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Panas Student Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Walter Panas High School senior Amaavi Miriyagalla was recently named a semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The semifinalists will compete for a share of 7,600 scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Winners will be announced nationally between April and July.

Ossining Trustee Gets Personal Addressing **Controversies**

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Ossining Village Trustee Omar Herrera

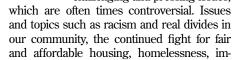
addressed several personal issues last week, including some past financial struggles and how his sexuality has been used against him.

Herrera, a three-year trustee who ran unsuccessfully for mayor last year, issued a lengthy statement during a Board of Trustees meeting and didn't hold back.

"I have heard and read a lot about who people think I am and what they think my motivations are. I would like to speak for myself," Herrera began. "As a Latino child from low-income immigrant family- equity, justice, faith and human dignity have been at the core of who I am, and my life. I marched

for immigration reform when I was 12, here in Ossining, with thousands of students to rise up against unjust decisions within the schools."

"In 2010 when I was 20, I stood up to power here in my hometown, as an employee regarding how Village Summer Camps were operated and managed. In 2014 at the age of 24 I ran for public office, becoming the county's youngest elected official," he continued. "Some say my tenure has been controversial. It is true that I have tackled challenging and pressing issues,



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Omar Herrera

Rally for Climate Justice Draws Large Crowd in Peekskill

BY RICK PEZZULLO

More than 100 adults and students gathered outside U.S. Senator Charles Schumer's office in Peekskill Friday for a peaceful rally demanding climate justice.

One attendee wore a hat that said "Make America Green Again," while numerous signs carried other messages, such as "Global warming is not cool," "We cannot press snooze on climate change," "Seas are rising and so are we," "If you love your kids love your planet, and "Trump is a fossil fool."

The rally was one of many worldwide as millions of people took to the streets to implore world leaders to take action to combat climate change.

The Peekskill Common Council recently became the second city in New York State to pass a resolution declaring a climate emergency.

The human species is on a path to destruction. Our civilization is being sacrificed for the profit of a few," said Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo. "Humanity is in our hands

and we are running out of time. We need a Green New Deal. The real power belongs to the people."

Mondaire Jones, a progressive Democrat from Rockland County who is looking to oust longtime Congresswoman Nita Lowey next year, said a Green New Deal would be his top priority if he's elected.

"The planet has unraveled before our eyes," Jones said. "Climate change is real. Every day it seems some animal or species is being added to the endangered list."



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

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migration reform, enforcement and our role locally, nepotism and cronyism at the local level, process and the list goes on. There have been tensions and clashes among each other, partially based on the intractable local government culture, but these issues are too important to turn away from."

Herrera, who worked as a legislative aide for the Westchester County Board of Legislators and in Governor Andrew Cuomo's office in Albany before being elected as a trustee, then commented on some issues that hit home

"It has been said, in this room and throughout the community, that there are things about me that, if revealed, could derail my ability to be elected in the future. Many, including some in powerful positions, have threatened to release information regarding an embarrassing moment in my life 10 years ago. So I'll set the record straight here," he said. "When I was just about to turn 21, I was struggling financially. I was trying to pay for my apartment, put myself through college full time, and work. I was juggling and I dropped a ball. My car was repossessed as I struggled with my finances. It was such a hard moment for me, but I have been able to rebuild myself and my life since then. It is puzzling to me that anyone would be threatened due to past hardships, but threatened I was."

"More than that, I never thought that in 2019, I would have people in positions of power attempt to exert power and leverage over me personally, professionally or politically and use it as a threat against me. I never thought, in 2019, my sexuality and being gay would be used against me," Herrera said. "I never imagined being called homophobic and also being called a fake Christian because of my principles and my efforts and work for equality and human rights for all. The hypocrisy."

"I am speaking out today because no one should feel fear or be threatened directly or indirectly. Good leaders do not seek to control and dominate. Community members should not stoop to such levels," he remarked. "Threatening elected officials is especially egregious. This type of behavior is not ok, and should not be ok with you, the public. It should never be wrong to be who you are, and we should never have to feel ashamed of our personal story. And during a time of increased hate, division and inequity I believe it is more important than ever to speak up against these behaviors and tactics. I hope my story causes our community to ask deeper questions about who we are. I hope that by sacrificing my private information I will help to make a change for the better going forward.'

Trustee Quantel Bazemore, who said he has known Herrera since the seventh grade, praised Herrera for his courage in speaking out.

"This is local government and to the extent someone has to reveal personal information about themselves is utterly ridiculous," Bazemore said. "It speaks to the depths that people will go to have power."

Mayor Victoria Gearity also applauded Herrera for sticking to his principles and carrying on the legacy of gay elected officials in the village, but she also took offense with his veil references about people in power.

"I really hope your statement is inspirational to some people who may be struggling either with their own identity or going public with their identity. There's great value in gay people being out and being public with who they are," she said. "We have a community that is very supportive, and I hope that is the response you get from folks."

"I don't understand where the rest of your statement is coming from," Gearity remarked. "Please do not impugn my integrity. If it's not me, then be clear about who you are referencing."

Herrera responded by saying, "This is not about you. If you were part of the culture that would be a different discussion."

Rally for Climate Justice Draws Large Crowd in Peekskill

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A majority of the speakers at the 90-minute rally were area high school, middle school and elementary school students.

Justin Smithson of Peekskill High School sang a rendition of "Heal the World" by Michael Jackson, while fellow Red Devil and rally student organizer Sage Overskei North said government leaders must be forced to take responsibility.

"This is our world, the only world we currently have to live in," she said. "We have to keep our community clean. We have to keep our world clean."

Nick Davis, a sophomore at Ossining High School, also took aim at elected officials.

"Climate crisis is a serious problem. The Earth we continue to live on is not a science fiction movie. We do not have to imagine it. We are living it," Davis said. "Our government is supposed to offer protection to all people that are being governed. Our government is not doing its job."

Courtney Williams of Peekskill, one of the rally organizers who has opposed Spectra Energy's Algonquin Pipeline in her backyard, said a giant card with a list of climate demands would be delivered to Schumer's office following the event. A similar rally took place an hour later at The Blue Pig in Croton-on-Hudson.

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STATE POLICE

September 13 - State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Christopher M. Servedio, 19, and Kyle R. Louch, 20, both of Cortlandt, for Criminal Mischief in the 1st degree, a class B felony, and Arson in the 5th degree, a class A misdemeanor. Servedio was also arrested for additional counts of both Criminal Mischief 1st, and Arson 5th. On August 26, troopers responded to two residences shortly after 10 p.m. in the Town of Cortlandt for reports of mailboxes blown-up, and a third destroyed mailbox was reported in the Montrose area of Cortlandt on September 2. Investigation found Louch and Servedio used mortar type fireworks to blow-up the mailboxes. Servedio was also arrested for the destruction of a mailbox using explosives in Mon-

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Joseph M. McGovern, 34, of Cortlandt, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Albany Post Road in 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.

State Police from Somers arrested Michael P. Frieman, 55, of Somers, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Tomahawk Street in Somers when he was involved in a three-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

September 14 - State Police from Somers arrested Joseph A. Rosa, 40, of Somers, for DWI. He was traveling on Interstate 684 in the Town of Bedford 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 Caryn L. Fodera, 55, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson 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.

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Garrison Farm Owner Killed in Crash

BY RICK PEZZULLO

A well-known farmer in Garrison was killed in a crash with a tractor-trailer on Route 9 in Garrison last week.

Joseph Mercurio, 72, owner of Mercurio Farms and Joseph Mercurio Books in Garrison, died from injuries suffered in an accident that occurred about 10:45 a.m. September 18.

According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Mercurio was driving a white Jeep and collided with a tractor-trailer as he turned left from Snake Hill Road on to Route 9. In the accident, the tractor-trailer flipped over, taking down power lines and causing the roadway to be closed for hours.

Mercurio, who reportedly was conscious at the scene after the crash, was airlifted and later pronounced dead at the hospital. The unidentified truck driver was also injured and airlifted to the hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

Jennifer Mercurio, Joseph's wife, announced her husband's death on Facebook, saying, "I am horrified to report that my dear husband, Joseph Mercurio, died today as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was the love of my life and the beloved father of our daughter, Eleanor."

A funeral will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Cold Spring Cemetery.



Tractor-trailer flipped on its side in fatal accident in Garrison.



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Yorktown Board Grapples Over Ethics Probe Conclusion

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel was given a verbal warning by three members of the town board last week in connection with a March 2018 decision from the town's Ethics Board regarding Patel revealing information from closed door discussions that took place in September 2017 over spending taxpayer funds to defend former Supervisor Michael Grace in an alleged conflict of interest case.

Current Supervisor Ilan Gilbert said he and councilmembers Alice Roker and Tom Diana had given the warning to Patel in closed session in front of Councilman Ed Lachterman, who on October 5, 2017 made the complaint to the Ethics Board alleging ethical violations.

Gilbert maintained Lachterman made no objection to that decision at the time, but at a work session two weeks ago he accused Gilbert and Roker of covering up the matter by not publicly disclosing the action taken against Patel.

"An accusation is confidential, not a finding," Lachterman asserted. "We paid \$5,000 for a finding on that. Nobody is perfect, but the public has the right to know when there is a violation. You cannot breach the sanctity of a closed session."

Patel had contended the former board violated the New York State Open Meetings Law by passing a resolution that appropriated taxpayer funds (maximum \$2,500) in closed session. Patel said he voted for the resolution, along with Lachterman, Diana, and former Councilman Gregory Bernard on September 26, 2017 after Grace, who recused himself, said his defense was covered by the town's Defense and Indemnification Law.

