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## CHHOP Launches Unity Challenge to Help Needy

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) has launched a summer challenge to bring local businesses and organizations closer as a community to help alleviate hunger and homelessness in the area.

One of the primary goals of the Peekskill Summer Challenge, which runs from July 25 through September 21, is to empower individuals and veterans who are homeless to become independent

and ensure all Peekskill families have enough healthy and nutritious food.

"Hunger and homelessness in our community affect all of us. When our loved ones, veterans and neighbors go hungry without a safe place to sleep at night, the strength of our families and our economy suffers," said Cynthia Knox, CEO of CHHOP. "Fortunately, we hold the power to alleviate hunger and homelessness in Peekskill and one day across Westchester County. The Peek-

skill Summer Challenge offers an important opportunity for local businesses, faith leaders and residents alike to take a stand against homelessness and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together."

There are approximately 200,000 residents that Westchester County classifies as being "food insecure." Among them, 1,750 individuals experience homelessness. The food pantry run by CHHOP in Peekskill helps

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Cynthia Knox, CHHOP CEO, (left) at a staff appreciation day picnic Friday at Riverfront Green in Peekskill.



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

### Honoring Mariano

Hundreds of fans turned out Saturday morning at a Pinstripe Parade to honor New York Yankees legend and recent unanimous Hall of Fame inductee Mariano Rivera in New Rochelle, where he received a key to the city. **For more photos, see page 10.**

## Ossining Police Don't Interfere with ICE Agents in Village

BY RICK PEZZULLO

The Ossining Police Department does not interfere with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when federal agents come to the village.

That was part of the message Police Chief Kevin Sylvester conveyed to the Board of Trustees last week during a work session discussion on a proposed general order prohibiting police from assisting or having any contact with ICE.

"I don't have any relationship with them. I don't stand up for them. We cannot prevent it. We can't stop it," Sylvester said. "It wouldn't be our position to step in front of them."

Sylvester, who noted he had not had any contact with ICE "in quite some time," said sometimes ICE will give Ossining Police a heads-up that they will

be visiting. When that occurs, police will have a car in the vicinity, just in case.

"We're not assisting them. We're not interfering with them. We're not vetting their paperwork," he explained. "We're not there to play judge on the scene. We're not the liaison for ICE to the residents to explain what they're doing. The benefit here is local cops know the area and provide an extra layer of protection in case something bad happens."

The issue and proposed general order were brought up by trustees Omar Herrera and Quantel Bazemore to address concerns raised in the village by residents.

"There has been heightened fear and threats on a national and state level in terms of immigration," Herrera said.

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about 400 individuals each week, while the Jan Peek House shelter it operates provides a temporary home for about 25 residents.

"As a third generation Peekskill business owner, I understand firsthand how important it is that we come together to alleviate homelessness and hunger in our community," said Charles (Chuck) J. Newman, president of Charles Newman Co. on South Street. "I'm proud to partner with CHHOP for the Peekskill Summer Challenge and help bring us that much closer

to ensuring everyone in Peekskill has access to the essential resources they need to thrive. It's a smart move for our local economy and also simply the right thing to do."

Community members, businesses and organizations are invited to participate in the challenge by displaying a poster in their store, organization or place of residence; hosting a donation box for nonperishable food items; dropping off food or new clothing at the Jan Peek House at 200 North Water Street in Peekskill; stopping by the CHHOP table at the Peekskill Farmers Market; participating in one-on-one men-

toring and/or job training with CHHOP residents; or making a contribution at [www.chhop.org](http://www.chhop.org).

"We all share a responsibility to look out for the most vulnerable among us and I am deeply grateful for all that CHHOP does to support those in our community who struggle with hunger and homelessness," said Pastor Carlos R. Figueroa Colombani of Peekskill Methodist Church. "Any of us could be one bad health scare or car accident away from living on the brink of homelessness. I am proud to join my neighbors in raising awareness about these important

issues."

CHHOP, a non-profit organization, raised the ire of a host of residents when it proposed relocating the Jan Peek House, the only homeless shelter in northern Westchester, to Washington Street. Following months of debate at Common Council meetings, CHHOP announced it had scuttled those plans and is looking elsewhere. However, its application before the city to rezone the property on Washington Street has never been withdrawn.

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"This is of high concern to all of us. This is an opportunity for us to do what little we can do as elected officials."

Mayor Victoria Gearity witnessed ICE agents detain someone in her neighborhood in June 2017 near a bus stop.

"I don't want us to perpetuate the divisiveness rhetoric. Our goal should be to have a plan going forward to improve trust

in our community," she said.

Instead of a general order, Gearity suggested it might be more effective for the Board of Trustees to give the Police Department a directive on expanding an already improved relationship with the Hispanic community in the village.

Sylvester agreed there was a lot of value in discussing police procedures with residents.

"There is a never-ending

mission to inform our residents of what we do, why we do it and what we stand for," he said. "Perception is not going to come down in a general order. It will come down from years of hard work. I think we have a lot of work to do, and we have a lot of options."

Ossining Police Chief Kevin Sylvester



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### Q: Can I afford the advanced LDCT screening?

**A:** The screening is covered by Medicare and most commercial insurers. If you meet the criteria, and don't have commercial insurance or Medicare, NWH can help — with many payment options and below-average pricing. If you can benefit from the screening, we make sure you get it.

### Q: What steps should I take?

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# Police Blotter

## STATE POLICE

**July 24** - State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Rafael V. Bermejo, 44, of Cortlandt, for Menacing in the 2nd degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, all class A misdemeanors, and Troy A. Brooks, age 25, of Corning, NY, for Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor. At approximately 6:42 p.m., troopers responded to Oregon Road in the Town of Cortlandt after being called by Bermejo, who stated a road worker struck his vehicle. Investigation found Bermejo acted in an erratic and aggressive manner, disobeyed a construction site flag person's directions, and drove through a construction zone. The flag person, Brooks, then struck Bermejo's vehicle as he drove through an active work zone which did cause damage to the vehicle. Bermejo left the scene to drop his young child off at home, unsupervised, and returned to the construction zone with a baseball bat to threaten workers. Both Bermejo and Brooks were issued appearance tickets returnable in Town of Cortlandt August 1.

