait in the Middle East a few days earlier. He was one of 300 members of the New York Army National Guard's 101st Expedi-

tionary Signal Battalion, which is headquartered in Yonkers and has elements in Peekskill and Orangeburg, who returned to New York recently.

The soldiers returned to Fort Hood, Texas from Kuwait on January 25 and began returning home on January 30 after out-processing at Fort Hood. The unit had left the Hudson Valley from Stewart Air National Guard Base on March 17, 2018. They trained for 45



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Chris Larkin hugs his son Sean.

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Obituaries

Joseph McGuire

Joseph A. McGuire, known as "Big Joe," a resident of Verplanck, died January 29 peacefully at home. He was 84.

He was born in Verplanck on October 14, 1934 to John and Jane (Mitchell) McGuire. He worked for the Town of Cortlandt Water Department and he later retired from the Laborer's Union Local #235. He was an avid fisherman. He served as the Chairmen of the Verplanck Board of Fire Commissioners and also served two terms as the Chief of the Verplanck Fire Department. He was a Charter Member of the Westchester County Judges Association.

He will be deeply missed by his daughter Catherine, son, Joseph (Dina), grandchildren, William, Jason and James, great-grandchildren, Madison, Joseph, McKenzie, William, Nicholas, Memphis and Hudson and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Frances and seven of his siblings.

Delores Thompson

Delores Belle Thompson, formerly of Continental Village, died January 26. She was 88.

She opened her home and heart to many children, providing foster care for Westchester County Social Services. She served as a longtime member of the Continental Village Ladies Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Richard James Thompson of 32 years, and her grandson Matthew. She is survived by her four loving children, Michael (Gloria) Thompson, Laura Thompson, Daniel Thompson, and Julie (Angelo) Sirico, six grandsons, and two granddaughters.

Pamela Fryer

Pamela K. Fryer, a resident of Yorktown, died January 26. She was 60.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 32 years, Peter M. Fryer. Loving daughter of Martin and the late Wilma (Woodruff) Pecchia, devoted sister of Christine (Richard) Abramo and Mark (Laura) Pecchia, sister in law of Nancy Green and Ellen Rosner. She is also survived by her loving companion Porter and many nieces and nephews.

Annie Devlin

Annie F. Devlin, a resident of Cortlandt, died January 28. She was 95.

Born in Cardonald, Scotland on March 22, 1923, she was the only child of Thomas and Isabella Fehrenbach. In 1944, she married Charles Devlin at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Glasgow before immigrating to the United States in 1953. They lived in Yonkers for 26 years before moving to Montrose where they lived for the next 38 years until 2017 when she moved to the

Seabury in Cortlandt.

She was an active member of St. Christopher's Church as well as the Verplanck and Cortlandt Seniors. She enjoyed traveling, dancing, reading, knitting, and most of all spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her three children, Charles P. Devlin (Ellen) of Irvington, NY, Anne Devlin Carmody (William) of Cortlandt, and Maureen Devlin Collins (Michael) of Sandy Hook, CT. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, Meagan D. O'Sullivan (Michael), Michael P. Devlin (Ashlee), Sean D. Carmody, and Kevin P. Carmody (Alexandria); and two great-grandsons, Sam and Jack O'Sullivan. She was predeceased by Charlie, her loving husband and favorite dancing partner of 64 years.

John Allen

John Allen, a resident of Cortlandt, died January 28. He was 70.

He was born August 19, 1948 in the Bronx. He was very proud of his "hometown." A graduate of All Hollows High School and



John Allen

Manhattan College, he was a diehard Jaspers basketball fan.

In 1973, he married Kathleen McGovern and moved to Cortlandt

in 1979. Over the course of their 45-year marriage, John and Kathleen welcomed two daughters. He was a lifetime member of Lake Mohegan Volunteer Fire Department, and an active member of the Yorktown Elks and Catholic Kolping Society of New York.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, daughters Meghan and MaryBeth (Daniel Knecht), his brother Edward (Kathleen) and sister Virginia and sister-in-law Ming and many nieces, nephews and cousins who all love him dearly. He was predeceased by his brother Dennis, and beloved boxer Otto.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Lake Mohegan Volunteer Fire Department.

Filomena "Filo" DiSisto

Filomena "Filo" DiSisto, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died January 29. She was 81.

She was born in Castelmauro, Italy on June 28, 1937 to Angelo and Rose (Sticca) Manicchio.

She loved cooking, vacations in Lake George, and especially "Martha's." One could find her sitting in her chair, looking out of her window, watching over her sons.

She enjoyed trips to the Bronx with her grandchildren and twirling her thumbs.

Mrs. DiSisto is survived by her husband Luigi; her children Vincent (Jennifer), Pete (Cathy), Flavio, and Rose (Mark) Butkovich; her siblings Giula DiMascia, Maria Manicchio, Anna Robinson and Giovanni Manicchio; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Michael P. Donovan Jr.

Michael P. Donovan Jr. of Cobleskill, NY, formerly of Somers, died unexpectedly January 26. He was 23.

He was born in Carmel on May 31, 1995, to Michael Sr. and Sherri See Donovan. He was a 2013 graduate of Somers High School. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree at SUNY Cobleskill.

He loved the outdoors, camping, riding his quad and spending time with his family on the weekends. He loved playing video games, building computers and helping others. He was employed at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown as an IT specialist.

He is survived by his loving parents, Michael and Sherri of Somers, his beloved sister, Kathleen of Somers, his maternal grandparents, David and Joan See of Ossining, his paternal grandparents, Donald and Jill Donovan of Rye, NY, his uncle and aunt, David and Michelle See and their children, Olivia and Aidan, his aunt and uncle, Dawn and Rich Gargan and their daughter, Shannon, many aunts, uncles and cousins and his longtime girlfriend, Cassie Adams.

Edward Walsh

Edward Joseph Walsh, a resident of Yorktown, died February 1 with his loving family at his side. He was 77.

He was born May 29, 1941 to Emily (Keane) and Edward Walsh. He would go on to marry the love of his life Patricia and together they would be blessed with more than 54 years of wedded happiness and three adoring children, Tracy, Edward and

Christopher.

Mr. Walsh was a decorated and honored officer of the NYC Police Department. The men and women of the 46 and 48 Precincts were more of a second family to the Walsh's and lifelong friendships were forged during his time as an officer. After retirement he went on to be owner of the Bronx Park Motel which became family to him. As dedicated as he was to serving the community, he was equally dedicated to serving his family and friends.

Mr. Walsh was an always present father, loving husband and a grandfather who always had time to play and run around with his cherished grandchildren. Mr. Walsh was a simple man who enjoyed the things in life that could not be bought. When his beloved wife Patricia died in 2017, she took a piece of his heart with her. He honored her memory by always dedicating himself to their family and being an all-around good, easy going guy. He will be missed by the community he served and protected, his friends and greatly missed by his family.