"The resolution, which wasn't even written down, didn't include a cap on how much money could be spent for the lawyer," Patel stated in a list of bullet points he submitted to *Examiner Media* after the meeting two years ago. "The supervisor never told the board exactly what the complaint was, to what body or agency, and who filed it. All he said was that it was related to an ethics issue."

That resolution centered on former Supervisor and Councilwoman Susan Siegel's August 26, 2017 request to the New York State Bar Association Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District to investigate what she contended "appears to be a clear-cut violation" of the conflict of interest provisions of the Bar Association's Rules of Professional Conduct by Grace.

In her correspondence, Siegel stated in 2016 Grace voted to award a towing contract to a local business, Yorktown Auto Body. A year later, as a private attorney, he represented the same company in a private legal matter.

In his complaint to the Ethics Board, besides "breaking the rules of confidentiality," Lachterman alleged Patel, the lone Democrat on the board in 2017, "intentionally misrepresented" to the media that the board voted on a resolution in executive session, instead of simply taking a poll on whether Grace was entitled to the legal representation.

In its March 2018 decision, the Ethics Board, a five-member board appointed by the Town Board to three-year terms that renders advisory opinions on specific situations or when requested, on the conduct of an official or employee, in accordance with the provisions of the adopted Code of Ethics, recommended Patel receive "a public censure," stating "ignoring such confidential disclosures is akin to condoning them. Disclosing such violations to the public at large will, in our opinion, give all elected officials pause prior to their violating the public trust."

However, Gilbert explained he and Roker, two-thirds of the board trio required to reach a consensus, disagreed with the findings of the Ethics Board. Gilbert insisted he didn't feel Patel's actions rose to the level of an ethics violation, but merely "a technical violation."

"I will not accept the findings. We said we would warn him and that's what we did," Gilbert said. "I don't believe we're condoning it. There is nothing in the Ethics Law that says a punishment is private or public. It's silent on that. We gave him a warning and now it's public. Vishnu wanted his ethics ruling and entire proceeding to be open to the public."

Roker took offense with Lachterman accusing her of any wrongdoing, saying, "Last week you accused us of doing a coverup. There is nobody, nobody that could ever induce me to do anything that would jeopardize my good name. Why are you asking to penalize him (Patel) at the highest level when he didn't do that? It's not that we turned a blind eye. We didn't."

According to the Department of State Committee on Open Government, there is no provision in the New York State Open Meetings Law that prevents an elected official from publicly discussing any issues talked about privately.

Patel, a retired, award-winning IBM scientist in the middle of serving a third four-year term who in the past has referred to himself as the "Conscience of the Town Board," insisted he will always do what he feels is right for the taxpayers

"I will not vote ever to spend money in closed session. It is a public matter," he said. "I have my own ethics."

Resident Paul Moskowitz and others came to Patel's defense. Moskowitz said Patel should receive a commendation for keeping the public informed.

Matt Slater, candidate for supervisor, said the Ethics Code needed to be revamped, adding "the public deserves to know when it comes to an elected official"



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New York State Bans Sale of Flavored E-Cigarettes

BY RICK PEZZULLO

New York State became the first state in the nation last week to implement a ban on the sale of flavored electronic cigarettes and nicotine eliquids, following a vote on emergency regulations by the Public Health and Health Planning Council.

The ban is the latest in a series of actions to combat the increase in young people using vape products, largely as a result of e-cigarette companies marketing flavors that are intended to get children addicted to nicotine.

"It is undeniable that vaping companies are deliberately using flavors like bubblegum, Captain Crunch and cotton candy to get young people hooked on e-cigarettes - it's a public health crisis and it ends today," Governor Andrew Cuomo said September 17. "New York is not waiting for the federal government to act, and by banning flavored e-cigarettes we are safeguarding the public health and helping prevent countless young people from forming costly, unhealthy and potentially deadly life-long habits."

On September 15, Cuomo directed the Department of Health to convene an emergency meeting of PHHC to consider this ban. Cuomo also directed State Police and DOH



Governor Andrew Cuomo

to immediately partner to ramp up enforcement efforts against retailers who sell to underage youth, with the possibility of criminal penalties, in addition to announcing that he will advance legislation to ban deceptive marketing of e-cigarettes to teens and children.

As part of the Family Smoking and Tobacco Prevention Act of 2009, the U.S. Congress banned the sale of cigarettes with flavors other than menthol and tobacco.

"The alarmingly high numbers of young people in New York State who are using vape products is nothing short of a public health crisis," said New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "These regulations are a part of many critical steps we are taking to combat this disturbing trend."

Flavors are considered largely responsible for the dramatic increase in use of e-cigarettes by youth and are a principal reason that youth initiate and maintain e-cigarette use. According to Department of Health data, nearly 40 percent of 12th grade students and 27 percent of high school students in New York State

are now using e-cigarettes, and this increase is largely driven by flavored e-liquids.

High school use in 2018 (27.4%) is 160 percent higher than it was in 2014 (10.5%). While New York's high school student smoking rate dropped from 27.1% in 2000 to a record low of 4.3% in 2016, aggressive marketing strategies promoting flavored e-cigarettes is primed to turn that trend.

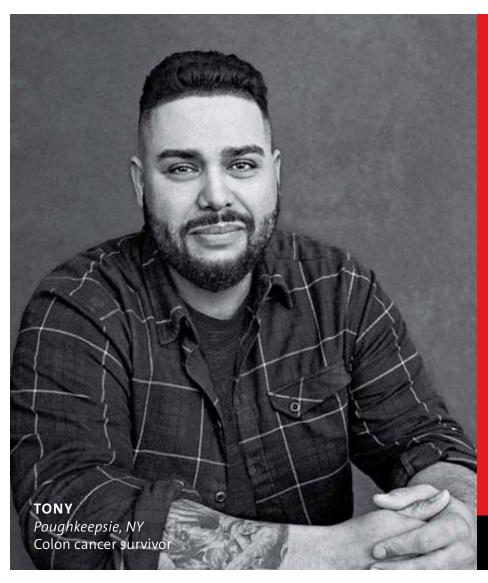
In a 2017 survey of 15 to 17-year-old adolescents in New York State currently using electronic vapor products, 19% of the adolescents said flavors were the reason that they first tried an e-cigarette and 27% said flavors were the reason for maintaining use. Studies also show nearly 78% of high school students and 75% of middle school students report being exposed to pro-tobacco marketing in 2016. Legislation will be advanced next session to prevent these deceptive and misleading advertisements to target youth.

The American Lung Associated opposed Cuomo's emergency action, stating it did not apply to menthol flavored e-cigarettes, which with mint flavored e-cigarettes are favored by a majority of high school students.

"The Governor had the opportunity to take decisive action, but in-

stead left menthol e-cigarettes on the marketplace," said Harold Wimmer, President and CEO of the American Lung Association. "While today's announcement was well-intentioned, it will drive our youth to use menthol flavored products in even greater numbers. We will continue to work towards the permanent removal of all flavored tobacco including ecigarettes from the marketplace. Flavors have been shown to initiate kids to tobacco use and a lifetime of addiction and tobacco-related death and disease. We call on the New York State Legislature to pass legislation to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products including e-cigarettes, cigars, and menthol cigarettes."

The Department of Health will provide retailers with an approximate two-week grace period before conducting visits to enforce the flavoring ban beginning on October 7. Local health departments and the Department's District Offices, with State oversight, will handle enforcement. Retailers who violate the ban will face fines of up to \$2,000 per violation, which is defined as each unit of flavored e-liquid or product containing e-liquid that is possessed, manufactured, sold or offered for



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Ossining Schools to Launch Saturday Explore & Learn Program

Chess for Beginners, Educational Kickboxing, Improv Theatre and Raising a Reader are some of the classes offered in the Ossining School District's exciting new Saturday Explore & Learn program.

The first cycle of the free program, whose slogan is "Opening doors to a world of opportunity," takes place on four Saturdays in October and November at Ossining High School: Oct. 5, 19 and 26 and Nov. 2. The district will also be sponsoring winter and spring sessions.

The program, which is supported by the Ossining MATTERS foundation, starts at 9 a.m. each Saturday for breakfast and community conversation. Some classes are an hour, while others are an hour and a half or two hours. There are classes for chil-

dren, adults and families. Ossining teachers, members of community groups, parent volunteers and high school students are teaching the classes.

"The Ossining School District is committed to offering a diversity of learning experiences for our children, families and community," Superintendent Raymond Sanchez said. "Saturday Explore & Learn brings

together the resources of our schools and partner organizations to provide enrichment opportunities for the whole family. We encourage you to take advantage of everything the program has to offer."

Classes generally are geared to either children in kindergarten through grade 2; grades 3-5; grades 6-8; or high school. In Architectural Adventures, for example, students in grades 3-5 will explore the world of architecture through drawing, printmaking and painting. In Dance - which is available for pre-k through grade five and for grades 6-8 - children will learn different techniques and styles of dance. Ossining High School students can learn about global challenges in the One World Global Character Education Program.

Some courses are for adults only, including Improv Theatre and Educación de Padres, which is for Spanish-speaking parents who want to learn ways to support their children's academic, social and emotional development.

Other classes are for families to take together, such as Raising a Reader, and Yes, You Can Play Ukelele. Raising a Reader is an interactive family workshop that will feature books to take home after the program.

Registration is open to Ossining residents only. To register and view the catalog, visit https://www.myschoolbucks. com/ver2/stores/getstoremain?clientKey =ZZH4VQALI6083V3. The deadline to register is Sept. 27.



