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### **Memorial Day 2019**

Ceremonies, parades and other events were held throughout the area to pay tribute to veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice so others could enjoy the freedoms of the United States. For photos, see pages 10-11.

# Peekskill Candidates Square Off for First Time at NAACP Forum

#### **By Rick Pezzullo**

The November election may be six months away, but residents in Peekskill were given an early look at the candidates running for office during a forum sponsored by the Peekskill NAACP last Thursday at Peekskill High School.

Approximately 75 people turned out for the two-hour event that included candidates for Peekskill mayor, the Common Council and the District 1 seat on the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

The incumbent Democratic team features Mayor Andre Rainey, who is seeking a second two-year term, councilwomen Vivian McKenzie, Patricia Riley and Kathleen

Talbot, and Colin Smith, a current councilman who is running for the county legislator position being vacated by Republican John Testa.

They are being opposed by the bi-partisan team of Republican Vincent "Boo' Vesce, a former councilman looking to replace Rainey, council hopefuls Lauren Brady, a registered Republican, and Democrats Luis Segarra and Marlon Mahon, and former Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, who is vying for county legislator.

If elected, Vesce, who served on the council from 2014 to 2017 and is employed as a business consultant for the airport services

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### Pending Bills on Indian Pt. Could Delay Decommissioning

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Two bills have been introduced in the State Legislature to help ensure current union workers at Indian Point are retained after the plants close and allow spent fuel rods stored on the site to be taxed as real property.

The proposed legislation by State Senator Peter Harckham (D/New Castle) and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining) was announced during a press conference last week in Peekskill at the headquarters of Local Union 21 Plumbers and Steamfitters HVACA Technicians.

"Since the day I took office in January, the Indian Point closure has been one of my top priorities. My goals are to retain jobs, protect workers, assure safety and help the



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Local elected officials and union workers at press conference in Peekskill.

local economy," Harckham said. "The two bills we are announcing today, are designed to mitigate the significant economic impact the decommissioning will have on our local communities, small businesses and Indian Point workers. We'll continue to do everything in our power to assist the people and communities impacted."

"These two bills promise to protect the workers and taxpayers of our community," Galef said. "Preparing for Indian Point's closure has not been easy, and we all feel the economic uncertainty that comes with it. However, Senator Harckham and I are

here today to make a commitment to the residents of Cortlandt and Buchanan, and the Hendrick Hudson School District that we are here for you, and we will continue to look for innovative measures to protect this community no matter what the future holds."

In January 2017, Entergy, which purchased the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan more than 16 years ago, announced, to the complete surprise of local leaders, its plan for the early and orderly shutdown of the Indian Point Energy Center by April 30, 2021 as part of a settlement with New York State and Riverkeeper.

Approximately 1,100 workers are em-

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### Pending Bills on Indian Pt. Could Delay Decommissioning

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ployed at Indian Point. The bill submitted by Harckham would prevent a decommissioning company from coming in and displacing the existing workforce and replacing them with unskilled, non-union, low-wage out-of-towners.

"It's imperative to keep Local skilled labor employed for the safe shutdown and decommissioning process," said Thomas Carey, Westchester/Putnam County Central Labor Body AFL/CIO President. "Who better than the current workforce that has all the necessary training and experience with knowledge of the daily operations. This legislation will protect the current and future workforce and make sure there will be a level playing field for everyone."

However, Jerry Nappi, a spokesman for Entergy, said the legislation could adversely affect the timeline and delay decommissioning at Indian Point.

"Entergy has committed to find positions

for any employee who wants to stay with the company and is willing to relocate. Our employees are well-compensated with typical salaries over \$100,000. It is not clear to us that these proposals are needed or necessary," Nappi said. "The existing PILOT agreement with local governments and the school district remains in effect past the shutdown in 2021."

The second bill spearheaded by Galef would give municipalities the ability to place a tax assessment on spent fuel rods, including

fuel stored in pools or dry cask storage. Since there is no place to bring the fuel rods, Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said the village becomes "a defacto storage facility."

"This is not all about money. This is about what's fair for the community," Knickerbocker said. "If fuel is going to stay there, we should be compensated."

Harckham and Galef said they were hopeful both bills could be approved in the Senate and Assembly before the current legislative session ends in June.

### Peekskill Candidates Square Off for First Time at Forum

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industry, said he would focus on bringing more commercial development to Peekskill to help the city's tax base.

"We have to have a balanced approach on what is needed here," he said. "There's a lot of private/public partnerships that can be done here."

Rainey, Owner and President of NOO Moves Entertainment, which he founded in 2010, touted the successes of the council under his leadership.

"We have made Peekskill one of the greatest cities on Earth," Rainey said.

McKenzie, who has been on the council since 2013 when she was appointed to replace Don Bennett, owns Kathleen's Tea

Room in downtown Peekskill.

"I have seen our city move forward and I'm proud to be part of this transition," she said.

Talbot formerly owned a small business for 30 years and has been on the council for eight years. She currently serves as deputy mayor.

"I understand business and I understand people. I love Peekskill. I'm hard working. I've become a good listener," she said.

Riley is a retired teacher. She served on the council from 2008-2011 and was appointed last year to fill a vacancy.

"We had a vision Peekskill would become a destination city and it has," she said.

Brady works as Events Manager at the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Com-

merce and is co-founder of the non-profit "This is Me Foundation."

"I want to be a voice of all the people in Peekskill," she said. "Don't look at us as R and D, but of you and me."

Segarra is co-owner and CFO of The Crescent Companies. He ran unsuccessfully for the council in 2017.

"I'm running for office because I believe the voices of business and residents are not being heard," he said.

Mahon works as an IT and corporate management consultant. He has lived in the city for 18 years.

"My greatest strength is my ability to listen," he said. "I truly believe the next best thing doesn't have to be invented. It's already

happening."

During the forum the candidates fielded questions on taxes, affordable housing, diversity for city offices and committees and the proposed relocation of the Jan Peek homeless shelter.

Vesce said the homeless shelter, which was slated for Washington Street but is now rumored to be heading to Lower South Street, was "handled incorrectly by the city." He said he supported the shelter "in the right location, where it is most beneficial."