He is survived by his three adoring children Tracy, Eddie (Lisa) and Chris (Susan). As well as being survived by his greatest joys his two grandchildren. Mr. Walsh is also survived by his brother Thomas (Yorlany) and his brother Eugene (Mary) and many loving nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his brother Francis and his wife Ann.

Army Soldier Surprises Son

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days before deploying to the Middle East.

The soldiers are returning to New York in small groups at airports closest to their homes. The 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion provides communications support to military units across large distances using satellite communications technology.

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Letters to the Editor

Reproductive Health Act is a Stain on New York State

To the Editor,

Last week Governor Cuomo signed into law the legalization of late term abortions, i.e. infanticide under the guise of a law called the "Reproductive Health Act."

For us who believe life begins at conception abortion has been an ugly reality. For those that believe life begins at some point in utero the struggle has been to balance access to abortion with our country's founding fundamental principle that all men are God's creation, made in His image and likeness, endowed with inalienable rights worthy of governmental protection. Our founding fathers who revolted against governmental tyranny secured in our constitution inalienable rights: Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This hierarchy of rights was not arbitrary. Government may regulate our property when property rights offend one's liberty and liberty, one's choice to act as one sees fit, when it offends one's constitutionally protected right to exist.

The abortion rights debate centered on: how does government strike a balance between its compelling interest to protect life and a woman's exercise of her liberty to terminate that life? As the right to life supersedes the exercise of one's liberty, restrictions on abortion were made to rest on the issue of when life begins. Therefore, in the 1973 decision of *Roe v. Wade* the Supreme Court held that the government had a compelling interest in the life of the unborn to restrict late term abortions, i.e. third trimester, but not abortions in the first trimester. The Court essentially holding that early in the pregnancy the unborn was not life worthy of governmental restrictions on a woman's choice to abort.

Roe's trimester approach, was short lived precedent and was abandoned by the Supreme Court in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. The Court recognized advances in peri-natal medicine had pushed fetal viability into the earliest weeks of in utero development. Science was validating our instinctive belief that life begins at conception. The Court held government had a sufficient interest in the unborn life to restrict abortion access earlier than the last trimester. The Court holding that the government had an interest in protecting the unborn at the time of viability.

Non-viability became the construct to justify the elimination of the most innocent and vulnerable of humankind. "Viability" like the trimester approach is problematic. The term has no definable meaning and is constantly in flux as science continues to confirm the truth of our most primordial instincts that life begins at conception.

Despite how we would like to convince ourselves to the contrary abortion doesn't terminate a biological process, the growth of cells, it destroys a life, it destroys the incarnation of a soul. A soul formed before conception; that intangible, unquantifiable, immeasurable metaphysical but intrinsic part of our being which existed before we were conceived and which we all hope survives our physical death. In Judeo-Christian thought our being has always been and will always be. As so beautifully put in scripture: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.

Again intuitively we know this to be true. However, in order to keep the right to abortion legal, as it has taken a hold in our culture, we leave this most profound

of existential mysteries to be resolved by spineless, pandering legislators. It becomes our New York State legislators that determine when life begins while the governor takes his throne on Mt. Olympus.

Undeniable scientific fact will doom Roe and its progeny. In the face of that inevitability, which is not a Trumpian agenda, but the truth revealing itself, our State government responds by removing all pretense of legal protections for the unborn, deeming it not human life and therewith legalizing infanticide.

The RHA goes far beyond writing Roe into New York law as espoused by Cuomo. The RHA is the codification of a new holocaust – destruction and slaughter of life on a mass scale buoyed by propaganda. The impacts of the RHA will be social and psychological as the State will continue to propagandize that life in the womb is not human life. The RHA legalizes the termination of human life that 2 weeks ago had been deemed worthy of legal protection.

The holocaust, during the Nazi period, took hold as a result of a propaganda campaign dehumanizing the Jews, that is voiding them of their inherent divinity and of being worthy of protection by their government. Every Nazi and or Nazi sympathizer who sent innocents and their protectors to certain death, did so with misplaced, indoctrinated, righteousness because they were propagandized into believing the Jews were not human they were vermin, sub-human.

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 populous.

We are all too often told that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. But scholars of history are vigilant to the fact that history does not repeat itself verbatim. The new holocaust will not necessarily arrive via another maniacal evil zealot with an odd mustache wearing a swastika on his sleeve.

Be forewarned it may come much more subtly. Perhaps in the form of a democratically elected governor of a State that once was the crown jewel of the greatest Nation in human history signing a bill allowing for infanticide that only by the contrivances of Joseph Goebbels could be called the Reproductive Health Act. That governor lighting the night sky pink over the graves of 2,606 innocents, slaughtered on 9/11, or more accurately 2,617, as 11 of the dead were pregnant, their memorial stones inscribed with their names and the phrase "and her unborn child," all whilst that governor wears his Catholic faith on his sleeve and is cheered on by a constituency including the historically marginalized, those people of color whose children continue to be disproportionately aborted.

The RHA is a stain on this State. It brings shame on us all. It signifies the beginning of allowing all life to become vulnerable to the arbitrary whim and fancy of political think; a dangerous precedent and one which in years to come will provide little solace to those that may be deemed the infirmed, incurable and geriatric all perhaps also unworthy of constitutional protections.

MICHAEL GRACE

Fact Check Time: Councilman Lachterman is Wrong

To the Editor,

Once again, it's time to correct politically motivated false statements.

This time from Councilman Lachterman.

Councilman Lachterman's comments accusing Supervisor Gilbert of "derailing"

the JV Mall expansion plan demonstrate his ignorance of Yorktown land use regulations as well as state zoning law. His comments were WRONG. 100% wrong. The councilman only seems interested in scoring political points, not the facts.

And the FACTS are there, out in the open, in Town Board minutes and in a Planning Board meeting video and minutes.

The Mall owners were told last April that in order for their proposed expansion plan to comply with the Town Code they had to go before the Planning Board to subdivide their parcel. In June, when the Mall's attorney appeared before the Planning Board with the required subdivision plan, he was advised that the Mall would need two variances from the Zoning Board because the site plan that had been approved by the previous Town

Board in 2017 did not conform to the town's Zoning Code.

At the Planning Board, the Mall was represented by one of Westchester's leading land use law firms. The attorney had no issue with the need for the variances and advised the Planning Board that an application was being made to the ZBA. He was making sure this his client, the Mall, adhered to the

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Correction

A photo that appeared in last week's edition incorrectly identified State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne as a Democrat. Byrne is a Republican. *The Northern Westchester Examiner* regrets the error.

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Alliance for Safe Kids to Host 9th Annual Save A Life Event

The Alliance for Safe Kids, Inc. (ASK) will be hosting their Ninth Annual Save A Life Forum on Sunday, March 3 from noon to 3 p.m. at Yorktown High School. Save A Life is a program designed to inform and empower high school students and adults to be community allies and first responders to support teens and families in crisis. As one of ASK's leading programs, Save A Life has directly touched the lives of over 3,000 community members since 2010. Last year over 400 members of the community attended.