10-Year Anniversary

Town officials recently celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Cortlandt Youth Center, which is located near the **Cortlandt Train Station** and State Police barracks in Crugers. PHOTO BY CLAUDIA VAHEY

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Obituaries

Dante Rapacioli

Dante Rapacioli, a resident of Garrison, died September 12 surrounded by his family at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx after a long battle with cancer. He was 54.

He is survived by his daughter Alexis Rapacioli: sisters Anna Maria Anstett and Judy Colamarino: brother-in-laws who were more like brothers to him, Stephen Anstett Jr and Michael Colamarino Sr., nieces and nephews, Stephanie Cutaia (Frank), Stephen III (Lisa), Rina Maria (Sean), Michael Jr and Tommy, grandniece Olive, numerous uncles and aunts, cousins and friends who were very close to him.

Mr. Rapacioli was born February 16, 1965. From the time of his birth he was given a battle to fight. He was born with Spina bifida. His parents, Irene and Celestino Rapacioli, made sacrifices to ensure he would live as normal a life as he could.

Despite his health challenges, he went on to be one of the most popular guys in high school. After high school he spent a few years working at Monument Printers in Peekskill. From there he decided he wanted to be a part of the family business. He worked in the family deli in the Bronx for several years. When the deli moved to Cold Spring, it was there that he made his next mark. He was there every morning by 5:30 a.m. Well known for making the perfect cup of coffee for each person who walked through the doors. He knew every order by heart and had a person-

al connection to every loyal customer. Once the deli was sold, he did not stop there. He then became a part-time investigator. He did this until he could no longer work due to his health issues.

He also had a passion for hunting and fishing in his younger years. He loved all animals, in particular he dogs and horses. He spent much of his later years at the barn with his daughter, watching her ride. He also loved to play lotto and daily numbers just like his predeceased Uncle Dominick.

Most of all he should be remembered as a giver. Even when he had nothing, he found a way to share. He would help anyone who needed help. Even in the worst of his own times he would share. And it could have been sharing a laugh to make someone feel comfortable. He was one of a kind and touched everyone he met like no other.

Unfortunately in 2009, his health issues began to take him apart. He fought a long furious battle for 10 years.

Thomas Northey

Thomas W. Northey, a resident of Yorktown, died September 16. He was 83.

He was born January 12, 1936 to William and Mary Northey in Yonkers. On June 23, 1956, he married his childhood sweetheart Beverly Forkell and enjoyed 56 years together. He served honorably in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964. He worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 30

years, retiring in 1995. He served as an usher at St. Patrick's Church for 45 years. He was an avid golfer and loved to travel.

Mr. Northey is survived by his three children: Kathleen Nikisher, Maureen Northey and Thomas Northey III (Lauren). He is also survived by his brother William (Katherine) Northey, six grandchildren Christopher, Bridgette, Sean, Caitlin, William and Tyler, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Beverly in May 2012.

Thomas Carey

Thomas Carey, a resident of Mahopac, died September 17 peacefully in his home surrounded by his family. He was 56. He

fought a courageous battle with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer.

He was born May 11, 1963 in Manhattan, to William and Virginia Carey. He married the love of his life, Tammy (Ward) Carey, in April 1997 and had two beautiful children, Thomas



Thomas Carey

Mr. Carey worked as a supervisor at Con Edison for 36 years where he built lifelong friendships. He enjoyed spending his free time on Lake Mahopac with family and friends accompanied by "the jug." There wasn't a person with a bigger heart. He was generous to a fault

and always willing to lend a hand.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his parents, sister Doreen Carey Plunkett and husband Jerry Plunkett, brother Stephen Carey and his many nieces and nephews who so lovingly referred to him as "Uncle Buck": Christopher & his wife Mary, Stephen & his wife Emily, Ashley, Billy, Danny, Kaitlyn & her husband Tom, Connor, Kevin & Kathleen. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Theresa Pfaffenbach

Theresa F. Pfaffenbach a resident of Mahopac, died September 13. She was 93.

She was born July 10, 1926 to Thomas and Mary (Donnelly) Acton in Yorktown. She was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She will be remembered for her warmth and storytelling, regaling her listeners with tales of her jobs at the Federal Reserve, at Alexander's and as a volunteer at the women's center in Mahopac. She was one of seven children and proud of her Irish heritage. Her smile and her joy of life will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her son René and his wife Chai, her son Michael and his wife Debra, her daughter Nina and her husband John, her daughter-in-law Louann, her grand-children Emily, Kayla, and Alex and his wife Brett, well as her brother Jack Acton. She is predeceased by her husband Fred and their son Daniel.



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Letters to the Editor

Slater Has Been an Advocate for Yorktown Seniors

To the Editor:

I want to take a moment to thank Matt Slater. As many know I advocate for the needs of our local seniors in Yorktown. Over the past few months I have been trying to engage several leaders in our community to find new ways to publicize information for our seniors. The only person who took this endeavor seriously was Matt Slater. He set up a meeting with the President of the

Yorktown Chamber of Commerce and I am delighted to share that the 2020 Directory published by the Chamber will include a Senior Focus for the first time. Hopefully this is just the first step of a larger effort to help educate our seniors about the different services that are available in and around Yorktown. I have lived in this community for many years and I am proud to call it home. Our seniors, the people who

built this town, continue to struggle to stay here because of the high cost of living which only continues to climb. Frankly, we deserve more than what Yorktown currently offers. Thanks to Matt Slater, who is running for Yorktown Supervisor, I am hopeful we will receive greater recognition and support in the future.

JENNIE MENTON Yorktown

Gilbert's Partisan Preference in Ethics Probe was Glaring

To the Editor:

Last week's town board meeting was an embarrassment to Yorktown and perfectly personified the lack of leadership by Supervisor Gilbert and his leadership team. After a 17-month investigation by the Yorktown Ethics Board it took six months and a public shaming from Councilman Ed Lachterman to publicly address the findings and recommendations. Supervisor Gilbert's desperate attempt to deflect his duties, responsibilities and past promises for public transparency were well on display. His partisan preference to protect Councilman

Patel, who was admonished by the Town Ethics Board for violating town code, kept the public in the dark for six months. Regardless of the nature of the violation it is unacceptable to protect an elected official from being held accountable especially when the bipartisan ethics board upholds a complaint. Despite Supervisor Gilbert's best efforts and continued objections, the town board finally held Councilman Patel accountable in public. Sadly, the process has significantly tarnished the ethics process Yorktown has in place, and worse, this whole episode could have been avoided if

it was addressed when the Ethics Board's findings and recommendations were originally rendered and delivered to town officials in March. Frankly this is typical of the Gilbert Administration's perfected one-two punch of inaction and blame. Yorktown deserves better than this. Yorktown deserves a local government we can believe in. Tuesday's town board meeting proved yet again that the Gilbert Gang is more focused on protecting themselves then honoring their oath to serving the public.

MICHAEL MCTYGUE Yorktown

Come Celebrate a New Yorktown Connection

To the Editor:

As the election season gets into high gear, and letters to this paper increasingly seem to focus on the differences between us, here's an opportunity to celebrate what binds us as a community. On Saturday, September 28th at 11 a.m., we shall be formally opening something that has been a dream for well over 20 years: the Mohansic Trailway, which links downtown Yorktown Heights with FDR State Park and points beyond. Yes, trails connect, but it is the way this came about which is what we should celebrate.

The trail, on a town-owned railroad rightof-way, has been an idea for decades. Overgrown and intersected by wetlands it was basically impassable until members of this

community decided to get together and do something about it. Under the leadership of Jane Daniels and members of Yorktown Trail Town, grants were raised, the Town and the Highways Department helping, and work parties organized but it was the 90 volunteers, age from 11 to 80, who must take most of the credit. Without them this would have remained what it was for all those years, just a dream. For over 1,300 hours they cleared brush, moved soil and rocks, hauled over 25 tons of lumber, built over 500' of boardwalk and three bridges! In all kinds of weather! These are the connections, the links between people and the community in which they live, which we should be acknowledging.

So, come to the Baldwin Road entrance

to the trail (park at the French Hill School and walk left a few yards along the road) at 11 a.m. on Saturday to show your support for something we can do together as a town. And then go for a walk or mountain bike along it (0.7 miles west to FDR State Park or 0.4 miles east to Yorktown Heights – Route 118 opposite Turco's). One more thing: the maintenance of this and other trails is at no cost to the Town. Under the auspices of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, volunteers have been taking care of this for years.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN NETTELFIELD Yorktown Trail Town Committee www.yorktowntrailtown.com.

The U.S. Has a Border for a Reason

To the Editor:

It seems that these protestors do not care about the safety of our citizens. Our country has a border for a reason. We also have an immigration system. It seems that many don't want to wait in line to be

processed. They come here, crossing the border illegally and then complain when they are detained. The group, Putnam Progressives claim that immigrants, which they are not, are being marginalized. How so?

They are breaking the law and people like Putnam Progressives are helping them. The way to stop illegal aliens and this invasion is to STOP rewarding them. We now give them drivers licenses. We now give them a college education. The more you give them the more you embolden them.

The cost to the taxpayers is astronomical. The estimated cost in 2013 was over 54 Billion dollars. The cost in 2017, is over 135 billion and by the way these are conservative numbers. Meanwhile we are treating our veterans very poorly. What about our homeless?