Meanwhile, Rainey, who has made youth issues a top priority, revealed the Boys and Girls Club was currently exploring bringing its programming to Peekskill at the Kiley Youth Center.



### **Is Your Biological Clock Ticking?**

The Trend toward Later Motherhood...

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### Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

**A:** Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

### Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

**A:** The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

#### Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

**A:** A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

### Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

**A:** Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

### **County Police Marine Unit Rescues Man in Hudson**

The Westchester County Police Marine Unit rescued a man in the Hudson River in Croton Friday afternoon who had fallen from his jet ski and had been adrift for 45 minutes.

Officers Willie Saez, Isai Morreira and Kirt Maddocks were patrolling the Hudson at about 4:15 p.m. when they came upon an unattended personal watercraft in the middle of the river off Croton-on-Hudson. They began a search of the area and requested the County Police Aviation Unit to respond to assist.

### **Arrests Made** in Cortlandt **Home Invasion**

State Police arrested three individuals last week in connection with a home invasion and assault on Lexington Avenue

On May 15, State Police from the Cortlandt barracks responded to Lexington Avenue for a report of a home invasion and assault. An investigation found three individuals were involved in a confrontation involving weapons, including a knife and baseball bat, which resulted in one subject sustaining non-life-threatening stab wounds.

On May 22, three arrests were subsequently made: An 18-year-old was arrested for Assault in the 2nd degree with intent to cause injury with a knife, a class D felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor; Bernardo Orozco, 42, of Cortlandt, was arrested for Attempted Assault in the 2nd degree with a baseball bat, a class D felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor; and Shakeal T. Tyler, 27, of Ossining, was arrested for Burglary in the 2nd degree, a

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About 30 minutes later, the Marine Unit spotted a man down river from where the unattended jet ski was found. The man, who was wearing a personal flotation device, was struggling against the current and was extremely fatigued.

Officers brought the 56-year-old Rockland resident aboard the Marine 3 patrol boat. The Marine officers, who are also trained as EMTs, provided initial medi-

The man told officers he had fallen off the watercraft in rough waters and been adrift for 45 minutes. Due to strong

currents and windy conditions, he had been unable to swim back to the jet ski or swim to shore. Marine Unit officers brought the man back to a marina in Rockland, where he was turned over to EMS on shore.

"On multiple occasions, our marine officers have recovered Jet-Skis, kayaks and small boats that have simply come free of their moorings and drifted out into the river. But every incident is treated as a possible person in distress until we rule that out. In this incident, a diligent search of the river located a person

who was in serious danger," said Commissioner Thomas Gleason.

Gleason also noted that the man's use of a life vest – a personal flotation device - was most likely a lifesaver in this incident.

"The incident is a reminder that every recreational boater should be wearing a PFD," Gleason said. "Things can happen in an instant on the river, as it did when this man was thrown from his watercraft. A PFD can keep an incident like this from becoming a tragedy."



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### Three Incumbents Prevail in Hen Hud Board of Ed Race

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Voters in the Hendrick Hudson School District returned three incumbents to the Board of Education May 21 in the only contested race in the area.

Vice President Carol Abraham, who has served seven years on the board, earned a new three-year term as the top

vote-getter with 614 votes. Trustee Lisa Anderson finished in second place with 608 votes to gain a second term and Trustee William Oricchio, a nine-year veteran, picked up 545 votes to come in third.

Kimberly Ryan was fourth with 477 votes, followed by Robert McCarthy with

416 and Daniel Stewart with 393.

Meanwhile, the 2019/2020 \$80 million budget, which carries an estimated 2.19% tax increase for Cortlandt residents and an estimated 4.11% tax decrease for Peekskill residents, was approved 910-210.

A proposition not to exceed \$417,200

for the purchase of two 72-passenger buses, two 18-passenger vans and an SUV-type vehicle to be shared by security personnel also passed 860-256, while the budget for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library was approved 910-206.

### **Local School Budgets, Propositions Approved Easily**

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Budgets and propositions in six local school districts were approved easily by voters on May 21.

#### Lakeland

In the Lakeland School District, voters passed a \$174.8 million budget, which includes enhanced security features and funding for school resource officers, by a margin of 698-189. A \$1.5 million proposition for the purchase of six large buses, four 30-passenger buses, six 20-passenger buses, two wheelchairable vans and other vehicles passed 701-184

Property owners in Yorktown (-0.3%), Carmel (-1.5%) and Philipstown (-1.7%) are estimated to receive tax decreases, while residents in Cortlandt (1.5%), Somers (2.2%) and Putnam Valley (2.7%) are estimated to see slight tax hikes.

The Board of Education will have two new members as longtime trustees Steve Korn and Steve Rosen opted not to run for reelection. The leading vote-getter in the uncontested race for three seats was Becky Burfeind with 747 votes, followed closely by Trustee Robert Mayes with 745 votes. Adam Kaufman secured the third spot with 720 votes.

#### Yorktown

In the Yorktown School District, residents approved a \$98.1 million budget by a count of 603-139. The budget calls for a 0.67% tax increase (\$6.54) for town residents, 2.42% increase (\$33) in Cortlandt and a 0.85% (-\$1.04) decrease in New Castle. A capital bond proposition

was also approved 626-112.

The Board of Education in Yorktown will remain the same as incumbents Reshmi Bose, Cheryl Reynolds and Lisa Rolle were reelected as they faced no opponents.

#### Somers

In the Somers School District, voters weighed-in on a \$93.6 million budget with a districtwide 2.65% tax increase by approving it 829-280. A \$7.56 million safety and security bond passed 763-339.

Three seats were up for grabs on the Board of Education. Vice President Joseph Marra was reelected with 929 votes, as was Trustee Ifay Chang with 903 votes. Chadwick Olsen received 919 votes and will replace board President

Donna Rosenblum, who did not seek a new term.

"Our community continues to make a collective effort to support our children. This is evident by the ongoing fiscal support and the thousands of community member volunteer hours that benefit our children," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Raymond Blanch. "There is no doubt the Somers community is committed to our children's future. Thank you for your continued partnership to enhance the lives of our children and move this amazing district Forward in Excellence."

