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Reward Offered for Missing Dog

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for a four-year-old female Maltese dog named Alexandra that was last seen February 23 on Kenneth Stuart Place in Mohegan Lake. Alexandra is white, weighs approximately 10 pounds and may be wearing a red bow. If spotted, don't chase her. Call (203) 858-7007 or email meliticamaltese@gmail.com.

CHHOP Abandons Property for Homeless Shelter in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

The non-profit organization that runs the only homeless shelter in northern Westchester has decided to abandon its plans to relocate the facility to 851 Washington Street and seek an alternative location.

In a message posted on Facebook March 12, the Board of Directors of Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) stated it had not received the funding needed "to move the Washington Street project forward," and thus would be turning its attention to another property in an industrial area.

"We will be reapplying for the grant but feel that we need to show good faith to the shelter as the closing date approaches," the Board of Directors stated. "It is our belief that a location in a more isolated, industrial area, although not ideal, will be more acceptable to the community. A shift to a new site would

also allow us to proceed more quickly and let us move on from our current location, which is inadequate, difficult/cost prohibitive to renovate, and lacking in long-term security."

"We are saddened by the negative comments made regarding our residents, who want only to have a safe place to stay while reorganizing their lives," the board added. "We ask for the cooperation and support of the wider community as we move forward."

The surprising announcement came one day after another divisive public comment session before the Peekskill Common Council at which Cynthia Knox, executive director of CHHOP, proclaimed CHHOP would be refraining from communicating further publicly about the controversial \$1.5 million project.

Opponents of the relocation of the

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New Location in Works for Cortlandt Indoor Sports Facility

By Rick Pezzullo

A new location has been identified for a proposed indoor sports facility that was planned on Route 202 in Cortlandt near Cortlandt Lanes.

Cortlandt officials announced last week they were currently in negotiations with the decision-makers of NY Indoor Sports to form a public/private partnership and have the 68,000-square-foot, two-story

building, known as Cortlandt Pitch, built in another part of town. The Northern Westchester Examiner has learned the property being targeted is in the Hendrick Hudson School District.

"We're putting together something that will be beneficial to the town at large," said Councilman Frank Farrell.

A continued public hearing on the project, which attracted more than a dozen

residents from Mohegan Colony last week, was adjourned March 12 by the Town Board to April 16.

"We thought there would be an agreement by tonight," Town Attorney Thomas Wood said at the meeting. "We're very optimistic it (the current location for Cortlandt Pitch) will be withdrawn by the April meeting."

Cortlandt Pitch is slated to feature an ar-

tificial turf surface and is designed to mostly serve youth soccer and lacrosse players. It was planned on a former six-acre farm land close to Lincoln Titus Elementary School in the Mohegan Colony section of town.

Martin Russo, the primary applicant, has explained 45% of the venture by NY Indoor Sports is owned by town residents, such as

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Jan Peek House homeless shelter, which has been located on North Water Street since 1988, implored Mayor Andre Rainey and councilmembers to intervene, citing the community upheaval the proposed move to Washington Street has created.

Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo acknowledged the bitterness on both sides that had escalated on social media and asked for a more civil debate.

Rainey responded to the news of CHHOP changing course by stating it created a chance for the community to unite.

“This may be one of the greatest opportunities for our city to reunite and work together,” Rainey said. “We can work together in securing a suitable location so we can continue to provide

shelter to our most vulnerable.”

“I have been deeply troubled by the degree of vitriol and character attacks that have been deployed throughout this debate and the vilification of the homeless in the process,” the mayor added. “I take individuals at their word in which they support efforts to shelter our homeless---many just simply disagree on the proposes relocation. And as such, I urge all residents to put the same degree of effort and passion they did to opposing the Washington Street address, into supporting CHHOP in securing the new location they have identified.”

Lindsey Fitzgerald, one of the outspoken leaders of the community group Peekskill Safe & Strong that opposed the 851 Washington Street building, said CHHOP’s decision was good news.

“CHHOP moving on from their plans is a victory for Peekskill, not any one person. And also, for CHHOP because they will continue to get support from us to help the homeless as we always have,” she said. “In the end, this evolved into an issue about transparency, truth, open government, and protecting your neighbor that works hard for their family and home. Over 1,100 people signed our petition, many came to City Council meetings for seven months, there are not enough words to display my sense of gratitude for the community coming together. As a result, we’ve created Peekskill Safe & Strong, a community organization which will live on to grow and do great things in the community. I welcome CHHOP to work with us or reach out if we can collaborate on wherever the new location is.”

On January 18, CHHOP officially filed for a zoning text amendment with Peekskill to relocate the Jan Peek House Shelter. If a special use permit was approved by the Common Council, the zoning law change would have applied to all districts in the city, thus allowing shelters in any C-3 zones. Separate approvals were also needed from the city’s planning and zoning boards.

Attempts to reach City Manager Richard Leins about whether CHHOP had actually withdrawn its plans with the city were unsuccessful.

In September, Knox said her organization did an extensive search and settled on 851 Washington Street since it can be renovated to serve its needs and is close to a bus stop. CHHOP had entered into a contract to purchase the building on Washington Street for about \$900,000.

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himself, with the other funding coming from investors and sports enthusiasts. He has stressed the vital need in the area for indoor space for athletes from November through May when outdoor fields are often unplayable. He also said existing town and

school fields were unable to handle all the games that are scheduled.

Residents of Mohegan Colony, while sympathizing with providing facilities for youth, have contended the current location, which is only planned to have one right hand turn in and out from busy 202,

wasn’t the place for the indoor field of dreams.

“We’re very concerned additional traffic would have a direct affect on our living,” Mohegan Colony resident Fred Omid said last week.

The Cortlandt Town Board is the lead

agency for the proposal and will be making the final determination on the project and all its related environmental requirements, along with modifications to the Zoning Ordinance.



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Q: After a mastectomy, what are my options for breast reconstruction?

A: There are several options divided into two main categories: breast implant (prosthetic) reconstruction or natural tissue (autogenous) reconstruction. If you’d like to use your own tissue, the most advanced technique is the DIEP (Deep Inferior Epigastric Artery Perforator) flap.

Q: What is DIEP flap breast reconstruction and why is it a good option?

A: In the DIEP flap procedure, extra skin and fat from the lower abdomen (where there is usually excess tissue) is very precisely shaped and transplanted to the chest wall to create one or two new breasts.

Many women choose the DIEP flap procedure because they want soft and natural breasts following reconstruction. These women get the added benefit of a flat belly, or tummy tuck, as part of the procedure. Many women choose to have immediate rather than delayed DIEP flap breast reconstruction, which gives them an emotional boost when they need it most. After the mastectomy is performed by the breast cancer surgeon, the plastic surgeon remains in the operating room to perform the reconstruction.

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Q: Am I a candidate for the DIEP flap procedure?

A: Most women are candidates for this procedure, but many variables affect the choice of reconstructive approach. For example, if a woman has extra fat and skin on her lower abdomen, she may be a good DIEP flap candidate. If the abdominal area is not available because a woman is very thin, there are other autogenous natural tissue flaps that can be used from different areas of the body for breast reconstruction. All options will be discussed at your initial consultation with a plastic surgeon.

Q: What can I expect after surgery?

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Lowe's Opening in Yorktown Pushed to March 28

By Rick Pezzullo

The new Lowe's Home Improvement store on Route 202 in Yorktown is now scheduled to open on Thursday, March 28.

Breslin Realty Development Corporation, owners of the 25-acre site located directly off the Taconic State Parkway, had announced Lowe's would have a "soft opening" on Thursday, March 14 and an opening for contractors only on Friday, March 15, before opening its doors to everyone March 16, but some delays with getting necessary approvals from the town changed plans.

March 28 is officially a "PRO Day" at Lowe's, but all consumers are welcome. An official grand opening is planned for Thursday, April 4.