On another note, do you know that the border patrol has arrested over 400 MS-13 gang members this year alone? Ask yourself this, why would this group of protestors want to de-fund this law enforcement agency? What is their reasoning? Just what is hateful about wanting to be safe in your home? The President is doing what the President is responsible to do, secure our borders from this invasion. Make no

mistake, it may not be an armed invasion, but it is an invasion just the same. Just when will our borders be secure? We will have to wait and see but the wall is being built. It took this President to do that and by the way with NO help from across the aisle either.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS T. MCVETTY,

Household Recycling Day Sept. 28 at FDR Park in Yorktown

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) Event on Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, 2957 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights. The next Household Recycling Day Event will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rye Playland, 1 Playland Parkway, Rye.

At two previous HRD Events held earlier this year – April 6 at FDR State Park and May 18 at the County's Material Recovery Facility in Yonkers – 3,560 households delivered over 119,000 pounds of household waste and 37,000 pounds of documents for shredding.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the September 28 HRD Event.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labelled household chemicals, such as:
- Household cleaning products
- Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline but not motor oil)
- Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
- Metal, jewelry and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
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- Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription
- Personal documents for shredding (limit of four (4) file-size boxes per household)
- Tires

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include paint (both latex and oil), non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914)813-5425.

If you can't make it to the HRD Event, you can still dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-

of household waste by visiting the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit http://environment.westchestergov.com/new-h-mrf or call (914)813-5425

For more information on Westchester County environmental programs and events follow us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/We stchester-County DEF.



WCC's Great Chef Culinary and Wine Series Begins Oct. 7

The Westchester Community College Foundation is presenting its annual Great Chefs Series of wine tastings, cooking demonstrations and three-course dinners on four Monday evenings, starting October 7.

These tantalizing events, cosponsored by DeCicco & Sons and Wine Enthusiast, will be held in the college's state-of-the-art instructional kitchens and Culinary Dining Room on the Valhalla campus. All of the funds raised from the series will benefit the foundation's scholarship fund and the college's on-campus food pantry.

Host Chef Philip McGrath, curriculum chair of the college's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Program and former chef and owner of the Iron Horse Grill in Pleasantville, has assembled a stellar cast of local culinary celebrities who will create epicurean delights and enable visitors

to dazzle future dinner guests. The chefs will be assisted by the college's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students.

The evenings begin with an exclusive wine tasting reception with specialists from Wine Enthusiast. Chefs will then demonstrate the how-to's of each meal. Guests will enjoy the chefs' creations paired with an accompanying wine, beer or cocktail. Each guest will leave with a goodie bag, recipes for dinner and beverage pairing information.

Monday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m., Sonora (Port Chester). Restaurateur and author Chef Rafael Palomino is keenly aware of flavors people love and crave. Drawing from his childhood in Bogotá and many years in New York City and France, Palomino will share techniques and recipes for cooking mouth-watering Latin-inspired dishes. Beverage pairing provided by StilltheOne Distillery Two and Wine Enthusiast.

Monday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m., Farmer and the Fish (Purdys, Sleepy Hollow, New York City). Chef, owner and farmer Michael Kaphan raised the bar on "farmto-table" dining by sourcing their restaurants with produce from his five-acre farm in North Salem. Kaphan will show why using fresh and local has been one of the main ingredients for their success. Beverage pairing provided by the Croton Tapsmith and Wine Enthusiast.

Monday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m., The Cookery (Dobbs Ferry) and Eugene's Diner and Bar (Port Chester). Known for his boundary-pushing style and thoughtfully creative dishes, Chef David DiBari will showcase courses

from his various restaurants. Joining DiBari will be Sajin Renae of The Cookery and Chef Iulia Mahu of Eugene's Diner and Bar who are the core strength behind the creativity, passion and kitchen operations at each restaurant. Beverage pairing provided by DeCicco & Sons and Wine Enthusiast.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6 p.m., X20 Xaviar's on the Hudson (Yonkers). Join Chef Peter Kelly of the Xaviars Restaurant Group as he prepares a menu and cooking demonstration you can prepare at home for your next extravagant dinner party for family and friends. Beverage pairing provided by Midway Wine & Liquors and Wine Enthusiast.

Tickets for each event are \$150. For details, visit www.sunywcc.edu/greatchefs or contact Sue Mackey at 914-606-6558 or at sue.mackey@sunywcc.edu.

The series will help support student scholarships and special programs that provide students with critical services. The foundation raises resources to meet student and college needs not met by public funds, awarding more than \$25 million in scholarships to over 18.500 students since 1969.



Heather Sullivan, an attorney from Peekskill, (shown with host Alex Trebek) appeared on Jeopardy! September 20 on WABC-TV and finished in second place, taking home a prize of \$2,000. PHOTO COURTESY: JEOPARDY PRODUCTIONS, INC.





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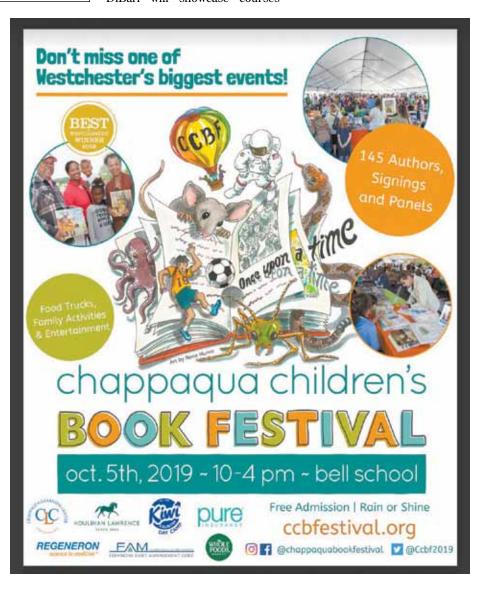
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The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze Back for Record 49 Nights

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Halloween is just around the corner, and for the last 15 years The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson has wowed hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Presented by Historic Hudson Valley (HHV), the largest non-profit cultural organization in Westchester County, the Blaze, which features more than 7,000 illuminated jack o'lanterns—all designed and hand-carved on site by a team of artisans—will make memories for a record 49 nights.

The electrifying fun began on September 20 and will continue until November 30—utilizing more than 200,000 pounds of pumpkins.

Attendance at the Blaze, widely acclaimed as one of the nation's best fall extravaganzas, has increased 870% since it debuted in 2005. Last year, more than 180,000 visitors walked the carefully crafted path. This year, more than 250,000 people are expected to enjoy the Halloween season at the Blaze and other events in the area.

Creative Director Michael Natiello leads a small team of Historic Hudson Valley staff and local artists who carve. In addition, more than 1,000 volunteers help scoop and light the pumpkins.

New creations this year on the grounds include the Sleepy Hollow Headless Horseman Bridge and a Museum of Pumpkin Art. Returning favorites include the Pumpkin Zee Bridge, Pumpkin Carousel, Statue



PHOTO BY TOM NYCZ

More than 7,000 Jack O'Lanterns and elaborate pumpkin structures are on display in Croton through November 30.

of Liberty, aquatic creatures, medieval castle and signs of the zodiac.

The leisurely walk is accompanied by a spooky soundtrack created by musician, radio personality and Halloween fanatic Richard Christy. The new tracks, plus soundtracks from Blaze: The Soundtrack Volume I & II are available as digital downloads and streams from iTunes, Amazon and Google Play.

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze Shop offers a full bounty of Blaze-specific merchandise such as candles, hats, T-shirts, magnets, caps, mugs and jewelry.

In addition, Café Blaze, by Geordane's of Irvington, offers culinary treats, including soup, veggie chili, muffins, pumpkin cookies and cider. Adult beverages available are wine by the glass, hard cider from 1911 and beer from the Elmford-based Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

Timed tickets to the Blaze can only be purchased on-line at www.hudsonvalley. org. Tickets start at \$23 for adults and \$17 for children (ages 3-17). Tickets for children two and under and HHV members

are free. For more information, call (914) 366-6900.

Historic Hudson Valley also has other Halloween-themed shows in the area. Horseman's Hollow, back for a spinetingling 10th year, transforms historic Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow into an 18th century village driven mad by The Headless Horseman. Award-winning makeup and costume designers and a 40-member cast of actors put on an interactive, terrifying experience with state-of-art special effects.

Horseman's Hollow is held 16 nights (Oct. 4-6; 11-13; 18-20; 25-27; 31 and Nov. 1-3). Online tickets are \$22 (\$28 on Saturdays). Visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

The Unsilent Picture, based on the Washington Irving story "The Adventure of the Mysterious Picture," was shot on location at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton. The theater experience is held at Philipsburg Manor throughout October. Online tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Other events are The Sleepy Hollow Experience, an interactive performance at Washington Irving's Sunnyside which features professional musicians and singers; Home of the 'Legend,' a family-friendly daytime event at Sunnyside that includes a spooky tour of Irving's home, a scavenger hunt, storytellers and other games; and Irving's 'Legend," where master storytellers Jonathan Kruk and Jim Keyes offer dramatic readings of Irving's classic tale, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.



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BY NEAL RENTZ

The Marine Diving Service, which is located in Croton, is not your typical business

Zdenek Ulman, commonly known as "Z," recalled last week that following his first scuba diving experience he decided to become a scuba diving instructor. "On my way to pursuing my dream to become a scuba diving instructor I stumbled across some of the companies doing some work around the boats and on the docks," he said

Ulman said he was hired to do underwater work with commercial scuba divers and his reputation in the business grew. "We did a lot of salvages and repairs and underwater cutting and search and recovery," he said. "Later on, I decided to open up my own Marine Diving Service company for salvage and recovery because I saw a need for an organized business doing just that."