#### Peekskill

In the Peekskill School District, the proposed \$96.69 million spending plan,

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### Legalizing Marijuana Could Lead to Addiction Increase

**By Lindsay Emery** 

An organization opposed to the commercialization and recreational use of marijuana called on state officials last Monday to oppose laws to legalize its use citing a likely rise in addiction and obstacles in enforcing drugged driving.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) New York held a press conference outside the county building in White Plains with Westchester leaders, parents and law enforcement detailing the adverse effects of legalizing commercially-grown, recreational marijuana.

Kelly Carenuto, field organizer for SAM New York, said that as a mother of a small child she wants her community to be safe. Carenuto described how new marijuana products are aimed at addicting children and young adults through new means of consumption and packaging.

"Clearly, this multibillion-dollar industry for profit is trying to addict a new generation of young people who may be hostile to cigarettes since we did a pretty good job stopping the smoking," Carenuto said.

She introduced County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), who is chair of the county Board of Legislators Committee on Public Safety. Cunzio questioned whether the 2 per-



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

Representatives of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) New York hold a press conference last week in White Plains opposing attempts to legalize marijuana.

cent share of tax revenue that counties would receive would be worth the potential problems.

Board of Legislators Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill), a teacher for 33 years, said the sale and legalization of recreational marijuana could be one of the most "irresponsible" and "reckless" decisions by state officials.

"We have D.A.R.E. programs in school to combat these types of things and now we're going to give a mixed message to our kids that now all of a sudden it's okay after decades of it being recognized as

a danger to the community," Testa said.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva described how difficult it would be to enforce a case of drugged driving since there is currently no roadside test available. He also mentioned how marijuana has changed over time and the effects that it has had on his own community.

"In Mount Pleasant, we have seen overdoses in marijuana in the last two years and this is something that I've never seen

before in my 31-year law enforcement career," Oliva said.

Keeping communities safe was a point that Melissa Robbins, SAM New York's field coordinator, highlighted in her comments opposing legalization. Robbins described how minority communities are disproportionately impacted by these drugs and their effects. Instead of focusing on revenues from legalization, policymakers should look at the effects on those who have used marijuana in the past.

Many of the speakers, including Nancy Pasquale, co-founder and coalition coordinator of RyeACT, said today's marijuana is far more potent than it was decades ago.

"Proponents would like to tell us that it's just a little pot, but it's important to note as many have before me, that it isn't just the pot of the '60s and the '70s with an average THC content of roughly four percent." Pasquale said. "Today's pot typically has a THC content of five times that amount or more and if we talk about edibles, waxes and oils, they have THC contents that exceed 95 percent."

Yorktown resident Jeffrey Veatch, a father who lost his son, Justin, from an overdose, said marijuana was a gateway drug. Veatch, who started the Justin Veatch Foundation in honor of his son, said that many teenagers feel as though marijuana is harmless and new devices such as vapes make it easier for youngsters to start smoking marijuana.

Like Veatch, Carol Christiansen, cofounder of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, asked why legalization of marijuana is being considered.

"Why Gov. Cuomo would even think about this, I don't know," Christiansen said.







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### Yorktown Assisted Living Residence

### **Cortlandt**

#### **By Neal Rentz**

The campus located on Catherine Street in Cortlandt has served local residents for many decades. A portion of the property is now the site of the Yorktown Assisted Living Residence.

Southeast resident Diana Penna, the administrator of the assisted living facility, noted last week that it is the former site of FIELDHOME and had been a FIELDHOME campus since the 1880's. Yorktown Assisted Living is housed in the building that formerly housed the Seabury at FIELDHOME, she noted. The current owners changed the name in April 2018.

There are two programs offered at the facility. "We have assisted living for people who are independent but need custodial care. They need assistance with their medication. They might need some help bathing or dressing or just maybe need some oversight," Penna said.

"We also have 40 apartments for people who have dementia, cognitive impairment, some type of cognitive illness," continued Penna, adding the memory care program is for people with special needs.

The assisted living program is like



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The fireplace in the lobby of the Yorktown Assisted Living Residence in Cortlandt.

living in a condominium, Penna said. "Except if you have an issue there's a call bell in your apartment," she said. "An LPN (licensed practical nurse) or a home health aide will respond to you and get you whatever assistance you need."

The residents' monthly fee includes the

cost of Internet service, Direct TV, telephone service, three meals a day, laundry, housekeeping, and transportation for shopping and doctors' visits, Penna said. Some assisted living residents own cars.

Restaurant-style dining is provided for assisted living residents in a dining room, Penna said.

Assisted living residents have a council that decides what field trips they want to take. Some of the past trips have included outings to the Empire City Casino in Yonkers, Lake Mahopac for lunch and Yankee Stadium.

The council also advocates which recreational programs are offered in the assisted living facility itself, she said.

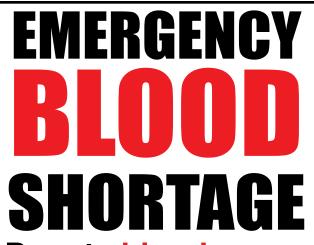
"Memory care is more hands-on," Penna said. People living in the memory care portion of the facility need help with dressing and bathing, for example, she said. "Nobody can get off the unit unescorted," she said. A wandering garden the size of a football field is on site to allow memory care residents to go in and out of.

Memory care residents have their meals served family style with staff invited to eat with them, Penna said.

Activity therapists are assigned to work with the memory care residents. "They do activities that are geared toward different levels of cognitive impairment," Penna said. Programs are offered to memory care residents usually every 45 to 60 minutes, she said. "Some people do it all. Some choose and do one or two," she said.

Penna credited the work of the staff at the assisted living and memory care sites. "We have some people who have been with us for 15 years," she said. "You have a dedicated group of people who work here who are really very, very caring and become part of the residents' family."

Yorktown Assisted Living Residence is located at 2276 Catherine St. in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-737-2255, visit https://yorktownal.com/ or send an e-mail to nfo@yorktownal.com.



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Local Businesses and Nonprofits enjoyed a morning of "celebration and recognition" on May 14 at the Inaugural Business Milestone Recognition Ceremony sponsored by the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce held at The Briarcliff Manor.