**July 21** - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Jorge R. Crespo, 38, of Croton-on-Hudson, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Robert Kristoferson, 25, of Putnam Valley, for DWI. He was traveling on Oregon Road East in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

**July 20** - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Vanessa M. Bermeo, 24, of Peekskill, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt when she was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

## YORKTOWN POLICE

**July 27** - 9:51 p.m. - Kafian Gooden, 36, of East Hartford, CT, was charged with reckless driving and numerous traffic violations after being observed on Crompond Road traveling on a motorcycle at a high rate of speed. A police officer attempted to initiate a vehicle and traffic stop by activating the emergency lights and sirens. However, Gooden continued and turned onto the Taconic State Parkway northbound with signaling. Gooden was allegedly traveling at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour while unsafely passing other motorists and committing traffic violations. He

is due back in Yorktown Town Court September 3.

**July 23** - 5:22 p.m. - Two unidentified 16-year-old females from Peekskill and three unidentified 15-year-old females from Peekskill were charged with juvenile delinquency after police responded to a report of a larceny in progress at Macy's in the Jefferson Valley Mall. An investigation revealed the juveniles stole property valued at \$572. They were issued a Family Court Appearance Ticket and are due to appear in the Westchester County Department of Probation August 13.



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## Business of the Week

BY NEAL RENTZ

Cortlandt resident Ish Alter said last week that many similar computer consulting businesses have come and gone since 1980, but Mister Computer has thrived over the same nearly four-decade period since he opened it.

Alter said entering the technology field was a natural transition for him because he studied mathematics and computer science in college.

Alter noted that Mister Computer, which has a Croton mailing address, offers a wide variety of home and business technology services including networking, virus and spyware removal, security, remote control and access services, hardware repairs and upgrades, and maintenance and technology consulting. Mister Computer makes its customers computers work faster, can connect an iPod to a computer, sets up wireless networks and modernize computers.

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The logo for Mister Computer in Cortlandt, which was opened by town resident Ish Alter in 1980.

cally, we worry about your computers, so you don't have to."

"No problem is too small, no task is too large and there's no such thing as a stupid question. Mister Computer can help you with all your computer needs," the company stated on its website.

Alter said typically his company makes service calls to homes and businesses, but his customers also have the option to bring their computers to the business.

Mister Computer has customers from "all over Westchester County" and into Putnam Valley, Alter said.

Alter said his business has been successful because of the consistent qual-

## Mister Computer Cortlandt

ity service it has provided over the years. Since the company has been in business it has been extremely rare for a client to make a complaint, he said.

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# Elected Officials Vow to Seek Accurate 2020 Census Count

BY NEAL RENTZ

Several elected officials vowed to seek an accurate 2020 census count during a meeting last week in White Plains.

The New York State Complete Count Commission held the public hearing at the New York Power Authority headquarters.

Next year's census made headlines in June when the U.S. Supreme Court voted to not allow the Trump Administration to put a citizenship question on 2020 census forms.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the county has set up its own 2020 census committee and municipalities in Westchester have created their own committees. "We all understand that there's over 100 federal programs that total billions of dollars of aid that are allocated based on census data," Latimer said.

Some of the federal programs that allocate funds based on census data include Medicare, Medicaid, highway planning and construction, mass transit funding, Pell Grants for higher education, Community Development Block grants for infrastructure projects, special education programs and Head Start, he said.

There must be an accurate count during next year's census, Latimer said. In working on how to allocate the additional revenues to municipalities from the recently approved higher county sales tax, "I immediately saw where an undercount deprives community A or community B of revenue



Westchester County Executive George Latimer

that they both need and deserve," he said.

Latimer said preparation for next year's census count is the first time in his experience, "where there's this kind of willingness and energy of the local levels of government" to have a complete count statewide. The effort for an accurate count requires public education campaigns and outreach to residents, Latimer said.

At least seven communities in Westchester have created 2020 census committees so far, Latimer said. State funding needs to be sent to the county for next year's count, he said.

Patricia Keegan, district director for

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), read a statement on behalf of Lowey.

Lowey stated, "The Commission is doing critical work to prepare for the 2020 census, ensuring that we get an accurate count."

New York residents send more in taxes dollars to the federal government to other states than it receives back, Lowey stated. "It is essential that we get our fair share of federal support," she stated, adding that in the 2016 fiscal year the state received more than \$73 billion from 55 federal programs that was guided by 2010 census data.

Lowey stated that she opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to have a citizenship question on the 2020 census questionnaires. "In Washington I have opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to limit participation in the census at every turn," she stated. "In fact, before the Supreme Court ruled against the administration, as Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee I insured that the House passed funding bills supporting the census and blocked the citizenship question by law." The House bill included a \$4.6 billion increase for the census, Lowey stated.

"We can't get an accurate count without adequate funding," Lowey said. "Unfortunately, this administration chose to play political football with a fundamental function of our government by attempting to add the nefarious citizenship question. It was an unnecessary addition and a clear attack on im-

migrant and other minority communities."

Aside from the state commission's work, efforts have begun in her Congressional district through county and local census committees, Lowey stated. "We must ensure that people feel safe enough to participate in the census by coordinating with local stakeholders to get the word out and make sure groups that are vulnerable to underestimation are heard," she stated.

Caleb Hersh, chief of staff for Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining), said there were undercounts in her district during the 2010 census and portions of her district "have historically been undercounted," he said.

"It is cruelly ironic that many places that need the most public assistance are also the most undercounted," Hersh said. "This impairs the ability of our already struggling communities to get critical aid. Many residents in our district struggle with poverty and lack of Internet access making it difficult for them to obtain critical census information."

Commission Co-Chair Jim Malatras told Hersh the Commission is seeking to have the people Hersh was referring to in his comments respond to next year's census. Malatras said if new people are coming into the district, that population needs to be reflected in next year's census count. He added that immigrants might be apprehensive about responding to the census questionnaire even though the citizenship question will not be part of next year's count.



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## Obituaries

### Bryan R. Panzanaro

Bryan R. Panzanaro, a lifelong Peekskill resident, died July 25 while on a business trip to Seattle, Washington. He was 45.

Mr. Panzanaro was a Regional Manager in the Aviation Division of ABM Industries Inc. which is headquartered in New York City. In an internal communication announcing his shocking passing to the employees of ABM, he was eulogized by his company as "an incredible manager, colleague, father and husband. His dedication and commitment have been an integral part of our success and growth in the Northeast." The statement went on to quote his manager, who said, "He is the sweetest, hardest-working, humble and caring person I know."

He was a graduate of Peekskill High School, Class of 1992, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV).

Mr. Panzanaro was an avid basketball player, fan and coach. He served as the Head Coach for the Modified and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams at Peekskill High

School, as well as Assistant Head Coach of the Varsity squad and enriched the lives of hundreds of young men along the way. He loved playing golf, watching and rooting for the New York Knicks, Yankees and the New York Giants. He had a green thumb and enjoyed spending time in the kitchen and at the barbecue grill. Most of all, however, he loved cooking Sunday dinner for his wife and daughters which he did just about every week of the year.