Ulman said part of his business is to search for sunken items, barges and other types of vessels. He said his company earlier this year salvaged a sunken large barge in New York City. Many times there are accidents and other emergencies that require boats to be repaired underwater, he said. He noted when there are holes in a boat his company is able "to take care of it before

Marine Diving Service Croton



MARIA BELE PHOTO

Croton resident Zdenek Ulman, commonly known as "Z," is the owner of Marine Diving Service, which he opened four years ago.

there is a problem."

If there is a large sunken vessel that needs to be brought to the surface "it becomes a joint effort between other companies with the barges and cranes," Ulman said. For his part, he will offer his underwater work, such as surveillance and rigging, in an effort to make the repairs and assure the sunken vessel water-tight. Water in the hull of a sunken vessel must be replaced

with air, he said.

"The longest salvage we had was 34 hours straight," Ulman said. "The operation doesn't stop until the vessel is up because I can't really stop midway." The average salvage is 20 hours straight, he said.

Ulman has opened up another division of his company to clean local lakes. "A lot of these beaches are closed this summer because of the invasive aquatic vegetation and also because of the algae," he said. Ulman's company recently purchased a machine that removes the invasive plants by their roots, instead of the traditional method of cutting them. One of the company's recent projects was to improve water quality on the Esopus Creek in the Town of Saugerties in the Kingston area of Ulster County.

"People are very happy," he said. "They can swim again." The roughly two-week effort also allowed boats to move through the creek again without being tangled with the invasive plants, he said.

Ulman said algae pose serious health risks and invasive plants can be hazard for swimmers

Marine Diving Service is located at 3, Ripley Pl #3 in Croton. For more information, call 914-313-6394, send an e-mail to marineservice247@gmail.com or visit https://www.marinedivingservice.com/.

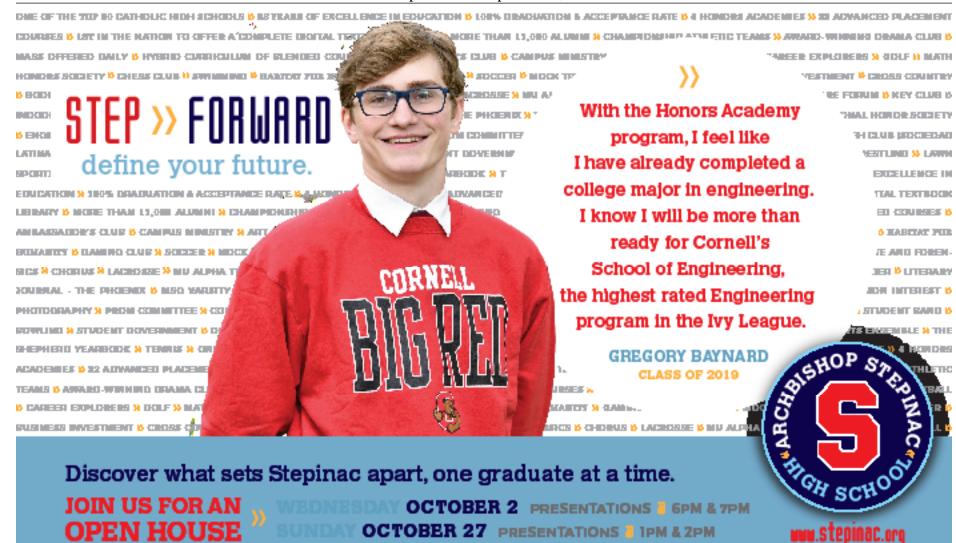


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TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC .You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center Helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-informationcenters/.

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

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

September Art Exhibit: The paintings of Constanza Mallol are on display throughoout the month of September at the Somers Library.

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 9a.m. and 5p.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 914 960-4007

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.

Live Performances: Live ticketed performances are being held at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Tribute, theatrical, cabaret, independent and famous acts perform. Info: 914-455-4272.

New York Presbyterian Programs: Two programs have been scheduled for at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. Physician in the Kitchen: Myths & Facts about Antibiotics will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3780 or hvhteachingkitchen@nyp.org . Seafood Supper will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$20. Registration: 914-734-3780 or hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org.

Internships: Assemblywoman Sandy Galef's office has announced upcoming internship openings for the 2019-2020school year. These unpaid internship opportunities are open to high school and college students who are looking to gain workplace experience, obtain knowledge on how government works and develop skills that will help them in their future. If you are interested in applying for an internship or wish to receive more information contact Jennifer Fields-Tawil at fieldstawili@assembly.state. ny.us or call the office at 914-941-1111. An application is also available online at www. assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Sandy-Galef/ story/46712.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: Several courses have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The Talmud class is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The Rabbi's class will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324.

Acting Classes: 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.

IBM Retirees: The Tri-State IBM Retirees resume their meetings today at the United Methodist Church Hall, E Main Street, Shrub Oak. The scheduled speaker is Rick Danzler, director of sales and marketing for The Knolls, a continuing care retirement community. A social and coffee will be at 1 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan 914) 528-5915.

Chester Smith Award Celebration: The Friends of the Field Library event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Dramatic Hall, 900 Main St. Info: 914-737-1212.

Health Care Discussion: he New York Health Act: A single payer plan for all New Yorkers will be discussed at 7 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Free. Info: Visit www.nyhcampaign.org.

Annual Women's Challah Bake: The event will be held at Chabad of Yorktown, Cortland, and Somers at 7 p.m. at 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. Yorktown Cover cost: \$25. Co-Sponsor: \$54. RSVP: www.ChabadYorktown.com or 914-962-1111.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

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.

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 Erev Rosh Hashanah (the High Holy Days) begins on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

Gallery Show: "ICU to Studio in 90 Days" featuring Irene "Zelda" Kaufman 87 was in the ICU at NYP- Hudson Valley Hospital. The show is at Scarlet Antonia's "Artist Spot of Peekskill" at 925 South St. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Saturday 2-9p.m. and by appointment. For more information

call Scarlet Antonia at 914-393-2382.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

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, communitylead 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

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley: At 9:30 a.m. there will be a creative and fun Jewish learning experience for children ages 4-7 taught by Jill Shoffiett, a renowned local artist. Please RSVP to 845-528-4774 or RTPVinfo@gmail.com. There will also be a children's program on Rosh Hashanah on Monday, Sep. 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., also taught by Jill Shoffiett. The Temple is located at 362 Church Rd.

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.

Somers Shabbat Services: Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Services will be held today. Hebrew Congregation of Somers is a small, informal and friendly synagogue affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. First-year membership is free and includes High holiday tickets. Email info@hebrewcongregationofsomers. org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

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 DowntoEarth-Markets.com.

Household Recycling Day: The Westchester County program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FDR Park, 2957 Crompond Rd., Yorktown. For more information on Westchester County environmental programs and events follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/WestchesterCountyDEF

Open House: Are you, or someone you know, thinking about moving to an assisted living community? Do you worry that you can't afford it? Well, join us at Bethel Springvale Inn from 11 a.m. to -1 p.m. at 62 Springvale Rd., Croton. Please RSVP: 914-

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

Temple Beth Am Rosh Hashana: **Our** spiritually uplifting evening service begins on September 29 at 8 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning services, which will include the blowing of the Shofar, take place at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30th. Both services are held at the Yorktown Stage. Children's services begin at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. Our communal Tashlich will happen at 3 p.m. at Sparkle Lake. All are invited to come celebrate the New Year. For ticket information, please call the office at 914-962-7500.

Chabad Rosh Hashana: The services will be held on Oct. 29 through Oct. 1 at Chabad of Yorktown, Cortlandt and Somers. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Holy Days: The synagogue will hold Rosh Hashanah services Sunday evening, Sept. 29, Monday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 1. Tickets are free. Registration is required. E-mail info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for reservations

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

First Hebrew Rosh Hashana Services: Meet your local Jewish community as members of First Hebrew participate in celebrating the Jewish New Year with egalitarian services beginning at 9 a.m. on both the first and second day of Rosh Hashana, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Interested guests must contact the First Hebrew office as RSVP will be necessary: 914-739-0500 or flc@firsthebrew.org. First Hebrew is located on the border of Cortlandt and Peekskill at 1821 Main St., Route 6. Visit www.firsthebrew.org for the complete High Holiday schedule.

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

Hebrew Congregation Holy Days: Please join Hebrew Congregation of Somers for the High Holidays. Advance regis-

tration is required. Services are continuing on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Kol Nidre is Monday night Oct. 7 and Yom Kippur services are on Oct. 8. We welcome all levels of observance and interfaith families. For more information, visit www.hebrewcongregationofsomers, e-mail info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532.



Bethel Celebrates Grandparents' Day

Pictured at the Grandparents' Day Carnival held recently at Bethel Nursing Home in Ossining is resident, Filomena Branca, along with members of her family. The event included music for all ages, a photo booth, bubble machine, art project and games such as corn hole, ring toss and ball toss, as well as prizes and refreshments. In addition, a fire truck, courtesy of the Ossining Fire Department, was onsite for all -generations to inspect and enjoy! Residents, families, friends and staff appreciated the opportunity to be together for this fun and intergenerational event.



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Using a Medicaid Trust Without Losing Control

BY SALVATORE M. DI COSTANZO

Over the years, I have found that one of the biggest obstacles preventing clients from pulling the trigger on a Medicaid Trust is the perception that all control is lost over the assets being transferred to the



trust. While it is true that legal title to the assets must be transferred to the trustee, a well drafted trust can provide several mechanisms allowing the creator of the trust to maintain a certain degree of control.