Eighty-five people attended the ceremony which began with breakfast, informal introductions, and networking.

"This was "emotionally moving" for me," said Dr. Gayle Marchica, Chamber President and local business owner. "We work tirelessly to support our local businesses and organizations and witnessing their interactions with each other was priceless. Although in the community for years, many were personally meeting each other for the first time. When Maria Mastracchio, Tony's Shoe Repair, in business for 50 years, apologized to me because Tony (her husband) couldn't make it to the event because he had to open the store, I couldn't believe it! She then said, "I'm honored to be here," I responded, it is truly "our" honor to have you this morning. Thank you, Maria, your humility goes a long way, let this be a lesson for us all."

With special gratitude to Chamber Director, Greg Perry-Gregory Perry Photography, for capturing this special Event through your photography expertise.

Thank you, to our host Perry DiNapoli, Owner-The Briarcliff Manor and your staff, for your community-mindedness, classy service, and friendship. With additional gratitude to our Town of Ossining Supervisor, Dana Levenberg and her staff. Your many personalized Certificates of Recognition made a magnificent impact on our awardees and our Chamber. We appreciate your recognition, leadership, and ongoing effort to collaborate and include the expertise of the Chamber as we continue to push forward on this economic and development journey here in Ossining. True leaders bring people "together" and we are that much stronger for your efforts.

It is the Chamber's hope, all will continue to be ambassadors and spread the good word about the Ossining business community. The Chamber is continuing our work towards an ongoing favorable environment

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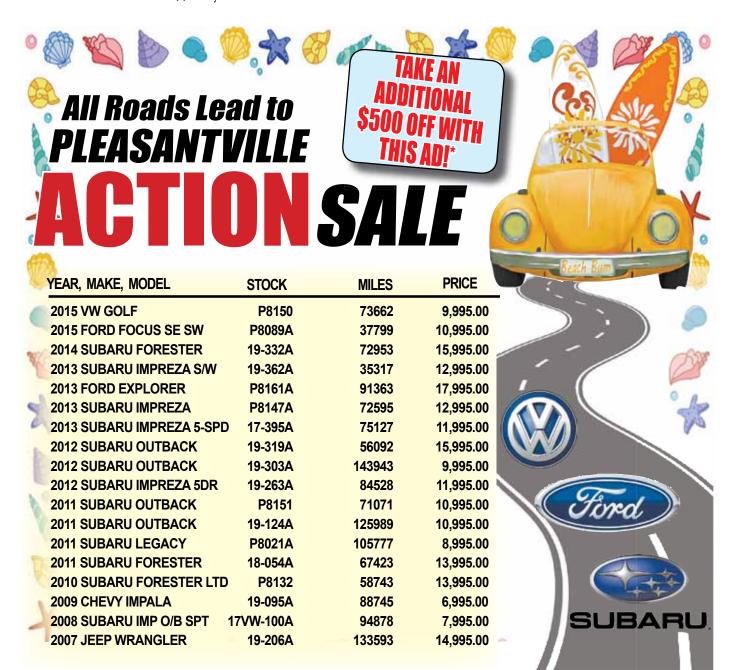
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### **Guest Commentary**

### The New York Health Act Should Be Adopted

#### By Madeline Zevon

The League of Women Voters is

a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major policy through education and advocacy. The League has advocated on behalf of all New Yorkers for over 20 years on the issues

of health care. The League believes that affordable, quality health care should be available to all New York State residents and that health care policies should include equitable distribution of services and the efficient and economical delivery of care.

As long as private health insurance corporations are the middleman

patients between providers, services will not be distributed in an equitable manner. Persons who are less likely to need care will have greater access to coverage, while those who are in need will go without. We believe that the way to achieve substantial and lasting reductions in the cost of care

is to adopt a single-payer system such as New York Health.

In a single-payer system of publicly financed, privately delivered health care for all New York State residents, citizens will decide the level of basic care. Under the single-payer model, every

New York resident would be eligible to enroll. There would be no premiums deductibles, or co-payment. Coverage would be funded based on ability to pay through a progressively graduated state payroll tax and taxable non-payroll (investment) income. Federal funds now received for Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus would be combined with state revenue in a New York Health Trust Fund. The "local share" of Medicaid funding-a major burden on local property taxes—would be ended. It is projected that New York State would save \$11.4 billion under a singlepayer system according to the RAND Corporation.

All New Yorkers would be covered for all medically necessary services, including: primary preventive, specialists, hospital, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drugs, and medical supply costs. In January 2019 the act was amended to include long-term care—the bill is more comprehensive than most commercial health plans.

Here, in New York, we have the opportunity to lead the way in implementing cost-effective, universal health care, effectively making health care a right for all New Yorkers.

Madeline Zevon is Co-Chair Health Care League of Women Voters of New York State

(This article is a shortened version of a testimony Zevon delivered to a hearing of the New York State Health Committee on May 28 in Albany.)

### Letters to the Editor

### Gas Moratorium May Be Chance to Look at New Green Alternative

#### To the Editor:

While residents and home builders have voiced concerns about the recent natural gas moratorium, this may be an opportunity to explore options beyond the status quo. Propane is an efficient substitute for natural gas, and it is immediately available in Westchester County. This was explored in-depth at the recent Energy Forum held on May 10th in Westchester.

The Business Council of Westchester hosted the energy conference bringing together the industry's biggest players along with government, private and public sector leaders for a discussion on how to transition into the new energy landscape, including the impact of the moratorium on the community and alternative options available to the affected businesses and residents.

Propane is a non-toxic, EPA-certified clean fuel that can help Westchester County residences and businesses reach environmental and sustainability goals. It's actually a waste product that is left over when natural gas and oil are refined. So, using propane reduces greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise be produced.

And for those considering using electric in place of their planned natural gas supply, it's worth noting that propane equipment produces 30-40% fewer carbon emissions than electric units and heats faster than many electric appliances - which is a great benefit on its own, but also saves customers money.