Besides the 124,000-square-foot Lowe's, and its 25,448-square-foot garden center, three other retail buildings are planned to be constructed on the property: one 9,000 square feet, one 6,300 square feet and one 2,100 square feet with a drive-thru feature. Breslin representatives told the Yorktown Planning Board last month an agreement with a tenant for one of the buildings was close.

It will be only the second Lowe's Home Improvement store in Westchester County.

A few weeks ago, Lowe's held a two-day hiring event in Yorktown, at which more than 100 potential employees were interviewed for positions in the store, including supervisors, customer service representatives, cashiers and stockers.

Police Blotter

State Police

March 9 - SP Cortlandt arrested Howard I. Bien, 53, of Croton-on-Hudson, for DWI after traveling on Route 9 in Croton-on-Hudson, where he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

SP Cortlandt arrested Diana P. Caja Tigre, 30, of Cortlandt, for DWI after traveling on Route 9 in the City of Peekskill, where she was stopped for a vehicle

and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

March 10- SP Cortlandt arrested Nicholas A. Falcone, 28, of Yorktown, for DWI with a prior conviction within 10 years, a class E felony. He was traveling on Route 202 in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

SP Cortlandt arrested Walter Dominguez Jr., 28, of Cortlandt, for DWI

after traveling on Route 9 in the City of Peekskill where he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

SP Cortlandt arrested Derek M. Dimarzo, 24, of Peekskill, for DWI after traveling on the Bear Mountain Parkway in the Town of Cortlandt, leaving the roadway, and becoming disabled in muddy ground. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

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Yorktown Boy Scouts Make History Welcoming Female Troops

By Michael Giuliano

The Scouts BSA Troop 164 held a Court of Honor March 16 at Mildred E. Strang Middle School. While there was the routine dispensation of well-earned merit badges for troops, the ceremony was groundbreaking in another way as it officially welcomed the first female troops in Yorktown's history into its organization.

"This is an extraordinary day for our troop and our town," Scoutmaster Tom Marron said. "We have welcomed these awesome young women into our sister troop, Scouts BSA Troop 164."

Thirteen girls admitted to Troop 164 performed their first flag ceremony at the middle school, proudly displaying the American flag along with the Troop flag before. After a new inductee recited the BSA oath, everybody sat while the 23 merit badges, ranging in subjects from music to citizenship in the community, were handed out amongst the male troops. Having just joined, no female troops were eligible for advancement badges. Still, many were just happy to have them be in attendance.

"This was their first flag ceremony, so it's a learning opportunity for them," said Kelly Cignarella, the Advancement Chair from Troop 164. "They learn, and then they teach others, learn more, teach



MICHAEL GIULLANO PHOTO

New female troop members of Boy Scouts Troop 164.

more, and so on."

Since 2017, when the Boy Scouts of America organization voted to allow girls to become members, the path for female troops has been slow and steady. Last September, girls were allowed to

openly join the Cub Scouts, the Scouting program geared towards elementary school children. Now, as of February 1, girls aged 11-17 may be admitted to Scouts BSA, which is the rebranded name for the traditional "Boy Scouts"

organization. The decision was geared towards families with male and female children, who wanted to share scouting experiences.

Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert was in attendance for the ceremony, and gave a few words of encouragement for the new scouts.

"You young Yorktowners represent what is best in our community," Gilbert said. "To do all of this at such a young age is a remarkable thing, and best of all you're doing it while you're having fun."

In his closing words for the evening, Scoutmaster Marron sounded optimistic in his hopes for the future of Troop 164, calling on its members to do their best to adhere to the Scout teachings throughout their life.

"The newspaper on November 20th, 1863, the day after Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg, said only that the president spoke a few words," Marron recalled. "But who now can read those few words and not walk away inspired? We don't always know the impact of every choice or every word, but if we keep trying to be better, to do better, to live by the Scout law, then the path we here begin will be a bright and shining adventure that scouts will follow for generations to come."



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Business Owners Band Together for Short-Term Theater Takeover

The City of Peekskill recently announced in February the historic Paramount Theater would be temporarily closing for renovations, as well as searching for a new management partner to operate the theater.

The time period surrounding these renovations, which includes planning and research, has left business owners who rely on revenue from theater show's foot traffic in a quandary.

Determined to light up the Paramount's Marquee quickly, business owners Louie Lanza of Hudson Hospitality and Keith Berardi of Peekskill Brewery (PB) put their heads together, coming up with a plan to resuscitate Peekskill's central business district. The result was their concept for a short-term concert series that would stimulate downtown activity and increased revenue for downtown businesses.

Berardi has curated the concert series, billed as a "Peekskill Brewery Takeover." While most known for sparking a craft beer buzz in Peekskill more than 10 years ago, Berardi has been just as enthusiastic about Peekskill's music scene. He helped start the 1st Peekskill Jazz & Blues Festival, partnered in the former Hudson Hop & Harvest festival and books the bands for PB's Anniversary Block Parties. He



Keith Berardi and Louie Lanza have teamed up to spearhead a concert series at the Paramount Theater in downtown Peekskill.

is also still responsible for curating the music played in his brewery's Tap Room. Lanza has paved the way for the shows by securing the City of Peekskill's blessing as well as helping underwrite the hard expenses of keeping the theater temporarily open. As owner of Peekskill's The Hudson Room, Taco Dive Bar, Buns N' Bourbon, Eagle Saloon and Factoria at Charles Point, Lanza has been open in

his desire to see continued growth and vitality for the city. Other production costs and marketing of the shows are being underwritten by Peekskill businesses and owners including Brian Fasset, John Sharp, Red House Productions, Speakeasy Tattoo, Division Street Guitar, and Enormous Creative. The list of collaborators continues to grow. The series, which kicks off on Friday,

April 19, consists of young, up and coming bands that will appeal to a whole new generation in Peekskill as well as its elders.

"The Big Takeover" is the first show and fronted by the charismatic Jamaican-born singer and songwriter Nee Nee Rushie, a seven-piece band whose music is rooted and reverent toward the genres and rhythms of Jamaican pop: reggae, rocksteady and ska.

They will be supported by "The Brighton Beat," whose influences range from Afrobeat, to modern cutting-edge NYC Jazz, to classic New Orleans brass band Funk. The lobby bar and doors will open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Other dates include:
Friday, April 26: "Flux Capacitor" with "Shwizz"
Saturday, April 27: "Box of Rain" with "Ronald Reggae"
Friday, May 3: "Haley Jane and the Primates" with "Joanna Teters"
Saturday, May 4: "Funky Dawgz Brass Band"
Tickets go on sale this week through Peekskill Brewery's website. All tickets will be general admission and priced at \$15 advance and \$20 day of. Multiple show passes will also be available.

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Peekskill Youth Bureau and City School District Collaborate

The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau and Peekskill City School District recently celebrated a new joint venture that addresses school suspension. The Hass' Way program, now held at the Youth Bureau, provides tutoring and counseling to middle and high school students who have received an out-of-school suspension in an effort to equip them with effective strategies for social and academic achievement.

"This collaboration is an opportunity to support and strengthen our students by developing a successful partnership with the school district," said Tuesday Paige McDonald, Executive Director of the Peekskill Youth Bureau. "There is no 'one size fits all' when it comes to student success, so we have brought our resources together to improve student achievement and positive youth development."

Suspensions alone do not address why poor choices are made. The goal of Hass' Way is to enable students to return to their regular classes having gained additional tools for academic and social success, including a more positive attitude towards school. In addition to their regular course study, students will be exposed to guest speakers and also learn about careers and self-reflection. The ultimate goal is high school graduation.



The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau and Peekskill City School District recently celebrated a new joint venture that addresses out-of-school school suspension. Peekskill Youth Bureau Executive Director Tuesday Paige McDonald and Senior Youth Advocate Darryl Francis cut the ribbon at the new location of the Hass' Way program at the Youth Bureau.

"By working together on enhancing our Hass' Way program, it's a win-win for Peekskill Schools and the Youth Bureau," said Peekskill Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio. "Our students now have the opportunity for four additional hours of study daily. By starting the day with a free warm meal, we aim to provide students with the resources they need to stay focused on the program's coursework throughout their time at the Youth Bureau."