He leaves behind his wife Kimberly (Vesce) and four beautiful daughters; Emilie (18), Ava (15), Nina (13) and Ella (8). He is survived by his parents Sharon Skinner and Louis W. Panzanaro, Jr., sisters Stacy, Kim and Sarah, and brother Michael. He is also survived by his mother and father-in-law, sister and brother-in-law, stepmother, step-sister, step-brother and a large number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Louis W. Panzanaro III.

Visitation to be held at Joseph F. Nardone Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 31, from 3 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Augustine Church in Ossining on Thursday, August 1, at 10 a.m.

### Barbara Bates

Barbara Neuner Bates of Brewster, New York and West Gloucester, Rhode Is-

land, formerly of Ossining (Briarcliff Manor), died July 13 at home. She was 92.



Barbara Neuner Bates

Affectionately known as "Ma" to her family and many friends, she was born April 8, 1927 in Mount Vernon, New York to Dr. John J. W. and Dr. Elsie Flint Neuner. She is survived by her three children Robin (Joe) Jamin of Cold Spring, Terry Bates of West Gloucester, Rhode Island, and Jon Bates of Brewster. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Christine (Lisa) Jamin, Melissa (Bill) Rossano, Brandy Lynn Bates, Amanda (Tim) Walshjain, Vanessa (Zack) Austin, Kyle (Jessica) Bates, and Charly Ann Bates; and 12 great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Ryan, and Nicholas Rossano, Morgan and Hailey Jamin, Colin and Owen Walshjain, Addison and Trevor Harris, Willow and Milo Austin, and Elliott Bates. Ma's family will always be eternally grateful for the unwavering support, encouragement and unconditional love she gave each of them.

She graduated from A.B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon, and Barnard College, New York City, with a major in geology. She married Herman Martin Bates on March 25, 1950. From 1950-1953, they

lived in St. Louis, Missouri where they worked for H. Bates Company, a family-owned fabric business. After moving to Ossining, she was Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Ossining from 1960-1963, and was subsequently elected Receiver of Taxes from 1971 until her retirement in 1990. She was a 73-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was affiliated with the New York Mohegan, Melzingah, and Enoch Crosby Chapters, the Rhode Island Independence Chapter, and the Martha's Vineyard Seacoast Defence Chapter. She was also a sustaining member of the Junior League of Westchester, the Ossining and Westchester Women's Clubs, the Rhode Island, Ossining and Westchester Historical Societies, and the Gloucester Heritage Society (RI).

After Herman's death in 1999, she moved to Brewster and actively continued her community work, volunteering at the Putnam Community Action Partnership (CAP), the Putnam Humane Society, the Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast, and was a member of the Brewster/Carmel Garden Club.

### Randy Jefferson

Randy E. Jefferson, a resident of Peekskill, died on July 16. He was 59.

He was born in Windsor, North Caro-

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# Peekskill Schools Appoint Austin Goldberg as New Athletic Director

The Peekskill City School District appointed Austin Goldberg to the position of Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics at Peekskill City School District. Goldberg will begin his new role on August 14.

Goldberg brings with him more than 15 years of experience in education and athletics. He was born and raised on Long Island and is a graduate of Comsewogue High School. In addition, he is a former Division 1 College Athlete from the University of Hartford, where he played baseball. He spent 10 years in the East Ramapo Central School District. Goldberg was a teacher in the areas of Health, Physical Education and Adaptive Physical Education there, as well as an Athletic Coordinator. He was the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Varsity Volleyball Coach, as well as football, soccer, baseball and girl's

basketball coach at various levels in East Ramapo.

Goldberg comes to Peekskill from the Tuckahoe Union Free School District where he was their Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics. Throughout his tenure at Tuckahoe Union Free School District, he developed a strong, positive school and community climate. He had two different teams win the Section I Team Sportsmanship award. In his three years at Tuckahoe, he oversaw four Section championship teams, four State Regional semi-finalists, and started Tuckahoe's first lacrosse program in school history. He also worked hand in hand with the student athletes, coordinating various fundraisers and philanthropies. Additionally, he partnered with the Parent Teacher Association to bring presentations on cur-

rent issues facing young adults and athletes to the district.

Goldberg holds a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Hartford, a master's in Physical Education from Adelphi University and obtained his administration post graduate degree in Education Leadership from Stony Brook University. He is a life-long learner who is proud to begin this new chapter of his education career here at Peekskill City School District.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Goldberg to the Peekskill family," said Peekskill Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio. "We know our athletic program and student-athletes will flourish under his leadership."

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at Peekskill," said Goldberg. "I look forward to meeting and supporting all of the students, faculty, and community. Go Red Devils!"



Austin Goldberg



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## Letters to the Editor

### Peekskill's Energy Initiatives are Both Green and Transparent

#### To the Editor:

I take issue with the Examiner's editorial on the City of Peekskill's green initiatives as implemented through the Honeywell contract and also with the local Republicans' argument that this process was not transparent. The Common Council and City staff devoted 18 months to develop an environmentally sensitive, revenue neutral program which will ensure the viability of City facilities, save energy and tax dollars, and reduce the City's carbon footprint by more than 1,100 tons of carbon a year.

Unfortunately, we live in a world today that negates compromise and encourages the feeling that even after due diligence, a proposal not meeting all expectations is somehow deficient or "not transparent". This ignores mitigating factors like budget restrictions, land use, viability, immediate energy savings, and additional costs to the taxpayers.

As for the process, it was both transparent and conducted in accordance with

policy, practice, and law.

- In the 2nd Quarter of 2018 the Council agreed publicly to do a Comprehensive energy audit for which the recommendations would be cost neutral to the city.

- In June 2018 the council voted unanimously, by public resolution, to select Honeywell to conduct the energy audit.

- In October 2018 Honeywell provided the City with the results of the energy audit and, in December 2018, sent out a public RFP, seeking a company that would implement the audit's recommendations. The City received 7 responses of which 2 companies submitted actual proposals, Honeywell being one of the two. It was public knowledge that Honeywell was selected for the project.

- On June 24, 2019 Honeywell presented the project publicly to the council. The report was posted on the City Website and was available to the public for review in City Hall.

- On July 1, 2019, a resolution was

placed on the public agenda to approve the contract. The Council heard public comment and concerns on the project AND they held the resolution so that City staff could address citizens' concerns and meet with geo-thermal experts.