The following are some techniques I use in Medicaid Trusts to calm your fears

of losing control.

Power to Remove and Replace a Trustee Every trust has a trustee. The problem may lie in who you choose to be the initial trustee and, if circumstances were to change, how to replace that trustee. Even the closest and most trusted of family members may face their own difficult circumstances that may not make them the most ideal trustee years after their initial appointment.

By way of example, assume that you have a trust naming your only child as trustee. By some misfortune, you and your child become estranged. You have grown worrisome trusting that child to act as trustee. Since the trusts I draft give you the power to remove and replace the trustee, you can easily appoint another family member or close friend as the new trustee.

Power to Change Beneficiaries

Just as every trust needs a trustee, so too does every trust need a beneficiary. In most cases, children or other family members are the beneficiaries of a trust upon termination of the trust. However, once again, circumstances may arise that may warrant a change in beneficiaries.

For example, assume that you have two sons, each of whom are named as beneficiaries. Unfortunately, one of your sons had



just been served divorce papers. You fear that if you die and the trust terminates, his wife might be entitled to a portion of his inheritance. The Medicaid Trusts that I prepare include a limited power to change the beneficiaries among certain classes of individuals, such as your other children, thus eliminating your fears.

Power of the Trustee to Distribute Principal and Income

Most clients will fund a Medicaid Trust with their home and some of their other non-retirement assets. We usually recommend that the non-retirement assets earmarked for the trust be assets that the client never intends to use. However, there may be unforeseen circumstances where the money of the trust is needed such as for a large expenditure, such as for uncovered medical costs.

Although you do not have access to the principal of the trust, our trust provides that the it can make distributions of principal to your children or any other defined class of individuals so that the money can come out of the trust. Once the distribution is made from the trust, the children can use those assets for your benefit.

Revoking the Trust

Ultimately, under New York Law, you

can actually revoke an irrevocable trust with the consent of the trust beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding client's fears of losing control, very rarely do you see clients revoking the trusts for this reason. However, you should know that this is an option so you know that ultimately, this irrevocable arrangement can be reversed.

All of the above mechanisms are sophisticated and not found in boilerplate documents. It is important to work with a seasoned elder law attorney with proper drafting experience. Please contact us at 914-245-2440 or by e-mail at smd@mfd-law.com. You may also visit our website at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com.



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sion 7. PGA part

11. Kind of soup or salad

12. Small amount

13. of noodles

14. People in charge, abbr.

15. Justice Kagan of the Su- Cath. Church preme Court

17. Schwartzenegger classic movie

20. Architectural drawing

21. Especially

22. Uncovered

24. "___ to bed"

25. It's just for openers

26. This new Thornwood restaurant will leave

you feeling "full," -_ ___ North 32. It may have a big head

33. Anxious

34. Bookie's quote

35. Plops down

Down

- 1. U.S. document issuer
- 3. Inc., abroad
- boards
- 5. Summer, in Cannes
- 6. Pushed forward
- 7. Current measurer
- 8. Italian title
- 9. "Our Lady" of the Roman

10. After expenses

16. Volcanologist's study

17. Did some sowing

18. "____ of the Lost Ark",

Harrison Ford movie

19. Goals

20. Leveled a surface

23. Fake

25. Blood group system

27. Low digit

28. Abbr. after a general's

name, maybe

29. Perp prosecutors

30. Spanish bear

31. Dict. offering

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Fixtures: Getting Weird about What Stays and What Goes

As a realtor, I find that some home sales can be particularly interesting, as much for the small details as well as the big issues. A case in point is the subject of fixtures in a house for sale: what stays and

Buyers and sellers who seem perfectly nice and normal throughout the sales transaction can suddenly lose their cool when the seller asks at the last minute that a modest chandelier over a kitchen table be excluded among the fixtures included in the sale.

"Oh no, you don't," the buyer might say, "it wasn't excluded in the listing!" And, the fight begins. This very scenario happened to me a while back. The seller had forgotten to discuss the chandelier's exclusion with his listing agent on the listing. It was a very ordinary fixture, surely one not worth fighting about.

"But we bought it early on in our marriage, the seller protested to his agent. "Our family gathered under it every morning at breakfast, every night at dinner," he was reported to have said, and so it went. But my buyer didn't relent. I appealed to his better judgment. "That chandelier is an inexpensive Tiffany reproduction," I argued, "and couldn't have cost more than quality as a closing gift for you," I said. "No, I want that one," he said.

It looked as though it was going to come to a showdown. Just prior to this incident I

had heard a story about how the sale of a home was lost because

the seller had changed her mind about leaving her washer and dryer with a house because those particular models, with which she had fallen in love, literally, had been discontinued and she didn't want to risk her emotional health with trying another brand.

Oh, my goodness, I declared, you're going to risk losing a house over a matter like a cheap kitchen chandelier? See reason here, I admonished the buyer. Sanity finally prevailed and the seller was allowed to keep the fixture to which he was so strongly attached.

Shortly after that experience, I was involved with another dispute, and you guessed

it, it also involved lighting fixtures, this time in a gorgeous historic home when the seller had affixed the highest-grade wall sconces and chandeliers you could imagine in every room, all quite appropriate to their 18th century surroundings. My buyers oohed and aahed over every one of them in every room. Only after they decided to make an offer after the first showing did I

make the inquiry of the seller's agent about exclusions and, sure enough, the lighting fixtures were "available for sale." My buyers were not happy, and neither was I.

Give yourself a test. Which of the following items would normally not be included as fixtures in the sale of a home: built-in stereo system, electric garage door opener, wall-to-wall carpet, built-in microwave oven, water heater, dishwasher, built-in stove, drapes, refrigerator, washer and dryer.

You are correct if you answered that the last four items are not included. All the other items are automatically included since they are attached and have become fixtures.

The literature on the subject is somewhat simplistic. For instance, lumber sitting by the side of a house is personal property because it is not permanently attached to the structure or the land, and is therefore not included in a home's sale price; however, when that lumber is nailed or bolted together to become a fence, the wood fence is a fixture attached to the land and is included in the sale.

Oddly, while the examples I gave about chandeliers would identify them as fixtures, their light bulbs are not permanently attached to the structure, so they remain personal property. Very few sellers remove their light bulbs from the light fixtures (as they are entitled to do) unless it's a particularly contentious sale. (Although, when I sold my first home, I ended up hating my buyer so much that I removed every light

bulb from the house and every roll of toilet paper from the bathrooms. Hopefully, I've matured since those early years.) If a home seller wants to exclude a fixture from the sale, it must be specifically itemized and excluded in the sales contract.

When a dispute arises whether or not an item is included in a home sale, it is accepted practice that courts favor (a) buyer over seller, (b) tenant over landlord and (c) lender over borrower.

Well, I guess we all know where we stand in such battles.

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Challenge: Grapes You May Not Have Experienced

many indigenous grapes have been marketed and consumed strictly in-country and have only recently reached our shores. Let's go exploring.

First, the backdrop. There are literally thousands of grape varieties cultivated

around the world. Italy claims nearly 2,000 and Spain over 600. This glorious proliferation is unnecessarily confusing to those of us already intimidated when confronted with multiple choices at our favorite wine shop. (Gewürztraminer and Grüner Veltliner? How can I appreciate a wine I can't even pronounce?)

I've distilled my examples to a select few, with no criteria other than personal preferences. And I'm going to focus on two countries - Italy and Spain.

In Italy, Tuscany reigns supreme in the minds of

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Americans, and Sangiovese is still the benchmark for most American consumers. However, wines from other regions are developing a devout following. Let's explore three grape varieties.

First, in the southeast region of Campania there has been a resurgence in winemaking. The grape variety that has gained significant attention in the United States is the Aglianico (ah-LYAH-nee-

Throughout the winemaking world koh). These lusty, rustic red wines exhibit great balance with subtle plum flavors and earthy, chocolaty characteristics. I will be traveling to this region shortly.

> The second grape is also from Campania, a white grape that merits your attention. The Fiano grape produces a

gold-hued wine, with appealing aromas of apples and pears. Full-bodied but crisply acidic, there is real personality here in a well-balanced table wine that drinks well on its own or with light pork or poultry dishes.

There are two other notable Campanian white grapes gaining prominence in wine circles: Falanghina (FA-lan-GHEEnah) and Greco di Tufo.

I have a personal attachment, both historically and financially, to the Irpinia area and will be travelling there this week. When I return, I'll report on my vineyard, winery and tasting experiences in Irpinia

and a local winery, Cantine Ciani.

Third, the Lagrein grape (lah-GRINE). It is produced in the Trentino-Alto Adige region in the extreme northeastern foothills of the Alps - so extreme that the locals still speak German, a testament to the fact that until 1919, this area was part of Germany. The wines are a voluptuous dark ruby red with a nose of blackberries and plums and well-balanced acidity. These wines pair well with simple red meat dishes.

On to Spain. There are about 20 primary varieties grown in Spain's numerous regions. The red grape that is most familiar to the American consumer is the Tempranillo, but it is being challenged by the growing popularity of other red grapes, notably Monastrell and Garnacha varie-

Monastrell, grown in the southeast regions, of which the primary local area is Jumilla, produces wines with aromas of black cherry and blackberry and soft, chewy tannins. These wines are robust, ready to drink upon release and are wellpriced in the \$10 to \$15 range.

Garnacha (a cousin of the French Grenache grown in the Rhone Valley) is deeply colored with velvety textures and flavors suggestive of raspberries, with a distinctively peppery impact. A real fruit bomb, yet with a subtle balance.