The Hass' Way program operates at the Peekskill Youth Bureau four days per week, Monday through Thursday, from noon to 6 p.m. All classes are taught by

certified content-area teachers.

"By combining our resources, we were able to provide these enhanced benefits to students at no additional cost to either party," Mauricio said. "It took the teamwork of many dedicated individuals to make this happen. I'm excited for our Hass' Way students to see these enhance-

ments and that we are supporting their education as a community."

"There are so many great things happening in the City of Peekskill – especially for our children," said Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey. "The Hass' Way initiative is bringing more, necessary resources to students when they need it the most."

Columbanus CYO Girls Win Title

On Saturday, March 16, the St. Columbanus CYO 6th grade girls team traveled to Staten Island to play against St. Gregory's (Rockland County) in the Archdiocese State Championship. St. Columbanus defeated them 31-24; retaining the State Championship Title for the second year in a row. The team also had two undefeated seasons in a row -- going a combined 34-0. This team was comprised of the following members: Jill Cinquina, Katie Hofmann, Carmen Marino, Cadence Nicholas, Bethani Overby, Kaitlyn Raguso, Sofia Tavaréz, Rayana Taylor, Eva Wilkerson, and Kiara Williams -- and led by their fantastic Coaches; Head Coach Anthony Cinquina; Assistant Coaches Devon Nicholas and Demond Wilkerson.



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Obituaries

Doris Ryder

Doris Ryder, former longtime resident of Yorktown, died March 8. She was 92.



Doris Ryder

She was the daughter of Angelo and Lulu Rossi of Poughkeepsie. She was predeceased by her husband George, her cousin Georgia Greco and son-in-law Douglas Owens Jr. She is survived by her children: Constance Peterson (Bob), Chris Ryder, (Gail), Donna Owens, Deborah Gulick (Walter), Gary Ryder (Melanie), Geoffrey Ryder (Lori) and Paul Ryder; in addition to 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, her cousin Jeanne Barry and multiple nieces and nephews. Donations in her name may be made to Alzheimer's research.

Elizabeth Maloy

Elizabeth L. Maloy, a lifetime resident of Peekskill, beloved wife, mother, and dear friend to all she met died suddenly and untimely on March 11. She was 64.

Elizabeth, or Lizzy as her friends called her, was born April 4, 1954. She attended



Elizabeth L. Maloy

high school at Peekskill High where she met the love of her life and her late husband Michael Maloy, who died two years ago. Mrs. Maloy retired from the Peekskill School District where she worked in administration. She was passionate about life, family, hobbies such as knitting and traveling, and caring for all those she came in touch with.

She is survived by her son Matthew, daughter-in-law Yulia, Meghan Elizabeth, her granddaughter who is due to enter this world on April 24, brother Bryan Smith and wife Elaine, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edward Yasko

Edward J. Yasko, a resident of Somers, died peacefully March 13, surrounded by his loving family. He was 86.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Phyllis Montemurro Yasko, their three children, Edward (Amy), Karen (Scott), and Lauren (Ciarán) and grandchildren, Melissa and Jessica Yasko and Cassandra Yasko Rodway (Pete); Melissa and Jenna Menta; Niamh, Ciara, Anne-Marie and Michael Carruthers. He was predeceased by older sisters Gloria and

Mildred.

Born in 1932 to Julia and Edward, he was raised in Yonkers. He graduated from Gorton High School, class of 1950, and received a scholarship to the Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC, as a member of FIT's second graduating class. He served as a Corporal in the Korean War from 1953 to 1955 in Huntsville, Alabama, receiving a National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

In 1960, he married Phyllis, the love of his life. They lived with their children in Yonkers and later Pleasantville. Mr. Yasko established and ran Park Mechanical Corp, a successful, Westchester-based mechanical contracting company with his family until his retirement. Ed and Phyllis travelled the world, exploring Asia, Europe and Africa, but loving more than anything their winters in Naples, FL and summers in Stone Harbor, NJ.

After retiring, Ed and Phyllis moved to Somers, where Mr. Yasko served on his Condo Board for 18 years. If anything ever needed repairing, he could do it. He adored his grandchildren and they adored him. His laughter filled a room and his steadfast, gentle presence will be deeply missed by the many who loved him.

John Fitzgerald

John Fitzgerald, a resident of Yorktown, died March 13. He was 89.

He was born in Astoria, New York, on November 3, 1939, to Margaret and Edmund Fitzgerald. In 1960, he enlisted, and served in the United States Marine Corps, being honorably discharged in 1964. After his service, he worked for the New York City Police Department for 28 years and retired as Sergeant on March 15, 1994. On October 15, 1966, he married Eileen McGovern and this past October, celebrated 52 years of marriage.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Eileen, and loving children: Kelly (Felix) Locklear and Cathy (Ken) DePaola; three cherished grandchildren: Brendan Cummings, Kate and Jack Wickenheisser; as well as his sister Eileen Frawley and brother Jerry Fitzgerald. John was predeceased by his mother and father and his brothers: Edmond, Joseph and William.

Sister Bernadette Higa

Sister Bernadette Higa, a Maryknoll Sister for 68 years, died March 12 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll. She was 93.

Shigeko was born in Kaupakalua, Maui, Hawaii on October 12, 1925 to Kame (Miyashiro) Higa and Ushi Higa. She had two brothers and seven sisters. One brother and three sisters have predeceased her. She was very close to her Sister Mary Louise, who is also a Maryknoll Sister and an active member of the Congregation today.

Shigeko became interested in the Catholic Faith in eighth grade, she was baptized as Bernadette on August 14, 1943 at Sacred Heart Church in Honolulu, Oahu.



Sister Bernadette Higa

She attended Maui High School for one year, McKinley High School in Honolulu for two years and Maryknoll High School in Honolulu for two years, graduating in 1945. Together, Bernadette and her sister Mary Louise studied at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Honolulu, from 1946-1949, and both became Registered Nurses.

From 1949-1950, Bernadette worked at St. Francis Hospital. She then entered the Maryknoll Sisters Novitiate with her sister, Mary Louise in Valley Park, MO on February 1, 1951 from St. Stephen's Parish in Honolulu. At her Reception, she received the religious name Sister Marie Bernadette. She made her First Profession of Vows on September 8, 1953 in Valley Park, MO and spent the rest of the year working in the Outpatient Clinic at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll, NY. In 1954, Bernadette was assigned to Queen of the World

Hospital in Kansas City, MO; while there she made her Final Vows on September 8, 1959.

After making her Final Vows, she was assigned to Taiwan, there she began her mission with language study. From 1960-1972, Sister Bernadette worked with indigenous people in a pre and post-natal clinic, well baby clinic and held nutrition classes in Taiwan.

In 1973, Sister Bernadette returned to St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu for a refresher course in general nursing. She then studied at Chaminade College in Honolulu from 1973-1976, where she earned a bachelor's degree in General Studies.

After doing Congregational Service at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, from 1976-1978, Sister Bernadette was assigned to the Congregation's new mission project in Bangladesh. While waiting for her visa to Bangladesh, she returned to Honolulu and worked in a Surgeon's clinic for one year. In Bangladesh, she was involved in Natural Family Planning for three years. In 1984, she returned to Hawaii to serve as an Assistant Chaplain at Hawaii State Hospital. She also studied Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), counseled patients in a mental hospital and provided religious services until 1994.

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Jake Ross Jr.