To quote Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, the Honeywell Proposal "is essentially a great plan," albeit she voted against it because she believed it could be better. It's what we Democrats call the right of free expression; the Democratic process. We are proud of the freedom our Party encourages among our council, voters and supporters to speak their minds, to offer constructive criticism and to stand by their principles. We could only hope those running on the Republican line, who have criticized the Council action and put their Party ambitions before principles, might follow in kind.

**DREW CLAXTON**  
Peekskill

### Selective Editorial on Agudelo was Puzzling

#### To the Editor:

As someone who was present at the Peekskill Common Council Meeting discussion of the \$4.3 million Honeywell energy performance contract, I am a bit puzzled by your newspaper's selective editorial support for Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo's show of independence.

Your editorial offers her support in breaking away from her colleagues on the Council by voting NO on the Honeywell energy performance contract, but laments her standing in silent protest during the

recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I'm sure your editorial board is aware of the fact that peaceful protest is a Constitutional right and those that exert it on the basis of deeply held principals exhibit an independence that should be commended regardless of personal feelings.

As a constituent, I, along with many others support her reluctance to pledge allegiance if she believes her country, as represented by its present leadership, is engaging in immoral actions that disgrace the flag and dishonor our Democracy.

That, in my opinion, is an excellent example of freedom of expression...particularly to our youth. So if you truly admire her courage to speak out, to have an independent voice in the Honeywell vote, please consider doing so without currying favor from Mr. Vesce and his Together Team looking to make a political statement at Ms. Agudelo's expense.

Respectfully,

**JAY FORBES**  
Peekskill

### Candidate Slater Should Get His Facts Straight

#### To the Editor:

Matt Slater's campaign literature implies that almost everything that former Senator Murphy did, as State Senator, was orchestrated by Slater himself. He portrays himself as a key party to every bill and every legislative action of Senator Murphy. As a candidate for Yorktown Town Supervisor, Slater should be well versed in Yorktown Town policies, as well versed as he portrays himself to be in the actions of Murphy during the State Senate term. Therefore, it was quite a surprise to see Slater making false accusations about one of Yorktown's Town policies.

When you read Matt Slater's latest alarmist commentary on the parks in Yorktown, you are led to believe that the Parks and Recreation department is using poison on the grounds of the parks. He even shares a picture of how his own lawn service posts a sign indicating areas that were recently treated. Slater asks why the town doesn't do the same.

Well, the Town of Yorktown doesn't use poisons. There's no danger about which to

warn anyone. Slater should know that, if it is as he seems to claim that he was Mr. Murphy's right-hand man all these many years, and if he is collaborating with Councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman the way that he likes to imply. You'd think that he would have the facts to support his claims.

To be clear, Yorktown uses a citrus-based herbicide that isn't dangerous to people or pets! Slater should know this because it's in the town code as passed by Murphy, Diana and Lachterman a decade ago.

At a Yorktown Town Board meeting on May 19, 2009, a Pesticide Management Policy, Resolution #209 was passed unanimously: "Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown will eliminate all pesticide use, including insecticides and herbicides on all Town-owned property."

At a Yorktown Town Board meeting on March 23, 2010, the policy was amended in Resolution #163,

to clarify that the elimination of pesti-

cides, including insecticides and herbicides applied to Town turf, would stand and that, as a last resort, chemical measures could be used to remove and prevent the future infestation of insects and rodents to town structures. These means would have to be used in the most effective and eco-friendly manner as is possible.

Then, in 2017 an amendment was unanimously passed, Resolution #260, to clarify that herbicides may be used on Town property for the removal of vegetative growth on walkways, parking lots, sidewalks and curbsides, but prohibited herbicide use on playing fields and playground surfaces.

No pesticides have been used on Yorktown Town property since 2009. Slater should know that. Why would he try to scare families into thinking their children are being exposed to poisons? Mr. Slater, get your facts straight before you make unfounded accusations. A candidate for Yorktown Town Supervisor should know better.

**BOB STONE**



# Local Residents Chosen as Support Connection Walk Ambassadors

Support Connection, Inc. has announced the selection of two local residents as Walk Ambassadors for their Annual Support-A-Walk which will take place on Sunday, October 6, (rain or shine) at FDR Park in Yorktown. The Walk brings attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer and raises funds for Support Connection's free counseling and other support services for those affected by these diseases. Walk Ambassadors are people who share their personal stories to illustrate the spirit and purpose of this uplifting annual event. In honor of the Walk's 25th anniversary, this year's Ambassadors were chosen because of their longtime participation in the event.

Paula Natale (Shrub Oak): Natale recently celebrated her 20-year anniversary as a breast cancer survivor. In 1999, when she learned of her diagnosis, she was understandably devastated and didn't know where to turn. That's why she is so grateful that friends told her about Support Connection. When she called the organization for the first time, she was surprised but pleased and comforted to hear the voice of a longtime friend: Support Connection's Executive Director Katherine Quinn.

From that day forward, she knew Support Connection was there for her. She participated in support groups and met other women who understood what she was going through. As she recovered and began feeling better Natale became one of the organization's most enthusiastic cheerleaders. Any time she meets anyone who is dealing with breast or ovarian cancer, in addition to offering them hope by sharing her experiences, she encourages them to reach out to Support Connection for the help she knows is waiting for them. She said, "I tell women Support Connection will help them get through cancer, from start to finish. The people there are so warm and caring. They helped me get through all these years."



Paula Natale (Shrub Oak) and Melissa Frederick (Cortlandt) have been selected as the Ambassadors for this year's Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer to be held on Oct. 6th at FDR State Park in Yorktown.

Over the past 20 years, Natale and her family have attended numerous Support Connection events. They never miss the Support-A-Walk, walking with friends (including her NY-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital "family") who all believe in the cause. They've raised thousands of dollars altogether. Her son, Steve Kollias, recently joined Support Connection's Board of Directors. She couldn't be more proud or more pleased.

Natale is honored to be a Walk Ambassador this year. She said, "I want to try to give back to help other people the way Support Connection helped me." She encourages everyone to join her to see for themselves the power of support: "What strikes

me the most is the thousands of people who show up for the Walk. It shows love, courage, and hope in all of these people's faces."