There is yet another reason to

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consider propane during the natural gas moratorium: For business and home owners who still want to connect to natural gas if/when the moratorium is lifted, a professional technician can convert propane appliances for use with natural gas. This involves changing some of the internal parts to compensate for the different pressures between propane and natural gas.

Our family business has had an established presence in Westchester County since 1968, with 27 of our own propane distribution centers in NY, NJ, PA and New England, and a staff of over 500 individuals. That doesn't even include

other available propane suppliers.

So, although this is a challenging time for Westchester County residents and business, maybe the moratorium is just what we needed to stop and evaluate all of the options available to us. Not only can propane help the individuals who have been impacted by the natural gas moratorium, but in certain scenarios propane is a more valuable fit for many residents - which may have been overlooked otherwise.

> **CHRISTINA ARMENTANO Executive Vice President** Paraco Gas Rye Brook

### Does Yorktown Have a Functioning Ethics Board?

#### To the Editor:

I've been waiting 10 months for the Ethics Board to make a determination on a very straightforward complaint I filed in July 2018: whether a former town official violated the revolving door clause of the Ethics Law.

The language in the revolving door clause is very clear. It states that a former official cannot represent another person or corporation before any town body for one year from the time the official leaves the town's service.

In my complaint, I provided the Ethics Board with the date and place of the alleged violation.

As the facts are a matter of public

record, there wasn't much that needed an extensive or prolonged investigation. Certainly not one that would take 10 months

To make matters worse, the Ethics Board hasn't answered my two most recent emails requesting a status update on my complaint.

So after 10 months, I have no idea if my complaint is still being investigated. Or why it's taking so long. I'm beginning to wonder if we have a functioning Ethics

Why have an Ethics Board if it can't or won't act?

> **SUSAN SIEGEL Yorktown**



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### **Obituaries**

### Steven Diorio, Jr.

Steven Diorio Jr., a resident of Peekskill, died May 17. He was 42.

Born January 1, 1977, he worked for Metro North Railroad as a Senior Rules Specialist. He was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the NY Rangers. Loved by many friends. He is survived by his two daughters, Katie and Natallie of Minnesota, his father Steven Diorio Sr. and his wife, Marylisa of Hopewell Junction, NY, and his sister Kristin Navarro and her husband, David of Arizona, his niece, Angel and nephews Gabe and Jason. Also survived by his aunts and uncles and many cousins. He was predeceased by his mother Beatrice Conklin and his stepmother, Janet Murphy Diorio.

### Eugenia Marzano

Eugenia M. "Genie" Marzano (nee Calo), a resident of Somers, died May 19 surrounded by her loving family. She was 71.

She was born February 21, 1948 in Mt. Vernon. She was devoted to her family and was active in her church. She was a graduate of Cardinal Spellman High School and Pace University. She loved bird watching, gardening, and watching the Yankees. She was an avid reader and was a bookstore manager for many years.

She was the beloved wife of the late Gennaro. She is the loving mother of Maryanne Borden (Jeffrey) and Gina Inzero (Chris). She is the devoted grandmother of Isabella and Alexa and the sister of Addie Viggiano and Eleanor Calo-Rose. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

### Joseph Nott

Joseph E. Nott, a resident of Mohegan Lake, formerly of Mt. Kisco, died peacefully May 19 with his beloved family by his side. He was 80.

He was born December 29, 1938 to Henry and Helen (Nee Grochmal) Nott. He is survived by his wife Helen Schrull Nott, daughter Tiffany Adams of Putnam Valley, son Joseph Nott of Mohegan Lake, granddaughters Danielle Adams and Daphne Adams, grandsons Damien Fusco-Adams and Dylan Nott and a host of friends. He was predeceased by his daughter Danielle Nott in 1993.

### Daniel O'Brien

Daniel J. O'Brien, a residnet of Somers and a retired health care executive, died May 20. He was 90.

He was born March 29, 1929 to Catherine (Lane) and William "Shamus" O'Brien in Kearny, NJ. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife of 60 years Sue Ann E. O'Brien in 2010,

his daughter Marianne Pugni in 2017; his sister Eileen (Douglas) Dunbar in 2008, and his son-in-law Donald J. Pugni, Jr. in 1998. He is survived by his children Marita O'Brien of Cortlandt, and Daniel J. O'Brien, Jr. (Teresa) of Silverthorne, CO. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Peter E. Wilhelm (Rebecca) of New Milford, CT, Matthew C. O'Brien of Denver, CO, and Griffin J. O'Brien of Marina del Rey, CA; his great grandchildren Gavin and Carmen Wilhelm and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mr. O'Brien was a graduate of the University of Maryland; after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II and recalled to serve again during the Korean conflict. He was a Sales Director for Blue Cross until he became the Executive Director of The Westchester County Association in 1969. During this time, he co-founded The World Trade Club, The Hundred Club of Westchester and activated a scholarship program for Westchester Community College, now known as The Foundation. He was a senior executive with PCS, a pharmacy benefit company. After retiring from the McKesson Corporation in Scottsdale, AZ, in 1996, he became a partner in a mail service pharmacy benefit organization. He will be remembered for his quick wit and charm but primarily as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; a kind and generous friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

#### Gertrude Cozza

Gertrude Cozza, a resident of Yorktown, died peacefully May 21. She was 97.

She was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania to Onofrio and Mary Collura. She graduated from Pittston High School and shortly thereafter moved with her family to Mt. Vernon, New York, where she resided. She was a member of The Children of Mary at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mt. Vernon through 1949. She then traveled to Italy to marry Ben Cozza and within the year, returned to New York to set up residence and raise her family. She was a true homemaker, and family and friends were her passion and delight. She loved to host and frequently entertained her family in her home—it was the gathering place for many generations of family and friends. Everyone looked forward to her delicious meals, creampuffs, and sprinkle cookies. One could find her in the kitchen cooking or baking, and when not cooking or baking, she was relaxing in her favorite chair crocheting doilies, tablecloths, or bedspreads.

She is survived by her children, Frances (Thomas) Cerabona and Joseph (Barbara) Cozza of Yorktown, and Ernestina (Antonio) DiCairano of Staten Island, six grandchildren, Nancy (Steve) Scarfone,

Marissa (Lino) Fabris, Jaclyn Cozza, Thomas (Anne Marie) Cerabona Jr., Paul Cozza, Michael Cerabona, and twelve great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ben, and siblings Vincent Collura, Augustine Collura, Rita Corrado, and John Collura.