**Gaffney, SC—
Jake Eugene Ross Jr., 47 of
126 Country Lane,
went home to be with the Lord
on Saturday, March 9, 2019.**



Born in Shelby, NC, he was the husband of Courtney Cobb Ross and the son of Jake Eugene Ross, Sr. and Anita Roark Ross of Blacksburg. He was a graduate of Blacksburg High School and attended Clemson University. He was a United States Navy Veteran, having served in the Persian Gulf and was employed with System One. He was a Rotary member, Life Member of VFW, enjoyed fishing, woodworking and an avid outdoorsman. Mr. Ross was a member of Nazareth Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and parents, also surviving are a son, Sgt. Allen Jake (AJ) Ross, USMC ; a daughter, Grace Caroline Ross of the home; a sister, Jennifer Ross Johnson and husband, Bradley of Blacksburg; two nephews, Will Johnson and Mason Mittmann; two nieces, Harper Labban and Zelda Labban; father-in-

law and mother-in-law, George E. Labban and Cynthia C. Labban of Columbia; and father-in-law, Larry Cobb of Gaffney.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 5:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Blacksburg. Funeral services will immediately follow at 5:00 PM at the church with Reverend Russ Bradley, Reverend Jamie Billings and Reverend Harold Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: VFW, Post 3447, "Buddy Poppy Fund", P.O. Box 746, Gaffney, SC, 29342.

The family will be at the residence. An online guest register is available at www.blakelyfuneralhome.com

Guest Commentary

Economic Development in Yorktown: Time for a Reality Check

By Susan Siegel

As the 2019 local election campaign takes shape, you'll be hearing a lot about which party has done — or will do — more to lower our property taxes by bringing in more commercial tax rateables. Campaign slogans and promises can be very appealing — but also very misleading. It's time for a reality check.

Town policies and initiatives are only one piece in the complex mosaic that can result in new commercial rateables; there's the general health of the economy, Yorktown's demographics and access to major highways, changing consumer buying habits, personal lifestyle choices, the federal tax code, business strategies, etc. etc.

It's the private sector that makes the ultimate decision where to locate — think Trader Joe's. And the town can't tell the owner of vacant commercial space what rent to charge or what tenants to lease his space to — think Food Emporium.

Zoning is one of the town's major tools for encouraging new commercial development. It works sometimes. But not always.

In 2013, the Town Board rezoned 30 acres on the north side of Route 202 for a proposed shopping center. Nothing happened. But a developer did find a different site for a shopping center — in Cortlandt.

Also in 2015, a much heralded rezoning

for a mixed-used development next to Best Plumbing that included 77,000 sf of commercial space never saw the light of day.

In 2018, the Town Board rezoned a vacant lot on East Main Street in Mohegan Lake for commercial development. Now it's up to the property owner to attract tenants. The owner of the Lowe's site is still trying to find tenants for his three pads.

Then, there are the politically motivated examples of taking credit for developments that never get built.

In 2015, a candidate boasted about an approved \$90 million plan for 100 independent living units. The project never broke ground because the project's sponsor wasn't able to market the units. And who can forget the multi-million dollar three-story indoor sports complex that was going to be built on Route 6.

Remember: when vacant stores are leased, they don't add dollars to the town's commercial tax base; new tenants simply put more money in the landlord's pocket.

Finally, what does it mean to be business friendly?

During campaign season, we often hear one party accuse the other of not being sufficiently business friendly. Like when town officials are blamed for the delay in approving new commercial projects. The truth is, virtually all new commercial development is approved by the independent volunteer Planning

Board, not the elected officials on the Town Board.

All too often, the responsibility for any perceived "slowness" in the approval process lies with the applicant, or changing market conditions, or outside agencies over which the town has no control. When a developer knows what he's doing and is responsive to the concerns of the town's advisory boards and staff, the approval process can — and does — move quickly.

- The new Chase Bank on Commerce Street and an addition to Mohegan Audi were both approved in six months.

- But a development on East Main Street in Mohegan that includes a major wetland has been held up because of NYSDEC concerns.

- A 2015 plan for a new CVS building and a bank on Route 202 across from Staples ran into problems because a part of the site is in a flood plain. The applicant waited three years before returning to the Planning Board with a revised plan.

- The developer of the new strip mall on Hill Boulevard waited almost 10 years after receiving Planning Board approval before starting construction.

- A plan for 100,000 sf of commercial space off Route 6 was close to getting approval when the 2008 recession hit. The applicant returned to the Planning Board in 2017 to finalize the plan but after two meetings never returned.

Then there's the Jefferson Valley Mall. It's been explained — TWICE — that the current Town Board had nothing to do with the cancelled expansion plan. According to the Town Code, before the Mall could proceed with the expansion, it needed approvals from the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. The Mall was in the process of getting those approvals when it made a business decision not to proceed.

In 2017, as part of its business friendly mantra, the Town Board enacted a generous tax incentive program for new commercial development. Did the new Chase Bank on Commerce Street really need a tax break? And Lowe's decided to come to Yorktown long before there was a tax incentive but it still qualifies for the tax break.

We'd all like to see changes at the Roma Building but what about the traffic impact? And parking concerns? In the hunt for new tax rateables, should the town give a developer everything he wants, regardless of the consequences for the town and its 36,000 residents?

The next time a candidate for office tells you he has a plan that will lower your taxes by bringing in more tax rateables, you may want to ask him for specifics. There are "feel good" campaign slogans — and then there's the REAL WORLD.

Susan Siegel is a former supervisor and councilwoman in the Town of Yorktown

Letters to the Editor

Group Will Continue to Advocate for Safety of Residents

To the Editor,

We are Peekskill Safe & Strong, a grassroots community founded organization who believes that we have an inherent right to the property, safety and wellbeing of our neighborhoods. We

are honored that over 1,100 people have chosen to stand with us in our effort to take charge in protecting our residential communities.

We are relieved to hear that Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill

has heeded our call to "suspend" their project at 851 Washington St. We affirm that our vigilance and determination will continue as we understand the impact this will have on the future of our homeless population, and hope that we can come together to find viable, sustainable solutions. The announcement came with many unanswered questions. We will closely monitor the dialogue around the future of the Jan Peek Shelter and will provide assistance to other residential neighborhoods should they require advocacy.

Though the shelter relocation project was the catalyst that brought our efforts together, the future of Peekskill Safe & Strong is not bounded by this single issue. As the events of the last seven months have demonstrated, there is a need throughout the community to hold those who represent us accountable. We are clear in our mission going forward to

fulfilling that need and now see this as an opportunity to represent and advocate for safety in all of the surrounding residential communities.

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Op-ed

A Case of Racism and No Miranda Rights in Ossining

By Steve Sloane

February 13th, the day after Lincoln's Birthday, I was called to serve on a jury in Ossining. The case involved a car accident. The driver was charged with leaving the scene of the accident, driving while under the influence, driving while impaired and another charge which seemed as redundant as the second and third.

He sat through the entire boring process of jury selection. I was struck that the judge couldn't answer a basic question for some of us who came to Ossining's Town Court from Yorktown and Briarcliff Manor. Why were they summoned to Ossining? After a few hours the judge learned that Briarcliff Manor is part of Ossining but that Yorktown is not. The juror from Yorktown was released.

The prosecutor asked a few questions and the defendant was not allowed to answer, except the most direct answers to incriminating questions. The judge told him to stop talking and just answer the questions. At no point in the trial did the defendant get to tell his story. He had an attorney but for some reason, he did not insist on his client's right to testify.

I was surprised to hear the defendant admit to crashing his car into a utility pole on Revolutionary Road. The prosecutor offered no proof. Why did the defending attorney give that up? I took it as a sign of honesty and innocence from the defendant. To the judge's credit, he emphasized during jury selection that the burden of proof is entirely on the prosecution. So far, the prosecution had proved nothing and relied entirely upon the defendant's undisputed testimony.

The impact of the collision was so strong that it activated the air-bags and left the car hissing. The driver was disoriented by his own admission and couldn't find his phone to report the accident. Another motorist visited the site and left. Did she report the accident?

After 15 minutes at the site, the motorist restarted the car and drove it towards his relative's home, from where he had borrowed the car. Police encountered him on Route 9 and pulled him over. He provided his license and registration as requested, but balked when asked to take a breathalyzer test. The police threw the book at him with four separate charges, but as the trial revealed, they failed to read him his Miranda Rights. It was even written in the police report that most of the jurors examined.