Melissa Frederick (Cortlandt): Frederick's involvement with the Support-A-Walk began in 2007. Her mom, Maria DeMichele, had been diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer three years earlier, so when they heard about the Walk, they gathered a group of family and friends to form a team "Maria's Marauders." The Walk was also Frederick's introduction to Support Connection; she was grateful to find a place where she could receive free counseling and other support services to help her cope with the impact cancer had on her life. As she put it: "Support Connection gave my

mom a feeling of empowerment and control over a situation where she had none. They were so knowledgeable and helpful; they reached out to her all the time and were like a second family."

Frederick lost her mom to the disease in 2011 but Support Connection is still an important part of her life. She said, "It's a pretty incredible organization. Everyone there has played such a major role in support not only for my mom, but also for me and the rest of our family. Just knowing there's someone to go to is so valuable."

The team Frederick's mom started continues to walk every year in her memory. In addition to numerous family members and friends, she brings her three children who range in age from 18 months to six years. She said it's a very special day: "We come to the Walk and still feel like she's walking with us. I think of my mom all the time, we all do, but at the Walk, we're all thinking of her at the same time. It's a feeling you don't get anywhere else."

As a Walk Ambassador she encourages others to participate and raise funds: "It's extraordinary to be part of something where everyone really understands what you're going through or have been through - for the fighters, the families and friends. You're surrounded by signs and shirts with pictures and team names honoring those who have fought against cancer. It's truly empowering to know you never stand alone, you walk together." She added: "Support Connection helped my mom and our family tremendously. But it's also so rewarding to raise funds for an organization that supports our entire community - maybe even your neighbor... co-worker... family member. That's pretty special."

To donate to the Support-A-Walk, or to learn how to participate or fundraise, visit [supportconnection.org/support-a-walk](http://supportconnection.org/support-a-walk) or call 914-962-6402.

## Obituaries

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lina to Thomas and Viola Jefferson. He was baptized in the Star Bethlehem Baptist Church. In 1981, he began a 20+ year career in the Ossining Police Department, advancing in rank to Sergeant. He inspired youth and adults in his community with his uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. He began a second professional career in the kitchen—cooking was his lifelong passion. Mr. Jefferson truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures.

Cherishing in his memory is his wife Robin, sons Richard and Ryan (Joseph J Reilly); his parents, Thomas and Viola, and his siblings, Gwenda Jordan (Hubert), Cedric Jefferson, Priscilla White (Steven), and Sharon Boyd (Ken). Randy is also survived

by his aunts and uncle, his loving nieces and nephews and a host of cousins and good friends, and of course, his dog, Ruby.

### Margaret Sullivan

Margaret Irene Sullivan, a resident of Peekskill, died July 19 at Schervier Pavilion in Warwick, NY. She was 99.

Born in West Park, NY on December 2, 1919, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary E. (nee Mc Carthy) Jones. Margaret was married to the late Donald Thomas Sullivan (1989). She was an air raid warden during WWII and was a parishioner of Church of the Assumption in Peekskill for many years.

She is survived by her son, Richard of Walden, NY; three grandchildren, Carrie Sullivan of Alexandria, VA, Kacie Sullivan-Quackenbush and her husband Roy Quackenbush of Warwick, NY and James Sullivan of Walden, NY. Also surviving are three great-grandchildren, Kiernan, Makenna, and Bailey. She was predeceased by her son Michael Dennis Sullivan (2006).



Randy E. Jefferson

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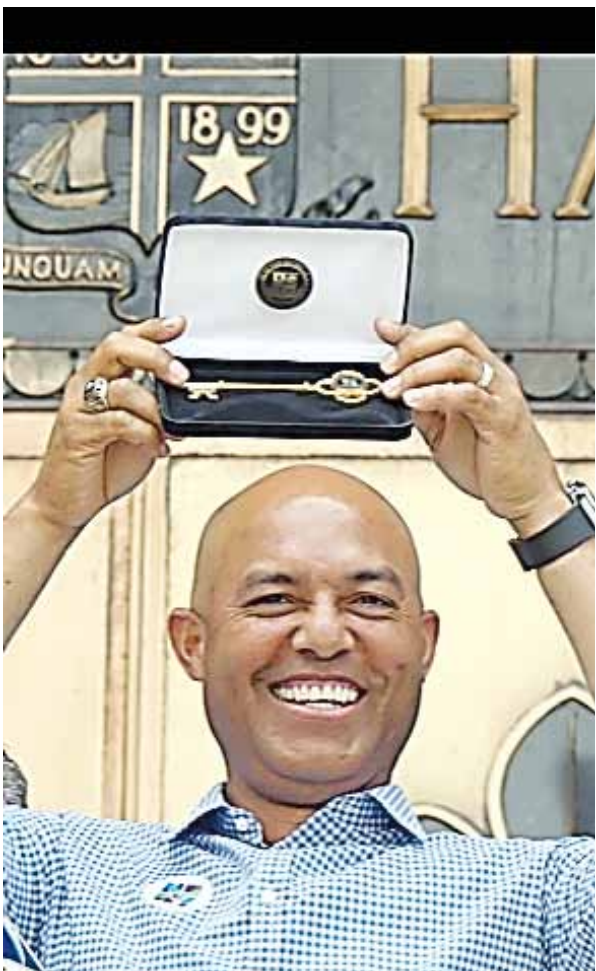
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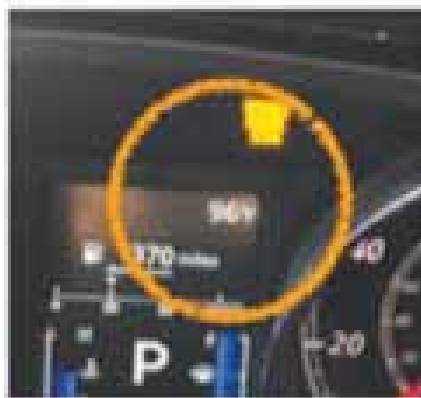
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**Senior Benefits Information:** Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library,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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) or [www.hyinhealth.com](http://www.hyinhealth.com).

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**A Roof For A Veteran:** Attention all veterans. Miracle Home Improvements and Gas Roofing are partnering to replace the roof of one lucky winner. Send us a letter with a brief summary as why you need a new roof. You

must live in Westchester or Putnam. The winner will be chosen on Sept. 3. Submit a photo and summary by e-mail ([miraclehome1@verizon.net](mailto:miraclehome1@verizon.net)) or through the regular mail at Miracle Home Improvements, 2010 Albany Post Rd., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

## THURSDAY, AUG. 1

**Art Exhibit:** Fiber Arts North East will have an exhibit during regular library hours at the Somers Library throughout the month of August. A reception: will be held on Aug. 3 from noon to 2 p.m. Info: [somerslibrary.org](http://somerslibrary.org).