This year's Save A Life will feature John Morello, an actor, comedian, and nationally recognized author and speaker as this year's Keynote Speaker. Morello is the creator of "Dirt," a one man show that explores the challenges and decisions that young people face such as bullying, drugs, and self-esteem in a real and meaningful way that inspires



(L-R) Cayci Hill and Noelle Fuller. (Photo Courtesy of Alliance for Safe Kids)

people to take action and reflect upon the choices that they make in their daily lives. Through his portrayal of relatable and memorable characters, Morello gives a voice to those who feel they are not heard and reassurance to those who feel that they are not

understood.

"I look forward to taking part in the Ninth Annual Save A Life Forum and I salute the work that is being done to help the youth," said Morello. "My program aligns with the mission of Save A Life by inspiring people to take action and reflect upon the decisions that they make. When we know that we matter to someone and that someone matters to us, that is when we can become the best version of ourselves."

In addition to this year's Keynote Speaker, ASK will also host interactive workshops for high school students and adults separately. Some of the topics that will be covered for students will include: Managing Stress & Anxiety with Mindfulness, The Dating Game: Building Healthy Relationships, Vaping & E-Cigs: Get the Facts, Alcohol Poisoning & Drug Overdose, It's Just a

House Party: Q&A with the YPD, and Youth Mental Health. Adults will have the opportunity to participate in two workshops. The first will be a Hidden In Plain Sight exhibit that will depict the various ways teens conceal substance use or subtly show that they may be experimenting, with several substance abuse prevention specialists on hand to provide information and answer questions. The second workshop will focus on Understanding & Supporting Youth Mental Health, led by Randi Silverman, founder of the Youth Mental Health Project.

"Save A Life is a fantastic opportunity for the adults and youth of the greater Yorktown community to learn together about the very important issues surrounding drugs, alcohol, and mental health being dealt with all

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town's land use regulations.

The Planning Board approved the subdivision plan, subject to the Mall getting the variances.

As detailed in the Town Code, neither Supervisor Gilbert nor the Town Board had any authority over the subdivision process or the variances.

With no prior planning or zoning experience or training, does Councilman Lachterman think he knows more than a seasoned land use attorney from one of Westchester's premier law firms? Or the town's professional planning staff? Who's advising him on land use issues? Former supervisor Michael Grace? During his six years as supervisor, Mr. Grace repeatedly

reminded us of his knowledge and expertise in land use issues. And yet, when he negotiated the amended site plan with the Mall in 2017, he never raised the subdivision or variance issues. Why not? Why now?

As for Councilman Lachterman's incredulous statement that the Town Board has the authority to override a decision by the ZBA, I'm at a loss for

words. After three years on the Town Board, the councilman should know better; he sorely needs a basic lesson in the powers state law grants zoning boards.

There are opinions. There are facts. If we're to believe what our elected officials tell us, let's hope they know the difference between the two.

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Zio's Italian Deli Croton-on-Hudson

By Neal Rentz

Steve and Libby DiSisto had never owned a food business previously, but they recently decided to take the plunge to open Zio's Italian Deli in Croton-on-Hudson about two months ago.

Steve DiSisto also owns a construction company. Libby DiSisto, who was a stay-at-home mother for the past six years, "grew up in the deli business," her husband noted last week. "My in-laws have had delis for the past 40 years."

DiSisto said he and his wife, "figured we'd put our heads together and make it work."

It took about three months to renovate the Albany Post Road building, which previously housed a deli for many years, DiSisto said.

Most of the food prepared at the new deli is Italian, DiSisto said. The everyday menu features eggplant and chicken parmesan, meatballs and sausage and peppers. Apple turnovers and muffins are made on the premises. The deli also offers an extensive selection of Boar's Head cold cuts, as well as meats and cheeses imported from Italy, DiSisto noted.

The eggplant parmesan is the



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Cortlandt resident Steve DiSisto co-owns Zio's Deli in the village with his wife, Libby.

lunch offering that receives the most compliments from customers, DiSisto said. "People rave about it, which is great to hear," he said.

DiSisto's father-in-law makes fresh mozzarella cheese that is sold at Zio's and used in the store's parmesan dishes.

Zio's purchases its bread from the

Terranova Bakery in the Bronx, DiSisto noted.

Breakfast items include bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches, the most popular breakfast offering, as well as French toast, pancakes, omelettes, oatmeal and hash browns, DiSisto said. "Everything is made to order. Nothing is premade," DiSisto said.

Customers can take out breakfast and lunch items or eat at Zio's. Libby DiSisto does some of the cooking at Zio's, her husband said.

The store sells various food products not only from Italy, such as pasta and canned tomato sauces, but foods from such other nations as Poland are also available at Zio's.

Catering is also offered. "We had a very good Christmas season," DiSisto said.

DiSisto said his goal was to make his new business "a nice local deli that everybody knows about and they know they can get quality products, quality service and reasonable prices."

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15th Annual Teatown Hudson River EagleFest in Croton

The 15th Annual Teatown Hudson River EagleFest will take place on Saturday, February 9 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson. The grand celebration, which is the largest winter collection of wildlife lovers and bird enthusiasts in the region, is a highly anticipated event that celebrates the return of the bald eagle to the Hudson River Valley.

Teatown Executive Director Kevin Carter expressed why this year's event is both an exciting and important event for everyone in the Hudson Valley region. "To help celebrate the 15th anniversary of EagleFest, we wanted to illustrate how climate change effects everyone. We have designed a program that touches every part of our community, from children to seniors; elected officials to non-profit organizations. We want the thousands of people who attend EagleFest to see, learn, and act on what they learn so they can have positive effects on our environment."

Teatown is proud to announce that a new feature of this year's EagleFest is the EagleFest Passport. The Passport invites EagleFest guests to visit six environmental and non-profit organizations' tables in the exhibit tent at Croton Point Park, where they will learn about each organization's efforts to protect and preserve our Hudson Valley environ-



Eagles will take center stage Saturday at Croton Point Park.

ment, complete an activity, and earn a stamp in their Passport. Participating organizations include Riverkeeper, the Watershed Agricultural Council, Zero to Go, The Green Business Partnership, the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, and Teatown. Completion of the passport (all 6 stamps) qualifies the visitor to be entered into a drawing to win one of two great prizes from Zeiss Sport Optics: 1)

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The annual EagleFest celebration allows visitors to see live birds of prey and provides opportunities to view our country's national symbol in its natural setting. Various birds of prey species will be featured in a special program led by nationally renowned experts in the han-

dling and care of the birds.