#### Claire Cucci

Claire Cucci, a Ticonderoga native and former resident of Croton-on Hudson, died of natural causes May 17 at her home in Los Angeles. She was 81.

Born Claire McCarthy, she was a graduate of Ticonderoga High School and Adirondack Community College. Before her marriage in October 1962, she graduated from the John Robert Powers School, Albany, N.Y. and attended Russell Sage College in Troy. She later worked in the editorial offices of the Albany Times Union newspaper.

She and her husband, John, met in 1961 in Glens Falls, where they both worked at the Glens Falls Insurance Company in the Public Relations Department. In 1968, Claire and her husband moved to Chicago. While in Chicago she attended Northwestern University. She was an avid reader and writer whose particular favorites were Thomas Wolfe, Thomas Mann, Marcel Proust and her favorite mystery writer, Agatha Christie.

When her husband was promoted and transferred to New York City they moved to the suburb of Croton-on-Hudson where Mrs. Cucci became publicity director for the Welcome Wagon organization. Additionally, she served as a paid part time assistant to the chief librarian of the Croton Free Library. She also worked as a Class Mother at the Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School. Along with other mothers she helped inaugurate and support their innovative open classroom program which became a model for other districts.

She and her husband celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in Croton before moving to Los Angeles in 2018 to be nearer to their children and grandchildren. Her husband remembered Claire as "the best of wives and best of women."

She is survived by her husband John; her sister Joan Hier of Ticonderoga; two sons, John T Cucci and his wife Claudette, and Timothy Cucci; two grandsons, Jack Cucci and Joe Cucci, all in Los Angeles; and several nieces and nephews. She loved them all most dearly.

#### Salvatore Anania

Salvatore J. Anania, a longtime resident of Crompond, died May 24. He was 70.

He was born in New York City on January 2, 1949 to Salvatore and Vita (Pellorito) Anania. Mr. Anania was an auto

mechanic and was the owner of Dyna-Hydra Service in Cortlandt. After selling the business in the late 1990s, he worked as a mechanic for FDNY in Long Island City, Queens, retiring after 10 years of service.

He enjoyed music, especially jazz, riding his motorcycle and day-trading in the stock market. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandsons, Andrew and Adam.

He is survived by his loving son, Andrew and his wife, Amy of Mahopac and their sons, Andrew and Adam, his companion, Ellie Treanor, his niece, Mary Perugini and her husband Danny and his nephew, Joseph Anania and his wife Margaret as well as his former wife, Carol Anania. He was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph and Vincent.

### Lillian Minter

Lillian Verdine (Cliett) Minter, a resident of Ossining, died May 18. She was 99.

Born August 25, 1919, she was an active member of the New Hope Institutional Baptist Church, where she served as a Deacon. Her husband, Deacon Blair M. Minter, died in 1969.

She is survived by her loving sister, Gloria Reynolds Macon, of Georgia; her loving children, Carolyn, Grace, Robert (Becky), Richard (Sharon), Maurice (Stephanie), Michael and Judythe Morris (whom she referred to as her other daughter); nine grandchildren (three predeceased), 18 great-grandchildren and 10-great-great grandchildren.

A wake will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at New Hope, 80-82 Central Avenue, Tarrytown, from 5 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, May 30, at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 304 Spring Street, Ossining, viewing will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A Celebration of Life Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by interment at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to New Hope-Scholarship Ministry.



### **Memorial Day 2019**

### Peekskill







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### **Peekskill Launches Cooking Program for Seniors**

The City of Peekskill has announced a new collaboration with NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital and Feeding Westchester to launch "Cooking for Health," a community cooking collaborative for seniors. The program began on April 24 and is held at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen.

"Cooking for Health" focuses on how seniors can support their health through good nutrition and hands-on cooking. Participants, all members of the City of Peekskill Senior Nutrition Program, a nutritionally at-risk population, will learn how to maximize a limited food budget.

The program is led by City of Peekskill Senior Services Site Manager Johnathan Zamora; Chef Emilie Berner, Chef and Coordinator of NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen; and Jodie Ferrari, R.D., Clinical Nutrition Manager at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital.

"Providing meaningful services like this to the vulnerable senior population is essential for our community's well-being and overall health," said Chef Zamora. "What makes our program innovative is the City's working relationships with NewYork-Presbyterian and Feeding Westchester. We've leveraged the collaborative strength of complementary or-



SUE GUZMAN PHOTO

On May 14, the City of Peekskill marked the launch of its new community cooking collaborative for seniors, "Cooking for Health," with a kick-off event at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. (Left to right:) Westchester County Executive George Latimer; Mayor Andre Rainey; Johnathan Zamora, Senior Services Site Manager, City of Peekskill; Angela Gonzalez-Perez, MPA, Vice President, Operations, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital; Chef Peter X. Kelly; Toby Pidgeon, Vice President of Operations, Feeding Westchester; and City Manager Richard Leins.

ganizations in a cross-functional way to develop a meaningful, realistic program for the senior participants."

"Cooking for Health" will run continually with each rotation comprised of five weekly classes. There is no cost to the

participants in the program.

"NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital is pleased to be a part of this important community initiative with the City of Peekskill and Feeding Westchester and is committed to working collaboratively with community groups to positively impact overall health in the Hudson Valley," said Angela Gonzalez-Perez, MPA, Vice President of Operations at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital. "The health and well-being of the residents in our community is of utmost importance to us and we look forward to finding new ways to reach at-risk populations while continuing to provide high quality care to our patients."

Feeding Westchester, which leads hunger action programs throughout Westchester County, has opened its food inventory to the City for the cooking class program as the enrollees' incomes make them eligible for food assistance.

Each "Cooking for Health" rotation is limited to 12participants. Transportation to and from the teaching kitchen originating from the Peekskill Senior Center is provided by the City of Peekskill. For more information or to register, contact Chef Johnathan Zamora at 914-734-4250 ext. 2 or jzamora@cityofpeekskill.com.