One of the jurors pointed out that without the Miranda Rights being read, all the testimony from the defendant was useless in the trial. I agreed, but the other four jurors didn't know about it, even though it is a Constitutional Right that we all share. There was some discussion about his refusing the breath test as an indication of guilt, and it occurred to me that my jury did not care much about civil rights. We sent a note to the Judge asking for him to comment of the significance of the failure of the charging officers to read the defendant his rights. The Judge would not offer an opinion and asked us to review the charges and give a verdict.

The cops were white and I detected racial prejudice in their reporting of events. They made fun of the Afro-American defendant's mispronunciation of a specific mechanism of the car's steering that he claimed failed. "Racketeering" was the term that both officers and the third who signed the report used scoffing at the defendant who at no point in his testimony pronounced it properly or in that ridiculous way. He was referring to his Italian mechanic's description. I can only guess that he was talking about rack and pinion steering. The term racketeering was used over and over again. I felt that it was bullying to make fun of the defendant and was an element of racism.

The prosecutor and the policemen also

mocked his lack of memory regarding the details of his previous night. He did not know his friend's common-law wife's last name. This was given as proof that he was not a credible witness in his own defense. He testified that he did not drink or take drugs and the police and prosecutor's found that incredible too. I took that as further evidence of racism. He stayed out all night without abusing substances. Was that impossible for an Afro-American? Would a white man be believed?

My fellow jurors felt that the presumption of innocence did not apply and that he must have been guilty in some way because otherwise the trial would not have gone so far. They suggested that we find him guilty of at least one charge to satisfy the judge. They believed the white cops and not the Afro-American defendant. The police testimony was the only evidence of intoxication and they said when they shined a light in his eyes that the pupils constricted. That was their word. I pointed out to my fellows that if they remained dilated that it might be cause to suspect drugs or alcohol intoxication, but that constricting pupils in bright light indicated the opposite.

My fellow white jurors were eager to convict but two of us insisted that the Miranda question was too important for the Judge to ignore and that there was no case. We took the question to the judge who again refused to rule. I refused to go back to the jury room and told the Judge that the Miranda Rights were not read and that I could not in good conscience go back to the jury room and consider the charges. I said a bit more, telling the judge that I held him, and his court in contempt for letting this flawed case come to trial and refusing to do his duty in ruling on the Miranda question. He called a mistrial and dismissed the jury. As I passed him I told him that I was ashamed of him and to expect to see a

letter about his incompetence in the Gazette.

The defending attorney thanked me. I asked him why he didn't stop the trial because of the Miranda exception. He told me he did not want to upset the judge. The defendant was grateful and tried to press something into my hand outside the courtroom. I refused it and told him that it would be improper to take anything from him. We discussed the case with another juror, and the defending attorney. I was impressed that the defendant was more intelligent and obviously innocent than the proceedings indicated. I have to wonder why he wasn't allowed to tell his story. I believe it was an element of racism. The Judge, prosecutor, and the cops wanted to bust the defendant hard. I think it was because he was dark-skinned and did not go along with the breath test. The man had an accident. That is not necessarily a crime.

I am glad that I had a chance to speak up for justice and help an innocent man defend himself against a deeply flawed and unfair racist legal system. It is distressing that on the day after Lincoln's Birthday, 156 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, that racism is still spoiling our justice system, even here in Ossining.



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Business of the Week

By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident Mariam Chacko said she listens to the public.

She originally was thinking of opening another type of store in the Lincolndale section of Somers, but later changed her mind after speaking with local residents. Chacko said last week. She was told by the locals that there were no liquor stores in the Lincolndale section of Somers so she decided to open Lincolndale Wine & Liquor in January.

Chacko already owned a Shell gas station/convenience store in Mahopac for 18 years, which she still owns, before beginning her new venture.

The store offerings are broken down into "70 percent wines and 30 percent liquor" in varieties that are both domestic and imported, Chacko noted.

A wide variety of liquors are available at Lincoln Wine & Liquor, including vodkas, whiskies, tequilas, rums and gins, Chacko said. Some of the most popular liquors sold at the new store include Macallan Scotch, Irish whisky, John Barr whisky, Johnnie Walker Scotch whiskey and Glenfiddich single malt whisky. "I have a lot of tequilas," she added.

"I have a lot of New York wines and

Lincolndale Wine & Liquor Somers



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Lincolndale Wine & Liquor was opened by owner Mariam Chacko of Mahopac in January.

California wines," Chacko said.

If the store does not carry wine or liquor customers are seeking, she will try to order it, Chacko said.

Most of her customers live in Mahopac and Somers, Chacko said. A discount of 10 percent is offered to residents of the Heritage Hills housing complex in Somers.

Chacko said she is not seeking to top other wine and liquor stores. "I'm not trying to compete with anyone else," she said.

Chacko said she has a basic goal for

Lincolndale Wine & Liquor. "I just want it to be successful," she said. "I like to talk to people. It's not just about money."

Lincolndale Wine & Liquor is located in the Lincolndale section of Somers at 155 Route 202.

For more information, call (914) 248-6000 or visit <https://lincolndale-wine-and-liquor.business.site/>. The store is also on Facebook. The store is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

Obituaries

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Sister Bernadette returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center, where she worked as a clerk/typist in the Admissions Office until 1997. She then returned to Hawaii once again to do volunteer work in the Regional Office, visit the sick at their homes and in the hospital.

In 2006, Sister Bernadette retired at the Sisters retirement house in Monrovia, CA where she remained until 2011; she then returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center, NY due to declining health. She remained at the Sisters Center until the time of her death.

Joan DeFlavis

Joan DeFlavis, a resident of Yorktown, died March 10. She was 82.

A lifelong resident of Yorktown, she was born May 14, 1936 to Fred and Elizabeth Wagenpfeil. She loved gardening, and jigsaw puzzles, was an avid Met fan, and was a member of two different women's groups that knitted, crocheted and made quilts. She made hundreds of quilts that she donated to disadvantaged infants.


She is survived by two sons, Fred and Daniel; daughter-in-law Joyce; cherished grandmother of five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Jay and son Michael.

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Local Singer-Songwriter Finds Joy in Connecting with Audiences

By Martin Wilbur

Dean Friedman probably hasn't had a commute to a gig that'll be as short as the one he'll have this Saturday night since he was in high school.

The singer-songwriter and 33-year Cortlandt resident, who scored one Top 20 hit in the United States, will give a solo performance this Saturday night at Peekskill's Dramatic Hall, a recently refurbished venue that in recent months has also hosted noted artists Daisy Jopling and Christine Lavin.

Friedman plans a mix of old and new material, including selections from his latest album "12 Songs."

"Sometimes I work with a band but this will be acoustic guitar and keyboard," Friedman said. "Just jumping between the two, telling stories and singing the songs."

Friedman, 63, has been telling stories and singing songs since growing up in Paramus, N.J. It was his quirky creation, "Ariel," a song about "a pot-smoking vegetarian Jewish girl from deep in the bosom of suburbia" that he is best known for in the States, as the single lingered on the Billboard charts for about five months in 1977.

While American audiences might re-



More than 40 years after his lone charted single in the United States, Cortlandt Manor resident Dean Friedman still enjoys performing for his fans and new listeners. He can be seen this Saturday night at Peekskill's Dramatic Hall.

fer to him as a one-hit wonder, Friedman, who completed a 40th anniversary tour last year, would have greater success in the United Kingdom, scoring with hits "Lydia" and "Lucky Stars," the following year. The latter work reached number three on the U.K. charts.

It was a song that embroiled him in a controversy in the U.K. in 1981 that may

have brought him his greatest fame – at least overseas. He wrote and recorded the song "McDonald's Girl," but since the BBC is public radio the powers that be at the time refused to give it airplay because of the reference to the fast food restaurant.

But Friedman got the most satisfaction in the long run. The song has since been covered by the Barenaked Ladies and a group called Blender, which had a #1 hit with it in Norway. In 2011, the McDonald's Corporation sought Friedman out to use the tune, so the trouble was worth it.

And while other artists might not care that other groups cover his music, Friedman loves it.