EagleFest 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$22/adults (12+), \$13/children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. Tickets sold at the venue on the day of the event are \$25/adults (12+), \$15/children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. To purchase tickets, visit teatown.org/eaglefest

Attendees coming from Manhattan or Poughkeepsie can take Metro-North trains to Croton-Harmon Train Station. Special EagleTrain Cars will depart from Grand Central at 8:48 a.m. and from Poughkeepsie at 8:50 a.m. During the trip, on-board naturalists will point out various Hudson Valley birds to riders. Free shuttle buses will bring attendees to/from the Croton-Harmon Train Station to Croton Point Park all day. To participate in this event, guests must purchase a regular train ticket from Metro North.

The 15th Annual Teatown Eaglefest is generously sponsored by ConEdison, Club Fit, Wheelabrator Technologies, Zeiss, WHUD, Insite Engineering, Miracle Home Improvements, and L.L.Bean. The event is made possible with the support of our partners, Westchester Parks Foundation and the Westchester County Parks & Recreation Department. For details visit www.teatown.org/eaglefest.



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Wednesday, Feb. 6

New York-Presbyterian Events: Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. Japanese Cuisine: From Sushi to Tofu will be held on Feb. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 914-734-3257 to register. Baking Made Healthy will be held on Feb. 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. The Living with Cancer Support Group will be held on Fe. 7 and 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration: call 914-644-8844 Ext. 104. A Breast-feeding Support Group will meet on Feb. 8 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration: call 914-734-3257. Make Chocolate Treats and Truffles on Feb. 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$15 Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. Car Seat Safety and Proper Installation Techniques will be held on Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information: call 914-734-3557. Physician in the Kitchen: Integrative Approach to Managing Hypertension will be held on Feb. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Winter Farmers Market will be held on Fe. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info: 914-734-3797.

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday 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.

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

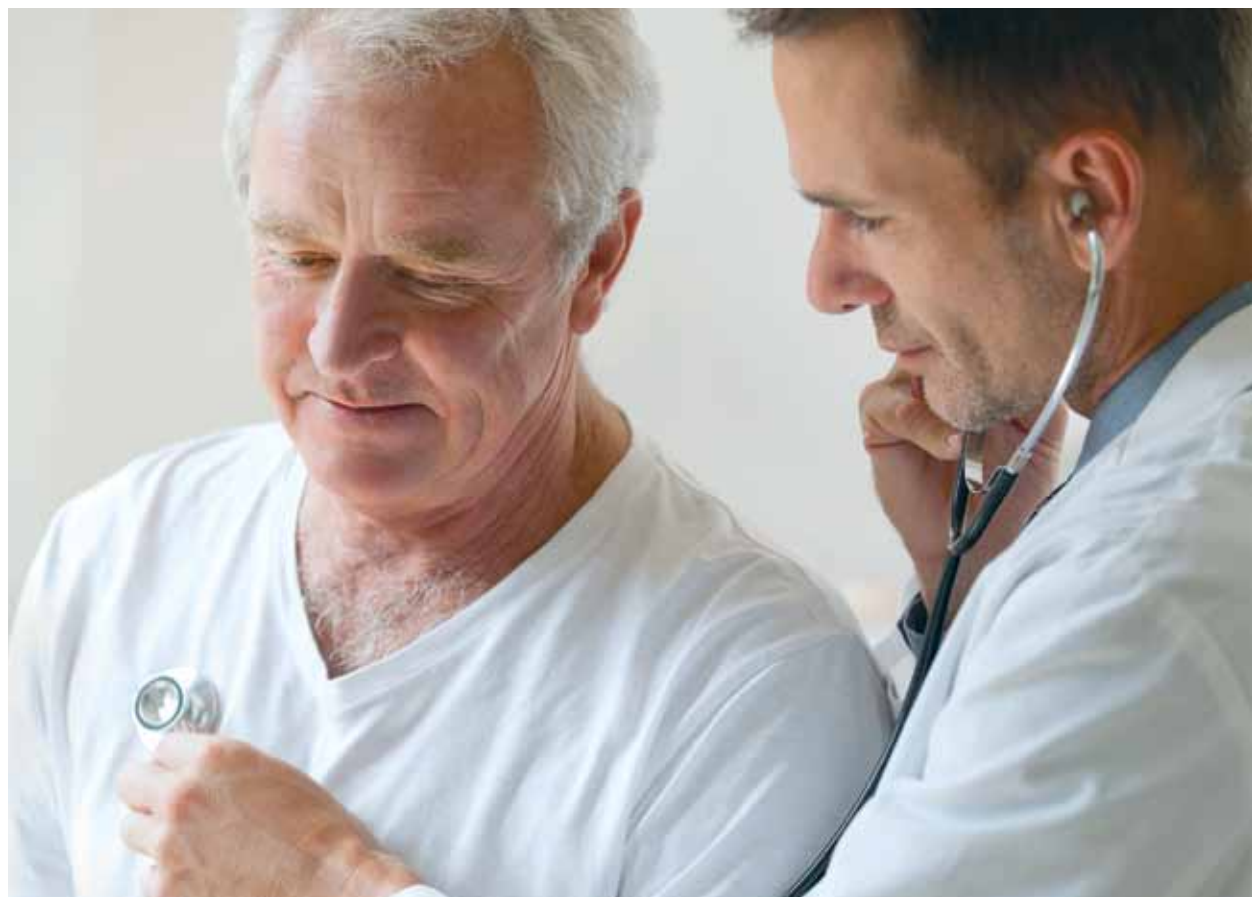
www.firsthebrew.org.

Torah Course: A new Torah Course, Crime and Consequence, will be held on six Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. The cost, which includes textbooks, is \$72. For more info or to sign up for the course visit: www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.

Thursday, Feb. 7

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



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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.

Ossining Doc Festival: The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will host a free screening of "I Am Not Your Negro," followed by a panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library. Seating begins at 6:15 p.m. Info: Ossining-Documentaries.org.

Friday, Feb. 8

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 rabbiw@optonline.net. Tonight, a Tot Shabbat will be held at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP or to receive more information, please e-mail Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com.

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 Satur-

days 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.

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 Feb. 8 - 17 in Pleasantville. Performances will be held on Friday, Feb. 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9 and 16 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10 and 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. 9

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a

comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

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

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

Rapunzel: The Yorktown Stage will be presenting "Rapunzel" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Yorktown Stage is located in the Yorktown Community Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St. (off Veterans Road). Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for children. All tickets are reserved. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting www.yorktownstage.org or by calling 914-962-0606.



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A Winter Garden: Mind, Body and a Pile of Wood Chips

Before I moved to a maintenance-free condominium complex, my favorite duty as a homeowner was my garden work. Now, the staff plants and prunes my building's surrounding flora impeccably. Sometimes I have to restrain myself from asking the outside staff to let me help out.

When I did my own gardening, my wife loved to tell friends that all I needed to be happy was a big pile of wood chips. It's true. And what really made me happy, besides all the benefits wood chips bring to the garden, was the built-in physical fitness program it guaranteed by doing something practical, as opposed to 30 minutes of monotony on the NordicTrack.