The City of Peekskill's Senior Nutrition Program provides a fresh hot lunch Mondays through Fridays with transportation both to and from the Senior Center. Those over the age of 60 who identify as medically homebound can qualify for meal delivery service upon completion of a home assessment. Peekskill's Senior Center is located at 4 Nelson Avenue.

### **Local School Budgets, Propositions Approved**

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carrying a 2% districtwide tax increase, was approved 351-94.

Three incumbents ran unopposed on the Board of Election for new three-year terms: President Michael Simpkins (361 votes), Vice President Maria Pereira (365) and Trustee Jillian Villon (322).

### Ossining

A \$134 million budget in the Ossining School District was approved 1,125-

336

The Ossining Board of Education will have two members this summer as incumbents Lisa Murray (president) and Bill Kress did not seek reelection. They will be replaced by Melissa Banta and Aaron Spring, both of whom ran unsuccessfully in 2018 and were unopposed this year.

#### Croton

A \$48.5 million budget in the Croton-

Harmon School District was approved 415-69. Estimated tax increases are 2.54% for Cortlandt residents and 0.74% for Yorktown residents. A proposition on the ballot not to exceed \$295,000 for the purchase of one 66-passenger bus, two eight-passenger caravans and one facilities truck also was approved.

In the uncontested Board of Education race, President Iris Bugliosi (425 votes) and Trustee Joshua Diamond (401) were reelected.

# **Arrests Made Home Invasion**

Continued from page 3 class C felony.

All three subjects were arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court. The 18-year-old was remanded to Westchester County in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or secured bond. Orozco was remanded to Westchester County Jail without bail, and Tyler was remanded in lieu of \$7,500 cash bail or secure bond.

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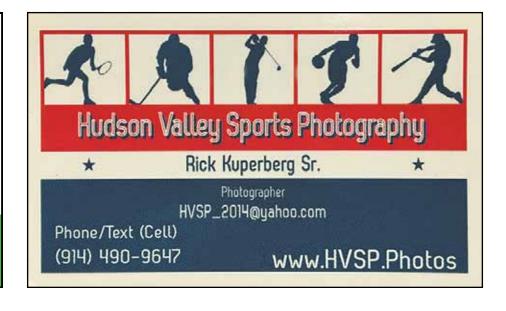
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#### Tuesday, May 28

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

Art Class: Botanical Drawing will be held on every Tuesday from today through June 25 at the Cedar Lane Arts Center, 235 Cedar Lane, Ossining. The \$185 cost includes materials for all the classes. To register visit: https://register.communitypass.net/reg/cat\_program\_class\_detail.cfm?s&t&season\_id=18796&program\_id=976535.

#### Wednesday, May 29

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

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

### Thursday, May 30

Zionism Discussion: Guest lecturer Rabbi William Berman, rabbi emeritus of the Commack Jewish Center, will discuss "Zionism and Religion: Friends and Foes" at 10:30 a.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter. org.

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.

IBM Retirees Meeting: The Tri-State IBM Retirees will meet at the United Methodist Church meeting hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. The scheduled speakers, Allison Jaffe and Alice Tseng, will cover lifestyle options for retirees to remain in their long-time home or move to a new home. Set up is at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments at 1 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Attendee count will be taken for the June 27 luncheon. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

**Body Art:** Mehndi Body Art with Margie will be held at the Somers Library from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Space is limited, please register on our online events calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call the library at 914-232-5717. IMPORTANT: All participants must have a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian.

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.

### Friday, May 31

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. There will be Scouts Shabbat services Temple Beth Am welcomes all past and present scouts for Shabbat. During the service, we will honor all those participating in scouting programs from Daisies and Cubs to Gold Awards and Eagles. The service will also highlight "service to others" through music and prayer. Come join us for an uplifting Shabbat Service. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

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, June 1

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

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 at140 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, pastureraised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

**Peekskill Open Studios:** Join thousands of art lovers and visit the studios, galleries, museums and artists of Peekskill from noon to 5 p.m. on June 1 and 2. Info: peekskillatsallicance.org.

Library Art Exhibit: Throughout the month of June oil painting created by Mindy Yanish will be displayed at the Somers Library. On opening reception will be held today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Fish Fry/BBQ: The Peekskill Presbyterian Church will hold a Fish Fr/BBQ to support its scholarship fund from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Info: LMJ92455@yahoo.com or 913-924-3461.

Jazz Masters Series: Westchester Collaborative Theater continues its Jazz Masters music series with internationally known, Grammy-nominated musician Enrique Haneine whose album, The Mind's Mural, reached #1 on the NACC Top 30 Jazz Charts. Haneine and his band will be appearing for two sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets, which are \$20 per set, can be purchased online at: https://ehaneine2019.brownpapertickets.com/. Limited seating will be available and advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended.

### Sunday, June 2

Antique Road Show: An Antique Appraisal Road Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brewster Elks Lodge, 1430 Route 22. The event, which will be presented by Astor Galleries, will benefit the Brewster Elks. Info: info@astorgalleries.com, 800-784-7876 or www.astorgalleries.com.

### Crossword

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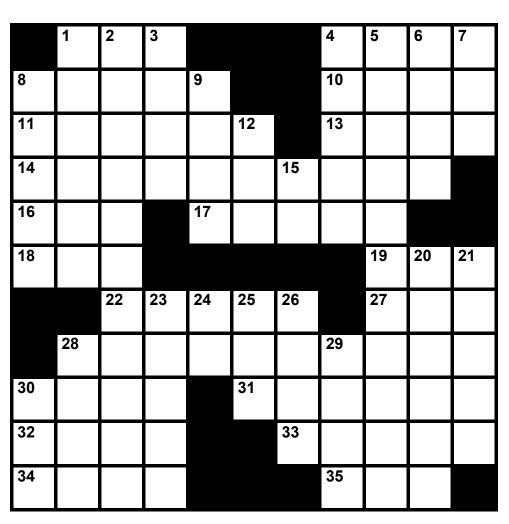
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- 8. 2010 Super Bowl MVP
- 10. Canal sites
- 11. Make bubbly
- 13. Ailing
- 14. Dodger catcher Roy or Mahopac fencing company
- 16. Evidence collectors
- 17. Smooth over
- 18. Asian capital
- 19. Frequently
- 22. Grace, of Will and Grace
- 27. According to .....
- 28. Handyman's essential
- 30. Salon creation
- 31. Summer cooler
- 32. Drive away
- 33. Long stories
- 34. Chinese secret society
- 35. Summer wear