There are a number of exotic-sounding Spanish white wines as well. My candidate is the Hondarrabi Zuri grape. This grape is grown in the northern Basque region of Spain. The local wine produced from this grape (in a blend) is called Txakoli. This is a wine that will make your taste buds stand at attention and then leave you salivating for more. Fresh and young, refreshing in body and balance, with aromas of tropical fruit and citrus, this white wine pairs well with most fish dishes.

So there you have it. When you're

putting together your life-list of things to experience, add "Grapes I've Never Heard Of." And then update your bucket-list of "Places to Visit Before I Die" with the locales we've explored today.

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RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO

Somers senior M Jessica Rodriguez splits a pair of Lakeland defenders -- No.7 Francesca Gerbasi and No. 25 Alessia Muccitelli -- in the Tuskers' 2-1 overtime triumph of the host Hornets last Friday when J-Rod scored once and Tusker Megan Dineen scored the game-winning goal off a corner by Karlene Kurtz with two minutes left in the second overtime period as Class A heavyweight Somers went 3-0-1 during a grueling seven-day stretch. The Somers defense has five shutouts in six games behind Rachel Ross and Alexis Atkinson ... see Soccer Notebook

Grid Notebook

Somers Stuns Rye, Yorktown Remains Unbeaten, Carmel Crushes

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

If it weren't for state-ranked (No.3) New Rochelle in Class AA, we'd be hard-pressed to forecast Class AA, A and B this fall, but four-time defending champion New Ro' makes AA an easy call this season, as it has for much of this century while winning 13 sectional titles since 2000.

The first installment of the NYS Sportswriters rankings came out last week and Section 1 is, as usual, is strongly represented in Class A and B. New Ro' is the only Class AA program among those ranks, and unranked Somers (2-1) just threw a monkey wrench into the Class A rankings with its stunning 28-24 upset of No.5 Rye (2-1); this, on the heels of Coach Tony DeMatteo's Tuskers' 30-12 loss to No.9 Yorktown (3-0) the week before.

Somehow, defending Class A champion John Jay (3-0), currently ranked No.12 in NYS, is flying under the local radar with so much focus on Rye, Somers and Yorktown, but Coach Jimmy Clark's Indians were feasting on bears last Friday in Brewster during their 34-14 victory, so Class A is a crapshoot right now with as many as four or five legit contenders.

Early on, Class B looks like its boiling down to two teams, including defending Section 1 champion Ardsley (3-0), ranked No.4 in NYS, and No.6 Byram Hills (3-0), who just happens to have one of the more inspirational young coaches in the region in Doug Carpenter, the former John Jay CR standout.

Be this as it may, someone is bound to throw us a curve ball, but New Rochelle



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Brewster LB Franco Milano gets hold of Jay's Max Miraglia with help from Bear Paul Catalano in Bears' 34-14 loss to Indians.

looks like the clear Class AA favorites; four teams – Rye, Somers, Yorktown and John Jay -- appear to be legit contenders in Class A; and both Ardsley and Byram Hills are the cream of the Class B crop... for now!

Just gonna throw this out there before

we dip in to the weekly recap: There are a ton of really, really sub-par football programs in Section 1 this year, and the difference between the haves and the havenots is profoundly evident as much as it is worrisome...

CLASS A

SOMERS is just impossible to figure right now. A week after Yorktown ran roughshod over DeMatteo's Tuskers, the coach had the actual gall to predict that a win over Rye would be the greatest regular season upset of his 51-year career. And when Somers junior RB Jack Kaiser scored with 18.9 seconds remaining, an improbable 17-point comeback was complete upon DB Nate Rosenzweig's game-sealing INT. Kaiser finished with 152 yards on the ground and three workmanlike scores. Rosenzweig, who stepped up for injured senior RB/DB Charlie Balancia, added 71 rushing yards and a TD.

"We had a great week of practice and we stayed mentally tough and fought," Kaiser said.

That toughness and work ethic resulted in Coach DeMatteo literally dancing along the home bleachers like a school girl in a plaid skirt on the last day of school; this, after his immaculate prediction at the team dinner #TheLegendGrows.

"That was so great to see," Kaiser said.

JOHN JAY's tempo and speed were too much for BREWSTER in the Indians' 34-14 defeat of the host Bears (2-1) last Friday when Indian QB Luke Mercer hit on 8 of 14 for 94 yards, including three touchdown passes to WR Max Miraglia. Mercer added 17 carries for 162 yards and yet another score as the Indians (3-0) built a 28-7 halftime lead. Jay RB Jack O'Reilly added 92 yards and a touchdown. DB Paul Catalano had a 55-yard pick-6 to get Brewster some hope before the half, but it wasn't nearly

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Brewster RB Mike Martinez chugs for tough yards in Bears' 34-14 loss to visiting John Jay Friday.



Mahopac RB Henry Botchway looks for crease in Indians' league loss to John Jay EF Friday.



Yorktown's Keith Boyer picks up block from OL Jack Tinari in state-ranked (No.9) Huskers' romp of Tappan Zee Friday.

enough against the defending Section 1 champs.

"They are the real deal, fast and furious," Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill exclaimed! "The QB made good decisions all night and defensively they swarmed to the ball. They are going to be a tough matchup for someone in playoffs."

LAKELAND was hoping to be 3-0 at this point, but a Week 1 loss to Brewster foiled its plan, but here Coach Mike Meadows' Hornets are at 2-1 as we enter Week 4 after a 42-20 win over host Beacon. Lakeland is above .500 in Week 3 for the first time in quite some time after QB Tyler Santucci hit on 10 of 15 passes with career highs on yards (245) and TD passes (5). Hornet WR Landon Ruggieri snatched two of those passes for scores and 126 receiving yards. WR Mike Castelli added six catches for 110 yards and three scores. Hornet RB Matt Makar moved the chains all night, with 28 carries for 134 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Hornet John Giuffrida led the defense with 12 tackles, Jake DiFede (9 tackles) was big and Jason Green recorded a sack and four tackles. Sophomore Kevin Hickey added six tackles and Jorge Duque added seven. Rob Nardelli and Adamo Iabriola each picked off a pass.

PANAS Coach Paul Ronga, in his first season, earned his first win, a 28-6 win over host Poughkeepsie when QB Mark Perez fired three touchdown passes for the Panthers (1-2), giving him five for the year. Two of those TD strikes went to WR Robert Ennis. Panther RB Dean Ragone rushed for a score.

CLASS AA

CARMEL went off on visiting RCK Friday, 33-0, doing so behind a career performance from Ram QB Andrew Nunez who connected on 9 of 13 for 170 yards and two TD strikes to WR Alex Beauchesne, who had four catches for 100 yards. Nunez added a rushing TD. Carmel RB James Cox added 17 carries for 119 yards and a touchdown while RB Andrew Bumgardner also rushed for a score for the Rams (2-1).

MAHOPAC RB Vin Bastone rushed 12 times for 83 yards and two scores but it wasn't enough in the Indians' 33-13 loss to host John Jay EF Friday.

"Right now, we just need to work harder to get better," Indian Coach Dominick DeMatteo said.

CLASS B

State-ranked (No.4)
Ardsley's 21-7 win over
PUTNAM VALLEY
went as expected but the
Tigers held a 7-0 lead when
QB Ryan Singer put the
host Tigers on the board.
However, that was it for PV,
who dropped to 0-3.

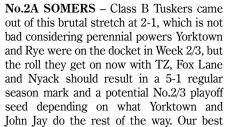
NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN

- Class A Huskers (3-0) are gonna be 6-0 heading in to the playoffs – unless unbeaten Fox Lane is better than we think they are -- and that record should/could

provide a critical No.1 playoff seed in what has become a wide open Class A. In the 56-28 win over TZ, Husker RB Dylan Smith put up a gaudy 223 yards and three TDs on just 11 totes. WR/RB Keith Boyer had six carries, three of which found paydirt, for 66 yards in all. RB/QB/WR Sean Vogel rushed for 53 yards and a score. So many players is a real nice problem for Coach House.

No.2 CARMEL – Class AA Rams (2-1) will tune up this Friday vs. Ramapo before visiting Arlington in a Week 5 doozy that will have a major say regarding league bragging rights and the potential No.2/3 seed in the playoffs, which Carmel might secure if they bring their A-game from this point forward. Carmel has been a steady program the last 25 years, eh? Oh, that's when Coach Todd Cayea showed up.



guess if both the Huskers and Indians win out and finish 6-0 based on their remaining schedules, but the Tuskers have been down

Grid Notebook

this road before and managed a way to the finals.

No.4 BREWSTER – Class A Bears' (2-1) had little chance against the speed and tempo of defending champion John Jay, but that should not deter them from the goal of

reaching the quarterfinals.

No.4A MAHOPAC – Class AA Indians (1-2) have a legit shot at going 3-2 with host Mount Vernon and visiting Suffern up next, but road warriors Arlington in Week 6 and rival Carmel in Week 7 could spoil the party by setting Mahopac up for a really rough post-season play-in game. Remember, this season is primarily about building for the future and passing the torch.



Yorktown QB/RB Sean Vogel sprints for paydirt in Huskers' romp of Tappan Zee Friday.

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Soccer Notebook

Class A Yorktown, Somers Notching Big Wins on Pitch

Mahopac, Somers Girls Make Early-Season Splashes

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

YORKTOWN striker O'Callaghan, often the best athlete on the pitch, is starting to really feel his oats of late. The senior captain had a monster week for the surging Huskers, who have won four in a row, including a 5-4 nail-biter over an improved PANAS club, and BREWSTER, 7-2. O'Connor was doing work in both wins, putting up seven goals, including four against Panas and the game-winner. But the Panthers were pesky and would not go quietly. Kyle Arraiano has four goals and two assists to lead the Panthers this season.