"I get a huge kick out of other people's interpretations and different versions of my songs," he said. "Songs are like little kids, once you write them, they have a life of their own."

When he hasn't been recording or performing, Friedman has had plenty to keep him busy over the years. He has composed and produced music soundtracks for television and film, including the music to the hit Central TV series "Boon," NBC's "Eerie Indiana," Nickelodeon's "Nick Arcade" and the indie hor-

ror classic "I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle." He also published "The Songwriter's Handbook" on the art and craft of songwriting.

Whether it's in Europe or the United States, audiences want to hear what they know and what connects with them. There will certainly be plenty of that on Saturday night.

And next month Friedman will be heading back for another tour of the U.K., where he is scheduled to perform until mid-August.

"They like to hear the songs they're familiar with, they like to hear fan favorites that are not necessarily chart records, but as I said, are fan favorites and I guess characteristic of my writing," Friedman said of his fans. "Most of my songs have some kind of narrative that I've set to music."

For tickets to Saturday evening's show or more information about Dean Friedman's music, visit his website at www.deanfriedman.com. Tickets are \$27.50. Dramatic Hall is located inside the Peekskill Central Market at 900 Main St. For more information, call 914-287-0300 or visit <https://www.peekskillcentralmarket.com/dramatic-hall#!>.

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Somers Junior Wins First Place

Ariel Markowski, a 16-year-old junior at Somers High School, won first-place in her division at Sunday's Taconic Road Runners' St. Patrick's Races two-mile run with a time of 15 minutes and 36 seconds. Following the two-mile race, the event, which was held at FDR Park in Yorktown, featured a 10K.

It May Be Time to Update Your Estate Plan

By Joanna C. Feldman, Esq.

Regardless of whether your estate plan is basic or complex, it is important to review the plan every few years because there can be changes in life events and laws and regulations.

Estate plans can change drastically after certain life events, which include, but certainly aren't limited to marriage and divorce; a new child or grandchild; death or incapacitation of a nominated executor or appointed trustee; moving to another state or even owning real property in another state; significant increases or decreases in the value of assets; illness, disability or death of a spouse, child or beneficiary and; changes in family dynamics.

There are things to change if you are going through a divorce, such as changing the agent under your Power of Attorney. Once finalized, your ex-spouse will be ineligible from serving as the executor under your Last Will and Testament, but that may leave only one remaining successor. If something happens to that person, be it death, disability or an unwillingness to act, complications can arise. Or perhaps your distribution plan needs modification because the inclusion of certain ex-family members no longer matches your wishes.

Your child may marry someone who,

quite frankly, you don't trust. Or maybe you realize your own child is incapable of managing finances. You may then wish to leave that child's share to a trust set up for that child's benefit, but to which they (and their spouse) have no access.

If your child gets divorced and your child's ex-spouse is named as a beneficiary of your estate, their divorce may necessitate revising your documents.

Estate plans should be reviewed with the addition of a child or grandchild. A will may be sufficient in that it provides that one's estate shall be distributed to their spouse, or if the spouse predeceases, to their children (or their children's children). In New York, however, because minor children may not personally receive property greater than \$10,000, a guardian for the minor's property may need to be appointed. This is an administrative – and possibly expensive – hassle that could be avoided if the will provides for such property to be distributed to the trustee of an underage beneficiary trust established for the benefit of such minor child.

Owning a vacation home in another state solely in your name could lead to the need to probate in more than one state, which is another administrative and potentially expensive task that could

be avoided through the use of a trust.

Establishing residency in another state may render certain documents ineffective because they do not comply with the new state's laws. Additionally, the new state's estate tax system may be completely different, requiring another distribution scheme.

People often fail to update beneficiary designations following life events. I encounter life insurance policies and other financial accounts where the beneficiary has predeceased and no contingent beneficiaries are named.

Changes in Laws, Regulations

In New York, for example, the estate tax exemption is now at over \$5.7 million. The federal exemption threshold is over \$11 million (over \$22 million for couples). These exemptions have increased significantly over time, and estate tax concerns that existed when an estate plan was crafted may no longer be concerns. The estate plan as crafted may include options for dealing with the estate tax concerns, such as using trusts. But if not needed anymore, the use of those trusts may create administrative burdens that could have been avoided by updating the estate plan.

Estate plans can and should change periodically. The failure to have an estate

plan that reflects both current laws and your evolving personal situation may lead to the distribution of your assets in conflict with your goals and invoke other burdensome issues. Speaking with a knowledgeable elder law and estate planning attorney is the first line of defense against unintended consequences.

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Tuesday, March 19

Cortlandt Beautification Committee: The Town of Cortlandt government is currently seeking to fill a volunteer committee to assist with various beautification projects throughout the town. The town is seeking five to six Cortlandt residents to be appointed to this committee. This is a one-year appointment. Interested candidates should have a background in landscape design or landscape architecture. Any interested residents should send a resume and letter of interest to Supervisor Linda D. Puglisi, Town Hall, 1 Heady St., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 or e-mail to claudiav@townofcortlandt.com. The closing date for interested applicants is March 29.

Schools Open Houses: Our Montessori School welcomes parents who want to learn about its uniquely personalized approach to early childhood education at its open houses, from 7 to 8 p.m. Teachers and other officials from Montessori will be available to answer questions about its flexible hours and tuition policy, and rolling admissions, at the following locations, grouped by children's ages: six weeks to six years, 4 Glenna Drive, Carmel; 10 months- three years --Yorktown United Methodist Church (use side entrance), 2300 Crompond Rd., Yorktown and three to 12 years: 3 years-12 years, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2405 Crompond Rd., Yorktown. For more information, call 914-962-9466.

Wednesday, March 20

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.

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.

Meal and Worship: St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2405 Crompond Rd., Yorktown, would like to invite you to a simple meal and worship every Wednesday in lent (through April 10). Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and worship follows at 7 p.m. Pastor Dave Dockweiler will lead a series giving us a new look into the Lord's Prayer.

Yorktown Jewish Center Purim: The holiday of Purim will be celebrated at 7 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Please join us for this very enjoyable service followed by a witty, original play related to the holiday. Refreshments will be served. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Winery Events: A series of events have been scheduled for the coming days at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272. On March 20, Almost Journey, a Tribute to Steve Perry & Journey will be held. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner and Showtime is 8p.m. Tickets can be bought online or at the door \$20 for bar/table Seating and \$15 for lounge seating. On March 22 Sonic Planet will perform. Doors open for dinner at 5:30 pm. and show time is 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. - showtime 9:30 p.m. on March 23 Norm Hathaway Big Band w/Stephanie Purcell will perform. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner and show time is 9 p.m. Show Tickets can be bought online or at the door \$20 for bar/table seating and \$15 for lounge seating.

Thursday, March 21

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

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

Author Event: The next Friends of the Field Library author event will be held at 7 p.m. at the library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. A talk and book signing with Dr. Dr. Cliff Rogers will be held about his book "The West Point History of the Civil War." Info: 914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

Purim Party: Chabad of Yorktown invites you to a NYC- themed Purim party at 6 p.m. at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St. The entrance is near the Yorktown Stage. Enjoy NYC Deli, Megillah reading, a fantastic street performer, candy apple making, masquerade, graffiti wall and pickle making. RSVP and more details at www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Beth Am Celebrates Purim: Come celebrate the wonderful holiday of Purim with Temple Beth Am at 6:30 p.m. The night will be filled with singing and dancing as well as the reading of the Megillah. And if that wasn't enough, the highlight of the evening will include our great Purim Shpiel, based off of the musical, "Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang." Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

Friday, March 22

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.

Purim Celebration: At 6:30 p.m., a Megillah Reading/Purim Celebration will be held at Hebrew Congregation of Somers Info: info@hebrewcongregationof-somers.org or 914-248-9532.