### **DOWN**

- 1. Fold
- 2. Opposite of creation
- 3. Bring in
- 4. Inventor Nikola
- 5. Where to go for these
- "wooden walls,"

Mahopac \_\_\_\_s

- 6. Marine menace
- 7. "For shame!"
- 8. Tobacco in slang
- 9. A heavenly body
- 12. Helm heading
- 15. Friendly alien
- 20. Winter wear
- 21. Skater Lipinski and others
- 23. Dashboard control
- 24. Old record
- 25. Samuel's teacher, in the Bible
- 26. Derby event
- 28. Manhattan neighborhood
- 29. Part of U.S.D.A., abbr.
- 30. Austin time



### Inspired by the Beauty and Bounty of Nature's Synergies

If it grows together, it goes together.

We're moving into the height of the growing season here in the Hudson Valley. I visited the Pleasantville Farmers Market this past weekend and was smitten with the array of farm-fresh produce,

dairy products, organic meats and other culinary components that tantalized my home-chef's palate.

The spring offerings are especially appealing to me. Yes, in several weeks, beautiful tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and berries will be abundant at the market. But there is a special attraction to the market as we come out of the doldrums of late winter into the vibrancy of spring.

A cornucopia of greenery, be it lettuces, peas or asparagus or highly seasonal offer-

ings such as ramps, spring garlic and fiddlehead ferns, provide inspiration after the profusion of flowering spring shrubs I admired on my short journey to the

Of course, my wine-centric mind immediately segued to the wines being offered. This week Fjord Winery was featured in a stall next to its Hudson Valley neighbor, Neversink Farms. I began to focus on a theme for a meal. If it grows together, it goes together.

My palate began to salivate as I mean-

dered from stall to stall, picking up fresh greens along the way, staples for a spring garden salad to pair with a Fjord Rosé.

If it grows together, it goes together.

This farm- and vinevard-totable practice has been evolving for millennia. Early man's trial-and-error approach to farming and winemaking became intertwined with the culture and traditions of societies across the globe. Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans cultivated grapes and produced wine as an accompaniment to meals prepared from indigenous crops and local cattle, hogs and lamb.

The Romans developed and refined food culture in each land they conquered. They sought to plant grapes that were compatible with local crops. These are the symbiotic practices that are sustained today.

When I travel abroad, I'm impressed with the seeming coincidental compatibility of certain food dishes with regional wines. How many of us have marveled at how well Chianti pairs with local tomato dishes or bistecca alla fiorentina in Tuscany? Or Barolo and Barbaresco wine with the hearty game and fowl dishes of Piedmont? Or remember enjoying a light seafood meal in Provence with a locally produced Rosé?

None of these ethereal pairings are coincidental. They evolved over centuries of experimentation and refinement.

If it grows together, it goes together.

Here in the United States, we've come full circle in the last hundred years. Until the late 20th century the farm-to-table diet was common; as global trade evolved and modern transportation methods emerged, our palates expanded well beyond the local farm. The abundance of food ingredients grew exponentially and year-round availability of produce from across the globe became the standard. Fresh berries in the dead of winter? No problem. Cargo ships and planes delivered fresh South American strawberries to our doorsteps every day.

However, over the past 25 years our focus and sensibility has changed. Now, we seek out local foodstuffs whenever possible. We are supporting local farmers and winemakers, who are gaining a foothold in the marketplace - and the carbon footprint of their products is much smaller than that of imported food sources.

The United States is a mosaic of ethnic diversity - in our culture and our cuisine. Recently, winemakers have taken this diversity into the vineyards. Indigenous grape varietals of distant wine regions have been acclimated to the American terroir, retaining Old World charm but expressing themselves with a new freedom not found in their native lands.

Next week I'll explore this recent phenomenon as it has manifested itself in California and the American Northwest. California now grows many international food ingredients and produces wines from many international grapes. Local wines and food have become the new international standard for the farmlands of central and northern California.

In the meantime, I'll be heading to the Pleasantville Farmers Market this weekend for another experiment in pairing local food products and wine.

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### The Most Practical Room in the House – the Kitchen Pantry

As I opened the door to my condo's kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack,

it occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and wondered how I ever managed without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a "butler's pantry" which we hadn't had before. To me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home should have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It's where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appli-

ances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under the bottom shelf.

Being naturally curious about the origin of things, I also wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on through the ages so-

cially, economically and, today, architecturally.

The word pantry comes from the French word paneterie, a form

of the word pain, which means bread. In medieval times, food and supplies were stored in specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder, alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was placed in the pantry.

In Europe, traditionally, the butler's pantry was used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen-related items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

In America, pantries evolved from "butteries," built

in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in self-sufficient farm-steads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheese-cakes, pastries, eggs and butter were commonly kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Prior to World War II, America's small-

er homes did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage. To fill the need for kitchen storage, the Hoosier cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Co. in Indiana, was created in the early 1900s to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home.

Most Hoosier cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with built-in storage bins and containers for every-day items like flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier cabinets today are found mostly on eBay. For those that don't have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store a lot of items, particularly if they are equipped with pull-out can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. The lazy Susan helps with access to items that would normally be stored in the back of a shelf. Pull-out shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items together and organized.

Because pantries can store some things

that can be quite small, it can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places for bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

In today's homes, butler's pantries can serve as an "in between" room located between the kitchen and dining room. Typically, you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the heart of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.

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Under this settlement agreement, an aggrieved persons fund consisting of a tota amount of \$30,000.00 was established to compensate persons who may have suffered as result of the alleged lack of accessible features. A person may be entitled to receive monetary relief if, in relation to Sutton Manor, he or she:

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(Solution to puzzle on page 19)

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