**Yorktown Jewish Center Courses:** The Yorktown Jewish Center offers a wide selection of courses during the year. However, all classes have ceased for the summer. Most will continue in the fall, so keep posted. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://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.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 2

**Attic Sale:** The Sisterhood of the Reform Temple of Putnam Valley is sponsoring an attic sale from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 362 Church Rd. There will be lots of clothing, household goods, items for children (toys, games, etc.) costume jewelry and unique finds. For more information, call 845-528-4774 or visit [www.rtpv.org](http://www.rtpv.org)

**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.

**Storytime:** Bilingual Storytime with Mrs. Budds will be held on Aug. 2, 9 and 23 at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: [peekskill.org](http://peekskill.org).

**Service and Dinner:** Hebrew Congregation of Somers will hold a Shabbat service and dinner. Please join us for a Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner. The service will be led by new Rabbi Shoshana Leis and Cantor Rush Ossher. Info: 914-907-6165.

**Music In The Park:** The Music in the Park series continues today with a performance by Deni Bonet. The gates open at 5 p.m. and the performance starts at 7 p.m. at Lasdon Park, 29 Amawalk Rd (Route 35), Somers. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$25. Info: 914-864-7264 or [lasdonpark.org](http://lasdonpark.org).

**Temple Beth Am Summer:** The summer is a time for us to relax and kick back. Every Friday evening over the summer, Temple Beth Am will create a relaxed atmosphere that is engaging and enjoyable with services at 7 p.m. 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 [rabbibw@optonline.net](mailto:rabbibw@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 [yorktown-jewishcenter.org](http://yorktown-jewishcenter.org).

## SATURDAY, AUG. 3

**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](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com).

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

**Jazz Masters Series:** Westchester Collaborative Theater continues its Jazz Masters music series with the Valerie Capers Quartet featuring Capers, an accomplished performer, educator and composer and her band. Joining The band will perform two sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at WCT, 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://valeriecapers19.brownpapertickets.com/>.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 4

**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.

## MONDAY, AUG. 5

**Summer Writers' Group.** The program is continuing on Mondays, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Somers Library. Each week writers will have their creativity challenged in different ways. Space is limited. Info: 914 232 5717 or [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org).

**Summer Color:** Hot Summer Color Drop-In Art will be held on every Monday in August from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Bring your watercolors, your acrylic paints and liquid pouring paints. Info: [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org). Space is limited.

**Literature And Art:** The Story of You: A Literature and Art Workshop About Growing Up will be held every Monday through Aug. 12 for children age four through the second grade from 11 a.m. to noon and for children in grades three through five every Wednesday from July 10 through Aug. 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. at The Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. For more details contact the library at 914-737-0847 or visit the Frog Blog at [www.fieldkids.wordpress.com](http://www.fieldkids.wordpress.com).

**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.musical-munchkins.com](http://www.musical-munchkins.com).

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

# How a Ghost Helped Me Buy a House ...A Fantastic but True Story

In a past column I mentioned, perhaps impetuously, that I had once lived in a “haunted” house and I would someday write about it. Just recently I received a note in the mail from a “devoted fan” who reminded me of this promise and asked me to fulfill it. The note, interestingly enough, was sent anonymously. Maybe he or she felt that I would question his or her stability, or even sanity, with such a request? I suspect that my own stability, when I have told this story in the past, may have been questioned.

Whatever the case, both my down-to-earth wife Margaret and I did experience paranormal activity in one of our homes, our first in fact, when we were just 26 and 28 years old respectively. The very fact that we were able to acquire the property at all was extraordinary. For the first three years of our marriage, we had been apartment dwellers and, at the same time, collectors of antique items and furnishings, but we didn’t have a nickel in savings to buy a house.

However, we did have a good friend, Terry Murray, who owned a gorgeous two-family federal townhouse in Brooklyn Heights where we lived. The house had on its first floor an antiques shop and, coinci-

dentally enough, my wife and I had been looking for a commercial rental to establish an antiques shop.

“Why don’t you just buy my house and the antiques shop along with it?” Terry asked when we told him of our quest. “But we have no money to buy a house,” we replied. “How about if I give you the time to raise the money for a down payment, say six months?” he suggested.

The offer seemed too good to be true. For that house, priced at \$65,000 at that time (and now valued, according to Zillow at \$3.2 million), a \$13,000 down payment was requested. But Margaret and I had just under \$500 in savings. At first, I thought I could borrow, beg and steal the down payment

from relatives, but I was really reluctant to do that.

We decided to accept the challenge and bought the house, determined to raise the \$13,000 down payment somehow within six months.

The bottom line is that we were able to accomplish that feat and – are you ready for this? – a ghost helped us do it. Here’s how:

Along with the property came a married couple who rented the top two floors of the two-family home, built in 1826, in what was

by then a landmarked community. While both were artsy types, they would hardly be prone to hocus pocus stuff. But when the wife knocked on our door on the first day of our ownership to introduce herself, her first question was, “Did Terry tell you the house was haunted?” My first reaction was to laugh to myself, but I responded that Terry had mentioned no such thing, but I would be delighted if it were true. It would only make the house more attractive to me, I told her.

Well I can assure the reader here that we found very good cause to find the house more attractive. It indeed came complete with a ghost...and that ghost, a gentleman whose name was Jacob Hicks (I’ll tell how I learned his name below), helped us to raise that \$13,000 for the down payment within six months. Seriously. Here’s how:

Just a few weeks after we took possession, one Saturday morning, I was vacuuming the shop in preparation to open at noon. Because both Margaret and I had full-time jobs in public relations, we ran the shop only on Saturdays and Sundays. In fact, it was called The Saturday Shop.

Over the din of the vacuum cleaner, I thought I heard footsteps on the floor above me, then I sensed something over my shoulder, turned around, and there, facing the bright sunlight through our front windows, I saw the shadowy figure,

almost translucent, of a large man wearing a bowler hat (inside, I wondered?) and an overcoat...winter clothing in the dead of summer. Without speaking a word, I communicated to this apparition that I really didn’t feel that I could handle this, and the message I received back, was simply: “Very well, sorry” and in an instant, the apparition was gone. And again, I heard footsteps over my head.

How could I keep this happening to myself? Being in the public relations field, I had a good contact at the Lifestyles section of The New York Times who was also a friend. I called her and related my extraordinary tale, hoping she wouldn’t think I was pulling her leg. “You have to let me write about this,” she responded. I was reluctant, not wanting to appear foolish in print, but my friend insisted and, after a week or so, I relented.