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 spir-

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Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, March 23

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

Maple Syrup Weekends: Hilltop Hanover Farm joins White Oak Farm and Hemlock Hill Farm in celebrating "Maple Syrup Weekends" on Saturday, March 23; Sunday, March 24; Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31. Visitors will first enjoy a hot breakfast at Hilltop Hanover Farm, followed by a free maple syrup demonstration at White Oak Farm and then a visit to Hemlock Hill Farm. Breakfast, which will feature freshly, grilled pancakes, maple syrup (produced at White Oak Farm in Yorktown), bacon and sausage (from Hemlock Hill Farm in Cortlandt Manor), juice, and hot beverages, will be served at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. each morning of the four days at Hilltop Hanover Farm, 1271 Hanover St., Yorktown. The cost is \$8 for children, \$10 for adults, and children under three are free.

Happenings

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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.

Duet Performance: The Sisters Duet will perform at 6 p.m. at 1176 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. The duet consists of Polina Beliakovich, on the Belarusian cimbalom, and pianist Alexandra Beliakovich. The suggested donation is \$15.

Original Work: "AJUMA," an original work written and performed by spoken word and visual artist Katori opens at Hudson Valley MOCA's Black Box in Peekskill on March 23 and 30 at 3 p.m. "AJUMA" takes the audience on a journey that explores the sensations and emotions of escape, abuse, love and legacy. For reservations see www.studiotheaterinexile.com.

Audubon Society Program: From 7 to 8 p.m. at the Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Drive, Croton, the Saw Mill River Audubon Public Program Restoring

Croton Point Landfill Grassland will be conducted. Hear Larry Weaner and Jenna Webster describe how the restoration plan was developed and the timeline for this exciting and innovative project. The event is co-sponsored by the Croton Conservation Advisory Council. Info: 914-666-6503, office@sawmillriveraudubon.org or www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Casino Royale: Casino Royale will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. There will be black jack, roulette, a money wheel, craps and more. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Trivia Night: Bring a group of friends if you want to create your own team or join a team at First Hebrew's Trivia Night, with refreshments and prizes. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the program starts at 8:15. Free. RSVP to membership@firsthebrew.org. First Hebrew is located just west of Beach Shopping Center, 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org or call 914-739-0500 for further information.

Sunday, March 24

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women

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

Soup Supper: The annual Soup Supper will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Croton Yacht Club, 6 Elliot Way. This event is an opportunity for community members to celebrate our successes, discuss ideas and look forward to a new year of moving Croton forward. Tickets are \$20 per person. This is a family friendly event and children under 16 eat for free. Guests will meet with the 2019 Croton village candidates, as well as many of our Democratic representatives from the village, town, county, state and federal governments. To RSVP visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-soup-supper-hosted-by-the-croton-democrats-tickets-56855476260>.

Monday, March 25

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

Spring Into Art: On Mondays, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/29 & 5/6 at the Somers Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Experiment making art using water-soluble oil pastels and watercolor pencils. Students

will learn about the versatile ways each medium can create great effects. No experience is required - join us and have fun. Inspirational music will accompany your creative journey. Suggested supplies list: multi-media paper - 98 lb or higher, water cup, soft brush, pencil, eraser, water-soluble oil pastels - portfolio, and/or water-soluble pencils. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required. Info: 914-232-5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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

Tuesday, March 26

HamletHub: Learn about a new free Somers community resource, Somers HamletHub, today. Residents, businesses and organizations are invited to a Somers Community Connection Meeting to share ideas, events, activities, stories and more. There will be prizes and giveaways donated by local businesses. The meeting s will be held at Crystal Hall at the Somers Community Center, 34 Hillandale Rd. For your convenience, you may choose to attend the 10 a.m. or the 7 p.m. session. Refreshments will be provided by Froggy's Deli and the new Stop & Shop in Mahopac. To find out more, visit www.masteritmedia.com/somers.

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When Hearts Turn to Love and Elbows to Cleaning

Do you like the word association game? When you think of the word spring, does it rapidly associate with cleaning?

I must confess, for me, I have no such association. When I lived in a single-family home, spring was a time to clean up the yard and to create my planting plan for the flower and vegetable garden.

However, for most people, the winter blues are shaken away with a good and deep annual house cleaning. It can be quite a formidable task without the right plan, but it can be more manageable, even enjoyable, with a checklist.

This list offers an overview of what to do to navigate the process.

Clean the clutter to start

The essential part of spring cleaning is getting rid of any clutter – things you don't need. There is no better time to take advantage of the natural spring urge to get rid of items that are weighing you down, whether you realize it or not, and start afresh with a more streamlined lifestyle. Sort belongings into four categories –

trash, giveaways, store for long-term

or put away just for the season.

No matter where you start – from the outside in, or top to bottom – create a workable schedule and focus only on one task at a time. Furthermore, keep your goal for your finish date flexible. Some projects will be more involved, such as organizing closets, and will take more time.

The tips below outline basic techniques for cleaning all objects and surfaces of your home, leaving your home spring fresh.

Clean room by room

Whether you prefer to proceed from the attic to the basement or start outdoors and move inside, create a realistic schedule and focus on one task at a time, keeping in mind that a single weekend won't suffice. You'll need several days for more involved projects, such as organizing closets.

Approaching your house room by room is the most effective way to deep-clean your home at any time of the year, but especially in spring. Use room checklists as a springboard for deep-cleaning the areas of your home that really need

extra attention. It is all right to skip items that have recently been cleaned and to focus on the parts of your home that have been neglected for a while.

Dust, dust, dust

Use a vacuum to remove dust on all surfaces where you can. Take everything off shelves and brush them (along with the books) with a feather duster. Use the dust brush or crevice tool on a vacuum to reach tight spots.

Clean upholstered furnishings

Take cushions outside and gently beat them by hand to remove dust. If there are stains, check the pieces for care labels. Use a vacuum's upholstery and crevice tools to clean under seat cushions.

Wax wooden furniture

Wipe surfaces with a soft cloth dampened with water and mild dishwashing liquid. Apply paste wax, such as Butcher's wax, a few feet at a time with a cotton rag folded into a square pad. Let the wax dry; then buff with a clean cloth.

Wash window screens

Spring is a good time to get a clearer view of the great outdoors. Do this by washing window screens by using warm water and a mild dishwashing liquid.

Scrub the screens with a brush, then rinse thoroughly with a hose.

Wax non-wood floors

Vinyl and linoleum floors that have lost their shine should be waxed with a polish designed for these surfaces. Most stone and tile floors can be treated with either a paste or a liquid wax designed for the material.

Establish new cleaning habits

Consistency with cleaning habits makes life easier for the homeowner. While a good, thorough spring cleaning is a great time to establish new ongoing cleaning habits and it can also make the next spring cleaning a good deal easier.

Simple 15-minute cleanup routines practiced every few days, each including a series of one- to two-minute chores, can make it remarkably easy to keep your home clean and tidy all year long. All you need is the discipline to adhere to such a plan. Good luck!