As I tackled a truckload of wood chips, I was benefitting from both aerobic and anaerobic exercise. While the activity was not calculated on my diet and exercise iPhone app, I figured that it was at least as demanding as carrying wood or shoveling snow, which would burn about 350 calories for 30 minutes of activity. But I frequently lasted for a full hour of steady work, until I was sweating and feeling the burn.

And it was a total body workout. There was stretching when spearing my pitchfork into the pile, bending my knees to take the pressure of the weight off my back, lifting with my arms to transfer the chips to my wheelbarrow, heavy duty weight pushing when I wended my way to the spot where the chips were to be deposited and more stretching and pulling as I adjusted the surface of the chips with a rake at their final destination.

What's great about this exercise plan was that there were no club fees involved. The chips are free, either from your municipality's environmental or recycling department or from a tree service provider with whom you're friendly.

Chips should be dumped where the pile won't be an eyesore to your neighbors. For many years I had dropped them between the far side of my garage and a tall stockade fence at my property line, but I always tried to spread them as quickly as I could to make sure it's not a blight on the property.

Once delivered, some people get alarmed when the chip pile starts to

smoke a bit from the heat generated by decomposition, but it will never get hot enough for combustion. Another fear is that a layer of chips depletes the soil below of nitrogen, but that applies only to the uppermost layer, which actually helps retard weed growth. It's not enough to harm the plantings it surrounds.

Through the years, I found a number of uses for chips, but primarily they are for creating an insulating layer of natural material three to six inches deep around ornamental trees and, with less thickness, over my perennials and where I did my summer annual plantings. I should note that one year I was too generous with the chips and my perennials, the Black-eyed Susan, couldn't make it through the thick layer to bloom for a full summer. However, they came back the next summer when I reduced the thickness of chips.

Hostas and daylilies can leave rather ugly remains when they die down. I cut those to the ground, covered the clipped leaves and stems with chips and smoothed out the surface with a metal rake, which I always used rather than plastic because of its greater flexibility.

Besides the joy that a good pile of wood chips can provide for mind and body, there are so many aesthetic and practical benefits to using them for mulch. They include:

- . Less labor in terms of weeding and time spent watering;
- . Reduced need for chemical weed killers or herbicides;
- . Stimulated growth in that mulched trees grow faster;
- . Reduced soil compaction;
- . Nourishment of soil by adding nutrients through decomposition; and
- . Increased earthworm population, which allows for better aeration.

Simply in terms of aesthetics, the annual use of chips helped me to sculpt my planting groupings at a high elevation, and the color of the chips blended more naturally into the informal garden.

My mind and body would always feel in full harmony with my garden's good looks by the time frost set in. Then, I returned to my NordicTrack until spring beckoned me to my planting schedule, my real outside workout. I miss it.

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13. A Cadillac model
14. Served, as soup
15. Cortlandt Manor furniture, lighting and decorating store
17. Job opportunities
18. Contact someone electronically
19. "____ cost you!"
23. War of 1812 locale
27. Group of densely growing conifer trees or Mahopac Country Day School
28. Another name for starfish
30. Mal de ____
31. Artsy one
32. ____payment penalty
33. Dusty grey

34. Mach 1 breaker, abbr.
35. Charlie Chaplin's brother

DOWN

1. Chess piece
2. Many-armed organisms
3. Toadies
4. Choristers
5. Mature
6. Lengthwise
7. Russo of "Get Shorty"
8. Compass point
9. Regular, abbr.
12. More outdated
16. College major
20. Walks noisily
21. Uniform
22. Looked with desire
24. Pays to play
25. "Endymion" author
26. Florida marsh bird
27. Way to go
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Alliance for Safe Kids Event

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around us,” said Liz Talbert, Executive Director of Alliance for Safe Kids. “Being exposed to these topics through workshops provided by professionals and gaining information decreases the stigma and increases one’s ability to recognize and reach out to get help for someone they know, or even themselves.”

“Save A Life is a wonderful program for our entire community, and the Yorktown Central School District is honored to be hosting this event,” said Dr. Ron Hattar, Superintendent of Schools, Yorktown Central School District. “The presentations and the resources provided during Save A Life are enormously powerful and potentially life-changing. I deeply appreciate Alliance for Safe Kids coordinating this event for our community.”

ASK’s major source of funding expired last year and the support of businesses and individuals is crucial to the sustainability of the Save A Life program. Save A Life is FREE for all to attend thanks to sponsorships. Any businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring this community event should contact Liz Talbert at Alliance for Safe Kids at 914-736-1450 or via e-mail at Liz@allianceforsafekids.org.

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A Panoply of Current Wine Consumer Preferences and Profiles

As I pen this column each week, I frequently come across surveys that attempt to capture a plethora of wine-related data and statistics. Given my career background in finance, I tend to pause, review, assess and draw an inference (rarely a conclusion) on the underlying trends and influences in this wine-centric research.

As I accumulate this data, themes for wine columns bubble into my consciousness. Recent columns that have germinated from this scouring of the internet have focused on Millennials' drinking preferences, the standard deviation of the effectiveness of various corks as bottle closure and comparative grape harvest statistics.

As you may imagine, there are countless surveys and studies for which there is either a lack of space in this column or are so focused that they do not merit significant coverage. This week I've decided to regale you with several statistics on the drinking and buying habits of American wine consumers. In no particular order and without any overwhelming central theme, I present a subjective snapshot of the state of the American wine market.

An excellent source of wine consumer data comes from Dr. Liz Thach, MW and Dr. Angelo Camillo, of the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University. Each year they poll a hand-selected group to assess the mood and habits of American wine consumers. Herein, a selection of data culled from their most recent report, some verbatim:



By Nick Antonaccio



1. What is the level of oenological knowledge of Americans? Fifty percent of the survey group profess intermediate knowledge, 15 percent as advanced and three percent as connoisseurs. The other 32 percent? They confess to knowing very little about wine. The United States is the largest consum-

er of wine in the world, yet a third of the wine consumers in the study don't have a basic knowledge of wine. But maybe these are the abstainers among us.

2. So, how much do Americans consume? The FDA has set a safe guideline at two glasses each day for men, one for women. Fifty percent in the survey drink several days a week, seventeen percent once a week and the remaining thirty three percent less. Perhaps there is no statistical correlation between frequency and consumption (the FDA

specifies daily intake, not cumulative. Abstaining for several days and then binge drinking is not within the guidelines).

3. Do consumers favor sweet or dry wines? I was surprised by the responses. The survey questions were presented as a "check all that apply" mishmash from which it is difficult to draw any objective conclusions. The responses: Those who prefer dry wines, 36%; sweet, 38%; and semi-sweet, 45%. Those red blends that are popular in wine shops are satiating America's sweet tooth.