The article appeared in the Saturday Times the next week. While I was getting ready to open the shop that morning, still shaving, I heard voices outside on the sidewalk. I looked out of my second story window and saw a line of people forming, waiting for the shop to open at noon. Normally on a Saturday, Margaret and I would take in about \$200, which in those days was good money. On this first Saturday of such noto-

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## Crossword

### ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ Paulo
4. Fluid-filled structure
7. Shakespearean shout of disapproval
10. Singer, Rawls
11. Difficulty
12. Kiev is its cap.
13. Unit of energy
14. Belonging to the subject of a Chuck Berry song or Yorktown German restaurant
16. Biblical suffix
17. Improves
18. Capital of Nepal
20. Overwhelm, at a comedy club
21. Man, for one
25. Boat races
29. Ethnic cuisine
31. Lawyer, abbr.
32. Mt. Kisco law firm so nice you’ll say it twice, Fishlin & \_\_\_
33. It separates “pay” from “view”
34. Punching tool
35. Manning from NY

36. Fighting Tigers of the N.C.A.A.

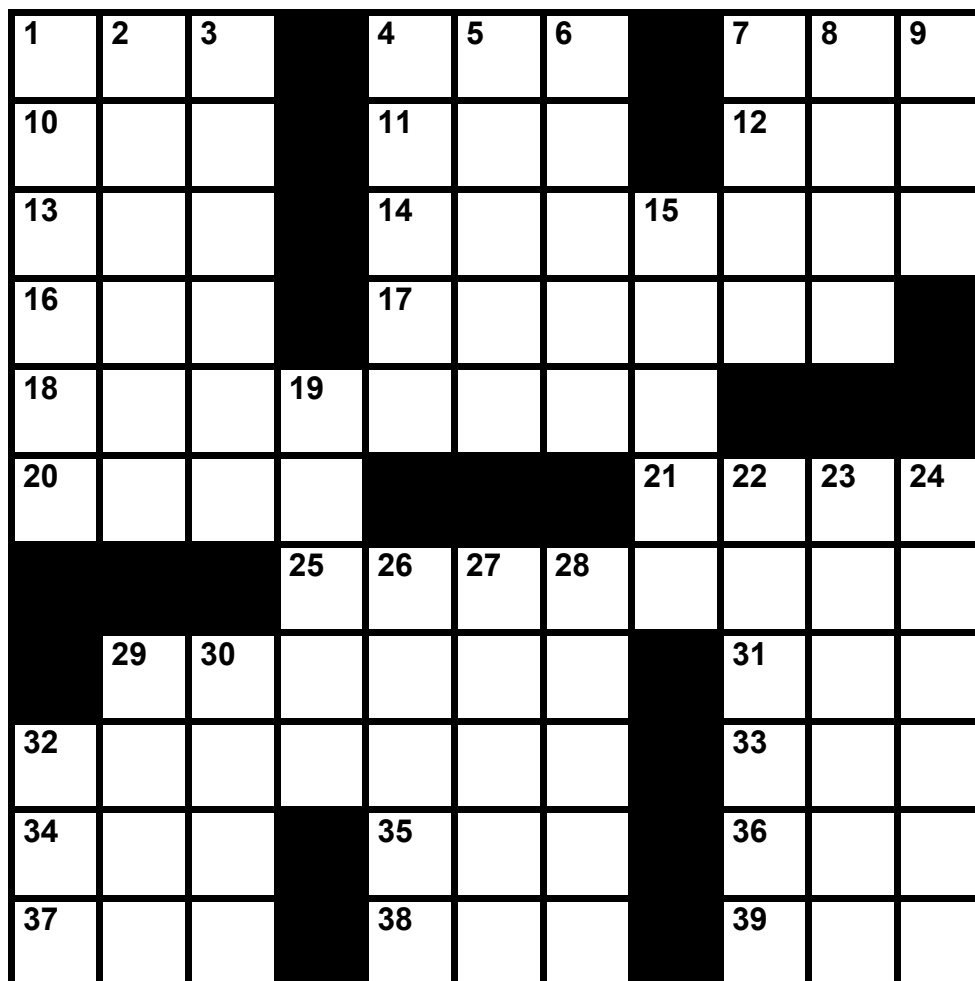
37. “Christ the Redeemer” locale

38. Type of bread

39. UFO crew

### Down

1. Makes smooth and glossy
2. Relating to an artery
3. Should, informally
4. Arabian capital
5. Give \_\_\_ (care)
6. Unreadable
7. Provide money for
8. Clanton and Turner
9. TV drama settings
15. Alaska native
19. Gift of the Magi
22. Basic
23. Most recent
24. Period when an animal is in heat
26. Moray catcher
27. Joyfully
28. Musical with the song “N.Y.C.”
29. Furry fruit
30. Former Winter Olympics host
32. Way off



*(Solution to this puzzle on page 14)*



(Solution for puzzle on page 13)

1	S	2	A	3	O		4	S	5	A	6	C		7	F	8	I	9	E
10	L	O	U				11	A	D	O				12	U	K	R		
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# How a Ghost Helped Me Buy a House

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riety, however, we earned just under \$2,000 and within six weeks, we had the \$13,000 we needed for the down payment. Thanks, Ghost.

I learned the name of my ghost through an amazing occurrence some years later. In a museum located in Brooklyn Heights is a painting depicting a Brooklyn street scene in the mid-1800s. It shows local residents who lived there at the time and each person's image has a number attached to it. In one corner of the painting, I spied my ghost, looking as I had seen him in my shop! He was carrying chickens from the market and, following the number attached to him in the legend at the bottom of the painting, he was identified as Jacob Hicks,

the very person who had owned my home at that time!

When I sold that property in 1971, I did not disclose that it was haunted, and I was within my right. It wasn't until 1991 in the case of Stambovsky v. Ackley that the New York State Supreme Court ruled that a house was actually haunted, and the seller had a duty to disclose this fact. As it happens the buyer of our house was not particularly nice, and I must confess that I harbored mischievous hopes that the resident ghost would take a disliking to him.