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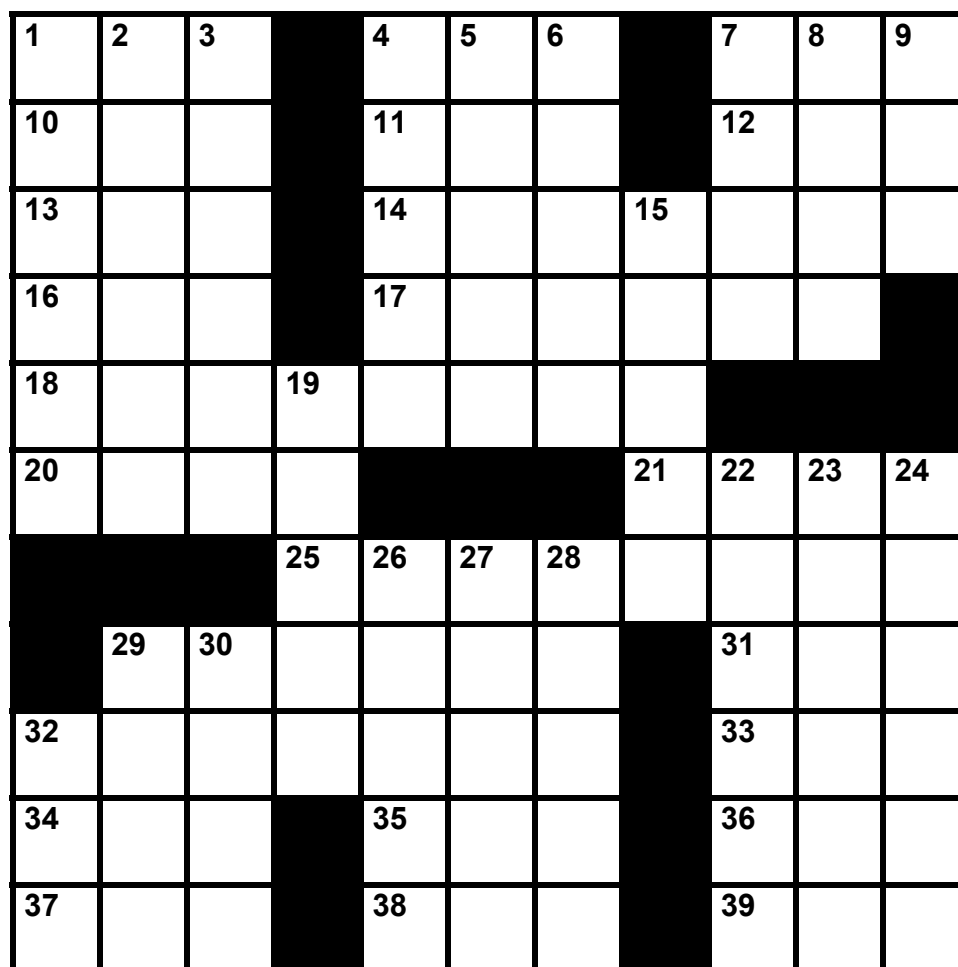
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17. Mid-east chief
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21. Hearing organs
25. This Brewster business will "shock" your drains clean, _____ Snake
29. Meat in a deli
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34. Tarzan creator's monogram
35. Bar sound
36. Poker play
37. Pops

38. "All over the world" singers, for short
39. Suffix with "priest" or "lion"

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4. Quagmire
5. Popular potato
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An Abridged History of America's Tumultuous Wine Industry

Much has been written of the American vitality and entrepreneurial spirit that vaulted us to world supremacy over the relatively short history of our democracy. We have accomplished much as a nation and have rarely suffered defeat in any endeavors – with, in my opinion, one notable early exception.

The growth of the wine industry in the United States has seen many fits and starts. I began to consider this as our nation has finally risen to an elite status in the ranks and esteem of the wine world. This is no minor achievement given the history of wine in the United States. Today's success overshadows the early failures of establishing a thriving national wine culture.

While the successful wine legacies of France, Italy, Germany and Spain date to the era of the dominance of the Roman Empire, the adventures of the United States wine industry are far more recent and have followed a path of mercurial highs and lows, coping with the fluctuating favor and derision of the American public.

Here is my brief perspective on the history of commercial winemaking in

the United States.

The earliest documented instance of grape-growing and wine production took place in Florida (French Huguenots) in the late 1500s. In the late 16th century and into the 17th century, small pockets of wine production sprang up along the Eastern seaboard. All were dismal failures.

America's leading proponent of fine wine in the fledgling years of the democracy was Thomas Jefferson. After traveling to France's Bordeaux and Burgundy regions (which were producing world class wines in a thriving industry) and acquiring a taste (and a portfolio) for the wines he encountered, he attempted to grow French grapevines at Monticello. Many years of experimentation ended in failure. Jefferson resorted to enjoying his wine cellar of fine French wines; fellow Americans were content with beer and whisky.

Fast forward to the great surge of immigrants from southern Europe and settlers from northern Europe commencing in the early 1800s. The Italian and German transplants planted European rootstock and hybridized American clones as they traversed the

land. They enjoyed success by adapting to the American climate and avoiding its indigenous diseases.

By the mid 1800s, the first successful commercial winery was founded in Indiana; several decades later the most successful state for producing wines was in another unlikely locale. As Italian immigrants were settling on the Eastern seaboard and slowly heading west, a number of their German counterparts were planting grapevines along the banks of the Missouri River. The hybridized grape they developed, Norton, became an instant success in Missouri. By 1880, Norton production reached two million gallons, the highest in the United States; the local Stone Hill winery was the third largest winery, in volume, in the world.

As the American Far West opened up in the mid-1800s as a land of opportunity, a mad rush took place. Aided by the first transcontinental railroad and the discovery of gold in California, European immigrants created a successful commercial wine industry. They achieved great popularity by replicating the "table wines" of their native countries. Their fellow Americans developed a palate for these pleasant, inexpensive wines.

At the same time, Protestant settlers from Northern Europe disdained

the rising preference of Americans for alcohol-based beverages. Their Puritanical beliefs became a mantra for change. They initiated the Temperance Movement, which became a political hot potato, culminating in the enactment of national Prohibition in 1920.

This dark period in American history effectively ended the wine industry in the United States.

When Prohibition was repealed a long 13 years later, the industry struggled to recover. American preferences had changed; sweet, fortified (elevated alcohol) wines became the norm, a sharp digression from earlier preferences. It took nearly a half-century to return to the robust years of quality wine.

However, the inventiveness and entrepreneurialism of American winemakers prevailed. Today the industry enjoys the esteem and respect of the world market.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. 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.



By Nick Antonaccio

You Heard It
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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 10 of the Family Court Act 1022 **REMOVAL JAION PERRY** Docket No. NN- 9825-19 F/U No. 156471 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged To be Neglected by **SUMMONS TIARA THOMPSON**, (Child Neglect Case) Respondent.

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agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **c/o Elli Travel Group, 1967 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA March 20, 2019 Pledge of Allegiance 1. Accept NRI maps, diagrams and comments 2. Parks and Recreation personnel changes. 3. Parks and Recreation refunds. 4. Wildwood Knolls Facilities Warrant 5. Appoint Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator 6. Building Department Daily Fee Report 7. Accept proposal from Kappus Pumps & Plumbing for grinder pumps for sewer pump station. 8. Continued discussion regarding road-divided contiguous properties. 9. Presentation by Town Assessor, Sheryl Luongo, regarding information and points of concern about Airbnbs. Audit of monthly bills

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KC MAKEUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/16/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kasey Camacho, 2 Stanley St., Pleasantville, NY, 10570 Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLA SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organiza-

tion filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 3, 2019. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: OLA Services, LLC, 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLA ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 13, 2019. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: OLA Associates, LLC, 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DORENBAUM & BECK, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 2/28/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Manville Ln., Apt 4, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Healthcare Communications Consulting.

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 265 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK 10579 Phone: (845) 526-3740 Fax: (845) 526-3307 EMAIL: mbabnik@putnamvalley.com NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday March 28, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD Request front yard setback variance and

280A variance for two lot subdivision.

2. Spinola, Anthony, 16 Hanson Street, 91.26-1-40; LP Request variance under Section 165-27 I 2 of the Zoning Code for fence. Decision 3. Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23;CN Request variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. New Application 4 Dronzek, Judith, 106 Dunderberg Road, -62.14-1-30; R-3 Request front yard and lake front setback variance for deck and hot tub. 5. Lennon, Tim, 28 White Hill Road, 51.19-1-10; R-3 Request front, rear and variance for increase in height under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for addition to existing house. 6. Prezioso, Robert, 55 Pembroke Court-92.-1-80; R-1 Request variance for finished basement under Section 165-19D of the Zoning Code. 7. Vasquez, Jose, 30 Finnerty Place,-85.9-1-14; R-2 Request side yard setback variance for pool and deck. 8. Wendle, Gerard, 45 Ridgecrest Road, 83.64-1-22; LP Request front and rear yard setback variance for generator and propane tanks. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN

NOTICE 3/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday March 25, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA REVIEW 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2019

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