4. When asked the factors considered when deciding which wine to purchase (check all that apply), here are the top five responses from survey participants. How do your decisions compare? Price - 80%; brand - 69%; varietal - 33%; country of origin - 33%; rating score - 23%.

5. How much is spent on a bottle of wine? For home consumption, the sweet spot is \$11 to \$15, but for a special occasion it's \$50 to \$99. At a restaurant, the average is \$31 to \$45, although 31% order wine by the glass. Where do you fall on this spectrum?

6. When do consumers typically consume a bottle of wine after purchase? Within 24 hours - 20%; within 2 to 3 days - 31%; within 1 to 2 weeks - 39%. Another surprise for me. I assumed

most consumers purchased wine for immediate consumption (gratification). Not so.

7. So what wines are Americans drinking these days? The ten most popular wine varietals sold in wine shops last year (in order, by sales volume) were Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris, Red Blends, Merlot, Moscato, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel and Rosé Blends. Quite diverse, I must say, with a few eye-openers for me. How do your preferences compare?

In our 21st century web-centric world, data gathering and usage influence our decision-making and opinion-setting. Why should our wine-centric choices and preferences be different?

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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NOTICE 2/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday February 11, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting **Start Time: 6:00pm** **AGENDA SKETCH 1.Homeland Towers, LLC- 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 72.16-1-23/File: 2018-0186) The**

subject property consists of + 12.1 acres of land and is located on 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road and within the CN Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to lease an area of the parcel in order to construct a 160 foot monopole with antennas, together with related equipment within a fenced compound. **2. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.-1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of + 73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2019

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Panthers Sweep Lakeland, Rule 29th Annual Giglio Games



BOB CASTNER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Walter Panas players and fans stormed the court, took home the hardware and reigned supreme last Saturday at Lakeland High School where the rival Panthers won both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball games at the 29th annual Giglio Memorial Games. The Panas girls (inset) posted a 52-40 victory while the boys (inset) followed with a 73-64 triumph to cap the sweep of the Hornets during a tense day of action... see Boys & Girls' Hoops Notebooks

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Wild Week Culminates in Panas Upset of Lakeland

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
@Directrays

What a wild week on the local hardwood. You got a 5-10 Walter Panas outfit shocking an 8-7 Lakeland team, 73-64, last Saturday night with a parent ultimately eluding security and storming the court in protest for the first time in the history of the prestigious 29th annual Giglio Games #OhMy. You've got fourth-quarter collapses with Somers losing, 61-53, to John Jay CR; Mahopac going into a #PreventOffense in the fourth quarter of a 60-53 loss to Arlington, and we got Peekskill tossing monkey wrenches at everyone in the section after a shocking 68-56 triumph of previously undefeated Class AA Suffern.

So here's what we learned. In this neck of the woods, anyone can pretty much beat anyone... but we're still a notch below the big dogs in Class AA and A.

That said, Class B is there for the taking, and state-ranked (No.8) Putnam Valley is a prime contender, yet again, for the first gold ball in school history. And if I'm Putnam Valley Athletic Director Brian Burrow and PV Coach Mike McDonnell, I'm not going anywhere near the County Center if I'm the No.1 seed and can determine where the sectional semis are played. Right or wrong: The section has left it in the hands of the higher seed to determine whether or not the sectional



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS
Lakeland junior F Joe Vetrano is doubled by Panas' Jason O'Keefe and Steve Stafura (24) in Hornets' 73-64 loss to Panthers in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Panas F Jason O'Keefe was tough for Lakeland to contain in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Mahopac senior G Drew Riolo splits three defenders in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

'Deal' Allen notch another double-double (17 points, 10 boards) while guards Drew Riolo and Mike Argila added 11 points apiece in a 51-40 win over RCK. #1stRoundEliminationIsUnacceptable

No.4 PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils (6-9, 2-3) have been creeping up on folks like a pack of stalkers and when



Panas' Robert Ennis and Lakeland's JP Walsh collide in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

semifinals will be played at the Westchester County Center or at the home gymnasium of the higher seed.

PV's history at the County Center is quite distinguished, having been there five of the last six years without a single title to show, so another County Center setback will only add to the depression of long-suffering Tiger fans, so if it's up to me I'm playing the semis on my home court, hoping for the best against whatever semifinal opponent I get and reaching for gold at Pace University a few days later. Here's a hashtag view of our meaningless poll...

NWE/Putnam SUPER 7 HOOPS Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.8) Tigers (14-2) have now won 11 in a row, including a 55-44 win over Class AA Ossining, in which Ivan Caposito (12 points) lit things up from behind the arc (hitting 4-of-5). Tigers will host Class A Magnus and Class AA Carmel this week

in the hopes of locking down the No.1 playoff seed. Strong chance they do so with an 18-2 record, 17-3 at worst, going in. #GoldBallorBust

No.2 SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (13-3, 6-2) are essentially playing for 2nd place in League II-C after their loss to John Jay CR, which, though somewhat surprising, wasn't totally unexpected. At this point, anything less than an opening-round playoff win and a valiant Final 4 effort would be completely dissatisfying. #Final4orBust.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (10-7, 5-1) came unglued in the 4th quarter of their loss to Arlington, allowing for a decisive 22-5 Admirals' run in a puzzling 4th quarter. This is what we'll say, having witnessed it first hand: 1. Mahopac played not to lose, which is never a way to win; 2. Work on press break or pack it in; 3. Refs are tough on Mahopac C Rheel Allen, who went for 13 points and 11 boards in loss to Admirals. Indians also saw Reahl



Mahopac senior G Mike Argila gets hammered by pair of Admirals in the Indians' 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

Shion Darby dropped 25 and Antonio Taylor went for 22 in their stunning 68-56 upset of previously undefeated Suffern, dudes were ducking wrenches on account of their new-found fear of Peekskill. That might be the Red Devs' biggest win

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Lakeland wing Jack Kruse fires jumper in Hornets' 73-64 loss to visiting Panas in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

in the last five years, but remember one thing: Beating Suffern is nothing – flat-out nothing – in the scheme of Peekskill



Walter Panas G Derek Pisani takes a run at Lakeland's Augie Karaqi in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Mahopac senior F Rheal Allen went for 11 points and 13 rebounds in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

hoops. Go win a playoff game or two and restore some order, Shion! #YourLegacy #PleaseDon'tLetThisBeAMirage

No.5 PANAS – Moving past “the incident” that blighted the Giglio Games, Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (5-10, 4-5) – with their biggest win of the year -- have now put themselves in a position to do exactly what the coach had hoped after Lorenzo Santucci (21 points), Steven Stafura (19 points) and Jason Keefe (12) did significant damage in the Panthers' 73-64 upset of rival Lakeland. #FindaWaytoGetToQuarterfinals

No.6 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (8-7, 3-5) discovered they have a tough time covering ‘bigs’, which will be a major issue going forward, after their 73-64 loss to rival Panas in the 29th annual Giglio Games. My man Jack Kruse was firing on all cylinders with 23 points and Joe Vetrano dropped another 16, but this was a bad loss for a team that thinks it can pronounce itself in the post season. #QuarterfinalsOrBust.