*Bill Primavera, while a journalist and publicist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate ([www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com](http://www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com)). To engage the expert real estate services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call (914) 522-2076.*



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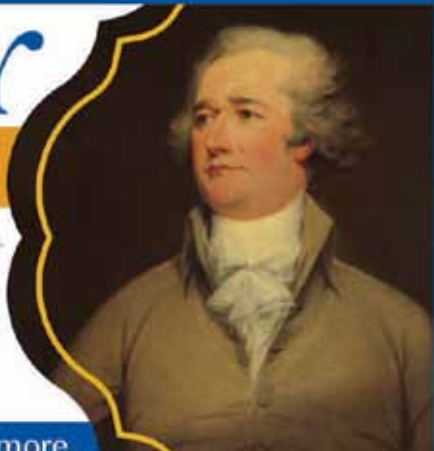
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York (the "Village"), at a meeting held on July 22, 2019, adopted a bond resolution, which is subject to a permissive referendum, that authorizes the issuance of \$2,600,000 serial bonds of the Village to finance the reconstruction and improvement of Manville Road, including sidewalks, curbs,

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## Legion of Boom!



## Shrub Oak Post 1080 Snares Saratoga American Legion Tourney Title

The Shrub Oak American Legion Post 1080 team -- comprised of many players from Northern Westchester & Putnam County -- finished 5-1 to capture the Saratoga Legion Tournament title last weekend, edging the Clinton County Mariners, 7-6, for the crown. En route to the title, the Tigers knocked off the Schenectady Indians, 8-4, fell to the Newburgh Nuclears, 7-1, defeated Kingston, 7-3, beat the Adirondack Rays, 8-4, and clobbered the Saugerties Sawyers, 10-0 in the semis. In the championship, Shrub Oak took the lead in the first when Matt Schenck hit a 3-run double down the left field line. In a back-and-forth affair, Chris Ling's single in the top of the 6th drove home the winning run. Danny Melillo battled through 5 errors and 4 unearned runs to get us the W. Melillo (Pleasantville) was a bulldog in the championship throwing a complete game striking out four, walking none while allowing two earned runs. He hit .300 for week with nine runs scored. 2B Chris Ling (Lakeland) went 3-4 with two RBI in the championship (.400 BA for the week). OF Matt Schenck (Lakeland) hit .421 for the week with 8 RBI). 1B Justin Perlman (Pleasantville) hit .533 for the week. SS/P Brendan O'Neill (Pleasantville) hit .375 for the week and threw a complete game against Kingston, striking out 12. 3B Anthony Quatrochi (Our Lady of Lourdes) hit .400 for the week (team high .407 for the season). P Thomas Mark (Brewster) fired a complete game two-hitter against Saugerties with eight strikeouts for some of the week's highlights. Team members pictured include: Bottom Row (L-R) Danny Melillo (Pleasantville), Jacob Hamblin (Brewster), Anthony Zeccola (Lakeland), Mike Matica (Pleasantville), Chris Ling (Lakeland), Anthony Quatrochi (Our Lady of Lourdes); Top Row (L-R) Coaches Pat Morelli & Sonny Graci, Jace Deulio (Lakeland), Matt Schenck (Lakeland), Nick Mead (Brewster), Thomas Mark (Brewster), Joe Lombardo (Yorktown), Justin Perlman (Pleasantville), Brian McBride (Putnam Valley), Brendan O'Neill (Pleasantville), Danny Keon (Pleasantville), Coach Chris Conklin & Coach John Marone.



# Focus on Greater Hudson Valley Baseball Playoffs



JULIE BENEDETTO/RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Westchester Junior Duck Tyler DeBrocky chugs around 3B with a run in his pocket in 16-6 12U GHVBL playoff win over host Put Valley last Friday.



No.4 Put Valley's Jay Constantino eludes tag of No.13 Westchester Junior Ducks' Nico DiToro with help from Rob Keller in Wild's 16-6 GHVBL playoff 12U loss last Friday at Union Field in PV.



Put Valley 2B Michael Martorano just misses tag on Yorktown's Haddock in PV's 6-5 13U GHVBL playoff win last Wednesday.

## Lakeland/Panas Laxers Cop Titles at Lehigh LacFest, Lake George Invite



The Lakeland/Panas Rebels Summer Lacrosse travel teams went on a tear recently, winning two division titles, including the Lehigh Laxfest Tournament on July 16th. The L/P 2020 team went 5-0 on their way to the title. The team is comprised solely of players from the Lakeland/Panas High School team and all their wins were against travel club teams. Pictured (front row) Michael Castelli, Joseph Jimenez; (2nd row) Patrick Madison, Tyler Nocito, Michael Walsh, Sean Amoroso, Matt Magarelli, Mark Cummins; (3rd row) Dominic Janavey, Connor Gallagher, Tyler Santucci, Dominic Duggan, Liam Dineen-Herzog; (4th row) Nicholas Ruvo, Reed Thompson, Brian O'Hanlon, Jim Lindsay, Joe Macchi, Patrick Hickey, Declan Fullerton, Matthew Makar and Vincent Scialdone. Missing: Ryan Brannigan. Additionally, the 2024 Rebels Summer Lacrosse travel team won their division Championship at the Lake George National Invitational Tournament on July 14th. The team went 5-0 on their way to the title, including two thrilling overtime wins. The team is comprised solely of players who will attend Lakeland and Panas High Schools and all their wins were against travel club teams. Pictured are (front row) Jack Jimenez, Thomas Kuney, Michael Ahlstedt, Zack Magarelli, Kyle Gallagher, Bubba Baumeister; (2nd row) Jim Lindsay, Riley Sand, Logan Raynor, Kevin Bryan, William Moore, Brett Lendener, Grady Leonard, Oban Rader, Luca Sancimino, Cayden Turner, Joe Macchi. Missing: Anthony Farroni



Sports

# Yorktown, Somers Nipped in Semis, Fall Short of Goals in Lakeland Summer League



Somers senior M Andrew Lasher eyes a path to cage in Tuskers’ 2-0 semifinal loss to eventual champion Rye in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action last Tuesday.



Somers M Joe Grippo fights off Rye defender in Tuskers’ 2-0 semifinal loss to Garnets in last Tuesday’s Lakeland Summer Soccer League action.



Somers’ Dan Dippolito awaits head ball in 2-0 semifinal loss to eventual champion Rye in 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League last Tuesday.



Somers’ Jose Giron takes a header in Tuskers 2-0 loss to eventual champion Rye in 12th annual Lakeland Soccer Summer League action.



Yorktown’s James Calidona pushes up field in Huskers’ 1-0 semifinal loss to John Jay EF in 12th annual Lakeland Summer League action last Tuesday.



Somers’ Dan Dippolito crashes with Rye goalie in Tuskers’ 2-0 loss to Garnets in 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League last Tuesday.



Yorktown’s Tim O’Callahan makes valiant try for goal in Huskers’ 1-0 loss to John Jay EF in semifinals of 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League Tuesday.