No.7 YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Huskers (6-10, 2-7) posted wins over Clarkstown North and Brewster that cannot go ignored. As a result, Huskers copped the championship trophy of Yorktown's George Budries tournament when senior F Joe Sgobbo went



Mahopac senior F Simon Shkoza gains lane in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.



Walter Panas' Lucas Feliciano gets an easy layup in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

off for 19 points and was named MVP. Huskers Tommy Weaver (10 points) and surging Ben Schumer (13 points) were named to the All-Tournament team. #WinOutbracketGame #GetToFieldof16

HM HEN HUD – Coach Hirsch's Sailors (3-13) gave Somers fits before falling 46-40 with Nick Carusa and Nick Hilstley each going for 10 points and 13

rebounds for the Sailors. Caruso also had seven blocks. #QualifyForPlayoffs

HM CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (11-5, 3-2) have two huge tests forthcoming against Briarcliff and Valhalla, so we'll know if they are real contenders or real pretenders in the days ahead as the current No.9 seed #MustWinOpeningRoundorBust



Mahopac senior F Zach Puckhaber goes hard to hole in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

HM HALDANE – Coach V's Class C Blue Devils (13-5) have left me in a state of disbelief. They go out and beat North Salem, 50-39, when Kyle Sussmeier dazzles with 17 points and F Matt Champlin added 13, and then, really, they go out and lose to Pawling, 43-41! How are we supposed to take y'all serious after that? #RegroupDudes #ClassCFinalsAwait

HM OSSINING – Coach Casey's Pride (4-14) gets a shoutout after they defeated Croton-Harmon, 59-49 behind big man Maurice Walker's 25 points and 10 rebounds. Pride G Jaeden Carr (13 points, 7 assists) was dishing and swishing while Nico Levin (14 points) went off in the second half (11) #QualifyForPlayoffs

HM CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (5-9, 0-5) saw swingman Peyton Cayea go for a career-high 28 points while Shane McNerney added 12 in a 68-61 loss to John Jay-East Fishkill. Having allowed for John Jay EF's only two wins this year, the Rams (1-5 in the last 6) are making this pre-season prognosticator -- who touted Carmel as a club to watch -- look the fool since knocking off Somers in early Jan. #WinALeagueGame #GetToFieldof16

Panas, Ossining Cruising as We Head Down Stretch

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

Even though PANAS is at a height disadvantage against some teams, the Panthers are ferocious when it comes to rebounding. This was instrumental, along with the team's offensive execution, as the Panthers overcame the YORKTOWN's height for a 62-58 victory. Panas followed that up with a 52-40 victory over arch-rival Lakeland in the Giglio Games.

"We are a pretty small team and Yorktown isn't the first team we have played that is bigger than us," Panas senior Julia Araujo said. "We did what we always do and made sure we boxed out hard and pursued the ball even harder."

The Panthers (14-2) are having one of the finest seasons in recent memory, currently locked in to the No.2 seed in Class A.

"This has been a true team effort," said Panas Coach Matt Evangelista. "Even though we were undersized, we were able to execute offensively."

Kristen Cinquina paced Panas with 23 points against Yorktown, including four triples. Cailean Nolan had four 3-pointers among her 16 points and Araujo added 14 points.

"Offensively, we are a great shooting team so it's very important that we drive into the paint to draw the defenders so that we can kick it out to our shooters," Araujo said. "We knocked down our shots and toward the end made our free throws when it counted."

The victory over Lakeland (8-7) made

Everyone on our team from our starters to our subs made a contribution to our win."

Panther G/F Kristen Scrobola led a balanced Panas offense with 12 points. Cinquina and Nolan had 11 points apiece and Araujo finished with seven. She was also assigned to match up against Lakeland's offensive force, Alexa Cole, who finished with 16 points.

Araujo said she has played with Cole for 'essentially our entire lives.' She felt this helped her in her approach.

"While guarding Alexa my main goal was to keep her from getting the ball," Araujo said. "Alexa is a great player. When she did get the ball, I tried to make it as hard as I could for her to go to the left and keep her away from the baseline. I was focused only on Alexa and where she was going."

MAHOPAC took a pair last week, including Mamaroneck, 52-35, and league-rival R.C. Ketcham, 55-38. The Indians swept two league games from Ketcham.

Sophomore G Mia Klammer led Mahopac with 15 points against Ketcham and sophomore F Caitlyn O'Boyle added 13 points as the Indians led by 12 at halftime.

Klammer also had 15 points in the victory over Mamaroneck as Mahopac scored 19 points in the second quarter to forge a double-digit lead.

Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said

his team's 6-11 record is not indicative of how his team has played this year.

"We only had two games where we got beat handily," Scozzafava said. "We have been competitive in all our other games. We lost at the buzzer to Putnam Valley and John Jay-East Fishkill. Beating RCK twice this year were great wins and a boost to our confidence. Our defense continues to get better and we are coming together offensively. We are a young team and I'm pleased with our progress. I'm also proud of the way the girls have continued to work hard and support each other."

OSSINING is healthy and rolling as seniors and starters Aubrey Griffin and Jaida Strippoli returned to the lineup from lengthy injuries.

The eight-time reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Pride cruised by Our Lady of Lourdes, 78-49, and Monroe-Woodbury (Section 9), 77-45. Ossining's win over Lourdes avenged a 55-41 loss last month and sent a strong signal throughout the section.

In addition to returning, Griffin was selected the Con-Ed Scholar-Athlete award winner and is a finalist for the coveted Miss New York State Basketball Player of the Year.

"It's special to win an award like this because a lot of great players have won it before, too, and it shows that hard work pays off in the classroom as well as on the court," said Griffin of the Con Ed award.

Griffin scored 28 points, added eight rebounds and five steals in her return to the court.

"I was anxious to get back and I'm glad I am," Griffin said.

Kailah Harris, who carried Ossining while Griffin and Strippoli were out, added 27 points, 16 rebounds and six steals. Strippoli, in her first game back from an injury, chipped in with six assists and three steals.

Griffin had high praise for Harris.

"Kailah did a really good job of holding the team together," Griffin said. "Kailah is a really great player and she knows how to dominate in the post. Kailah put the team on her back and I give her a lot of credit for that."

Griffin scored a game-high 23 points and Harris added 17 against Monroe-Woodbury. Strippoli contributed nine points and six assists and Camara Morgan and Julie Iorio each had six points.

State-ranked (No.5) Ossining (11-5) finishes out the regular season with Scarsdale, Albertus Magnus, Ursuline and Kennedy Catholic (Somers).

HEN HUD (8-9) snapped a five-game losing streak with victories over Poughkeepsie, 48-36, and Haldane, 45-14.

The Sailors trailed Poughkeepsie, 24-21, at halftime, before dialing up the defensive intensity and limiting the Pioneers to 12 second-half points.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Panas' Julia Araujo and Lakeland's Alexa Cole reach stalemate in Panthers' 53-40 win over Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games.

Caitlin Weimar scored a game-high 29 points, had a season-high 26 rebounds and added four assists and four steals in one of the most dominant efforts in program history. Aniyah Thomas and Grace Moretti each had eight points and five rebounds.

"The thing that pleased me was at Poughkeepsie, we were down by three, on the road, and the girls showed the grit we need to win the league title," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman said. "We scored the first 13 points of the second half after making a switch defensively to put them away. If we beat Beacon on February 12, we will be league champs."

PUTNAM VALLEY improved to 15-1 this season with convincing wins over Saunders, 54-22, and Haldane, 55-19.

Kelli Venezia led the state-ranked (No.15) Class B Tigers with 13 points and Amanda Orlando added 10 points against Saunders.

Venezia scored 19 points and 8th-grader Eva DeChent added 16 points against Haldane.

The 22 points and 19 points were the fewest points an opponent has scored against Putnam Valley this season. Earlier this season, Putnam Valley held Dobbs Ferry to 24 points. PV is clinging to the No.2 seed for playoffs.

YORKTOWN senior Kat Severino scored a game-high 27 points. Including five threes, and added six assists in a well-

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Lakeland's Amanda Cole takes on Panas' Katherine Reynoso in Hornets' 52-40 loss to Panthers in 29th annual Giglio Games.

up for the Hornets dealing the Panthers their first loss of the season in the teams' first meeting.

"This time around we really came to play," Araujo said. "We played a lot harder and with way more heart and energy.



Walter Panas F Kristen Scrobola goes for two of her team-high 13 points against Lakeland's Hayley Flanagan in Panthers' 53-40 win over Hornets in Giglio Games.

Sports

Hockey Notebook

Mahopac Improves to 16-2, Sets up for Big Finish

By Alex Wendling & Ray Gallagher

Mahopac's meteoric rise in Section 1 D-1 this season has been largely on the backs of the Indians' two record-setting seniors who set the table and walked off with an 8-5 victory over Brewster/Yorktown last Friday afternoon at the Brewster Ice Arena.

Brew/Town had its seven-game win streak snapped by the Indians as Mahopac senior captains T.J. McKee and Brian O'Shea padded their record-setting stats as the No.1 and No.2 all-time scorers, respectively.

McKee had three goals and three assists while O'Shea had two goals and set up three more. After the game, Mahopac Coach Tim Donaghy talked about how vital McKee and O'Shea have been to the Indians this season and throughout their careers.

"They are our captains, they're our leaders and they're great hockey players in games and practice," the coach said. "They're the ones in front of the drills,



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac captain Brian O'Shea and TJ McKee share a moment they've posed for more than any duo in Indians' hockey history during 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.



Yorktown's Justin Groux goes coast to coast for goal in Brew-Town's 8-5 loss to Mahopac Friday at BIA.

they're the ones working and they're setting an example for the whole entire team. A lot of our younger guys have filled in for roles that we weren't sure if they could but based on their leadership and what they have done throughout the season, those younger guys have followed their example."

On the flip side, Brewster/Yorktown senior captain Justin Groux had two

fell out of the state rankings last week, improved 16-2 on the season after Saturday's 8-2 win over Mount Pleasant when O'Shea scored once and set up two more goals. For the second

goals and an assist as his squad tried in vain to overcome an early 4-0 deficit, which helped Indian sophomore netminder Mike Horan (23 saves) settle in to his new role as the starting goalie for Logan MacDougall (a healthy scratch the past two games).

Mahopac, which



Mahopac players have had plenty to celebrate during sensational 16-2 campaign, including an 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.



Mahopac senior TJ McKee is pursued by Connor Brooks in Indians' 8-5 win over Brew-Town.

time in two games, Danny Schum scored twice for the Indians while Nick Bricker added a goal and two assists. Aidan Martin (1G, 1A) added two points for the Indians, who have two huge test this week against state-ranked D-II teams, including Wednesday's (5 PM) game against No.4 John Jay CR, plus No.11 Horace Greeley Saturday, February 9th at the Brewster Ice Arena at 6:30. Brewster/Yorktown's next game will be against the Monroe/Woodbury on Friday, February 8th at the Brewster Ice Arena at 8:30...

Side notes: Rink managers at Icetime Sports Complex in Newburgh pulled the players off the ice with just over seven minutes left in Carmel's 5-2 loss to Monroe-Woodbury. What kind of trash decision-making is this? How can rink managers determine in good faith that a competitive 5-2 game should not reach a natural conclusion?

Shooing teams from the ice midway through the third period of a competitive game is pure B.S., considering Carmel's jaunt across the bridge and the bill school districts have to foot just get ice time, busses and personnel. Maybe they should just schedule the game on Lake Carmel next season over a rink operated by inflexible management...

Suffern is the only D-I team from Section 1 in the state ranks (No.2) and remains the model program, the team to beat in Section 1 and quite possibly all of NYS this winter...

Sadly, we wonder just how



Mahopac's Jordan Donatone and Danny Schum (R) celebrate Schum's goal in Indians' 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.

much longer ice hockey will survive in Section 1, what with the number of districts combining programs, the number of programs calling it quits and the general costs of ice time, equipment, off-site security and travel. We're hearing it's becoming quite burdensome to school administrators to justify, just saying...

Former Carmel Assistant Coach James Tietz recently returned home from his second tour of duty in the Middle East. We cannot thank that man enough for his service to this great nation.

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played, 62-58 loss to Panas.

Amber Bodden added 14 points, Ashley Zeolla finished with eight points and eight rebounds and Jesse Barer collected nine rebounds for the 10-5 Cornhuskers.

"I thought we were real active defensively guarding against the ball screens, but their shooters needed very little separation to get their shots off and

they were just spot on all night," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said. "I was proud of the way our girls didn't give up when we were down we in the third quarter and battled back to take the lead inside of the last 90 seconds. But our coverage broke down on their go-ahead three with just over a minute left and we were unable to recover."

LAKELAND only had one game last week, a 52-40 loss to Panas - 52-40. Lakeland had beaten Panas in the teams' first game. Alexa Cole led the Hornets with 16 points and Amanda Cole had 11 points and eight rebounds.

"We just didn't play our best game and you can't beat a good team without playing your best," Lakeland coach

Miranda Lustig said.

State-ranked (No.20) SOMERS (10-5) had a week it would like to forget, losing a pair - 45-30 to John Jay-Cross River and 46-41 to Briarcliff.

Tusker G Hannah Angelini finished with a team-high 15 points against John Jay and G Dani DiCintio had 19 points against Briarcliff.

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