"Yeah we expected Panas to be a game to get the bench in a little bit, but they were definitely better than we expected," said O'Callaghan, who had nine goals and four assists through Thursday. "They had a speedy striker that we had trouble with and he countered us real well. They came out of the half very strong and we were caught a little off guard. I think they deserve a little more respect than we gave them though.

"I think it took me a couple games and a couple position rotations to figure out what spot could put me in the best position to score," he added. "My boys are figuring out different ways to get me the ball in good spots and I'm definitely on a hot streak right now I hope I can keep it going moving forward."

Huskers Mikey O'Connor (6G, 2A on the year) also scored and



RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Tim O'Callaghan drilled four goals in Huskers' 5-4 win over Panas last Thursday and has 9G, 3A on the year.

Zak Stanik added two assists.

O'Callaghan added three goals and two assists in the rout of Brewster. O'Connor tickled twine twice while James Calidonna and Ciaran Donohue each put up a goal. G Scott Weitman kept the Bears off the board for 60 minutes in his first varsity start. Brewster scored on a header by Jourdy Cerrato and Louis Romero breakaway. The Bears (1-4) have struggled out of the gate.

SOMERS senior M Andrew Lasher (8G, 3A through Thursday) bagged a hat trick in a 4-0 win over LAKELAND last Tuesday. Tusker Ethan Cukaj scored once against the previously unbeaten Hornets, Bennett Leitner dished two assists for the state-ranked (No.20) Tuskers, who come in behind Byram Hills (No.16), Rye (No.10) and Pearl River (No.2).

> These are the early powers that

be, but Rye looks like the club to beat (as of late Sept.), but Somers is well coached and skillful.

"Our boys are playing really well right now," Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta said.

CARMEL's Nicholas Fernandes scored a pair of goals in a 4-1 win over Suffern. Kid can play some soccer, but the Rams are lacking punch behind him.

In **BREWSTER's** 2-1 win over Lakeland, Bryan Jaramillo gave the Hornets a lead in the closing minutes of the first half, off an assist from Nick DeSantis. However, Brewster's Luis Romero found Kevin Sugamente to knot the score before the half and Dan Giron hit the game-winning marker in the 55th minute from Marco Gulla. It wasn't a great week for either the Hornets or the Bears, who seem a notch below the big dogs in Class A.

CLASS A OSSINING is



Yorktown's Michael O'Connor pushes up field against Panas in Huskers 5-4 win over Panthers last Thursday.

ranked No.9 in NYS and looks like a primary contender against top-ranked Mamaroneck. In what looks like a rare down year among the perennial Dutchess County powers, might the Pride be poised to snag a title? Ossining's Nolan Lenaghan (12G, 2) and Eric Monges (1G, 7A) have created a formidable 1-2 punch.

GIRLS SOCCER

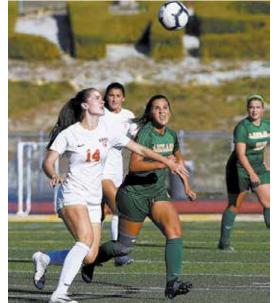
When the MAHOPAC girls' soccer team lost Colgate-bound senior Carly Steinberg, a preseason All-American, to a seasonending knee injury, and the Indians transitioned from former 11-year Coach Ross Fumusa to current Coach Casey Carroll, there could have been a period for lament. Instead, the Indians, who went 12-6 last season and have been to two Class AA Final 4's the last three years, took the next-girl-up approach and continued on their merry way, romping their way to a 5-1 start to the 2019 campaign

despite a 4-1 loss over visiting perennial Class AA powerhouse North Rockland, ranked No.7 in the state. The Indians were short a couple of key players that day and have put the loss behind them.

In a 2-1 win over Clarkstown North, the Indians saw Mia 'Monsta' Klammer and Jenna Daly tickle twine off assists from UConn-bound Grace DeVincenzo and Alyssa Chiulli.

In an impressive 4-1 seasonopening win over Mamaroneck, Klammer was at it again, flashing the skills that make her one of the section's premier scoring threats. Sabrina Nogula and Jenna Daly each added a goal while assists went to Alexa Rispoli, DiVincenzo, Marissa McCarney and Piper Klammer, the freshmen with a ton of promise.

În a big 2-1 win over Rye Saturday, the Indians got goals by Mia Klammer and Grace continued on next page



Somers' Kayleigh Kenny and Lakeland's Francesca Gerbasi get after 50-50 ball in Tuskers' 2-1 OT win against the Hornets last week.



Somers' Michael Miceri attempts to beat Lakeland's Steban Minchalo in Tuskers' Haldane's Marilyn Cedillo and Put Valley's Mazzie Maxwell mix it 4-0 win over Hornets last Tuesday.



up in Blue Devils' 4-0 win over Tigers.

Volleyball Notebook

Yorktown Serving with Authority, Beats Panas

By Tony Pinciaro

Coaches discuss the importance of seniors to the success of a team because of their experience and leadership.

YORKTOWN came into the 2019 varsity volleyball season without any seniors, but the Cornhuskers are thriving.

Yorktown swept LAKELAND and, after losing the opening game, won three straight to take the match. As a result, Yorktown is



BOB CASTNER PHOTO Yorktown's Aniyah Seales hammers home a point in Huskers' win over visiting Panas last Thursday.

"The girls are all contributing each day in practice and in games, and continuing to develop," Yorktown Coach Gigi Kemp said.

Following its opening-set-loss to perennial power PANAS, it would have been understandable if a young Yorktown team lost the match. Instead, Yorktown responded with the poise of an experienced team and took the next three games -- 25-20, 25-23, 25-21,

> "Poise is a word we often use in practice and in games," Kemp said. "It's a team power word and a work in progress each day. Composure is our other word we use to empower us to keep our confidence up."

Junior Jackie Cane led the way against Panas with 20 kills. She also had two aces and five digs. Sophomore Allison Torres had registered nine kills, 12 digs and one block. Junior Jackie Knoesel collected 18 digs and eight aces. Junior Allison Silverman rang up 25 assists, three kills and seven digs and classmate Olivia Facse had 13 assists and 13 digs.

In Yorktown's 25-11, 25-15, 25-17 win over Lakeland,

Cane had 13 kills, five aces and four digs. Allison Torres contributed 10 kills, Knoesel had11 digs and Silverman registered 17 assists.

PUTNAM VALLEY senior setter Kristina Turner reached

a major milestone surpassing 1000 varsity assists two weeks into her third varsity year.

"Kristina is a committed volleyball player," Putnam Valley coach Nicole Turner said. "She was the first player in Putnam Valley program history to get all-section honors.

"She is a strong team leader and will do whatever she can to get a touch on the ball and help her team win the point."

In her sophomore year, Turner rang up 361 assists and last year increased that number to 498.

"This is a true display of her growth as a player, as well as her teammates who surround her," coach Turner said. "In our three matches this week, Kristina recorded 55 assists, 17 aces and 12 kills. Genesis Cruz and Mya Bert recorded 26 and 22 kills, respectively.'

Putnam Valley, now 5-3 this season, defeated Woodlands and Palisades Prep and lost a tough five-setter to CROTON. Croton won the first two games, 26-24 and 25-23 before Putnam Valley evened the match with wins of 25-17 and 28-26. Croton took the decisive game, 25-22.

HEN HUD improved to 8-0 this season with sweeps of Beacon and Yonkers and a



Putnam Valley's Kristina Turner celebrates her 1,000th assists with teammates and Coach Turner, her sister Nicole.

four-set triumph of Westlake.

Mackenzie Calhoun finished with a matchleading 30 assists in the 25-6, 25-16, 25-11 win over Beacon. Madisen Lupica rang up 10 kills and Callie Pidoriano collected 19 digs and seven aces.

Lupica and Ashanti Davis were dynamite at the net against Westlake, both with careerhighs 18 kills and 15 kills, respectively. Julietta Antman registered a career-best 10 ace serves and Pidoriano had 24 digs and two ace serves.

Caitlin Weimar had a match-best 19 kills and 16 service points, including five aces, against Yonkers. Pidoriano had 17 service points, including eight aces and 10 digs. Lupica added 12 service points and 14 digs and Calhoun finished with 12 assists.

Vastly Improved Mahopac Making Strides in Win over Ossining



NIKKI GALLAGHER PHOTOS



Mahopac players celebrate a goal in vastly improved Mahopac junior Tatiana Moran has been a steady playmaker for the Ossining's Ryann Engelbracht defends Mahopac's Caitlyn Reilly in Pride's 3-0 Indians' 3-0 win over visiting Ossining Tuesday. Indians this season, setting up a big goal in a 1-0 win over Arlington. loss to Indians.



Class A Yorktown, Somers Notching Big Wins on Pitch

DiVincenzo off assists by Alyssa Chiulli and Marissa McCarney. Gifted senior keeper Isabel Omboni made 11 saves. Junior Shannon Becker notched her first varsity goal in a 4-0 win over John Jay EF earlier in the week behind additional goals from Grace DiVincenzo (2G), and Mia Klammer, who also had two assists. DiVi and Monsta have been a lethal combo up top.

"Grace and I have played together for the last two years and this is our third year together, so we understand the way each other plays and know what runs to make and where to be on the field," Mia Klammer

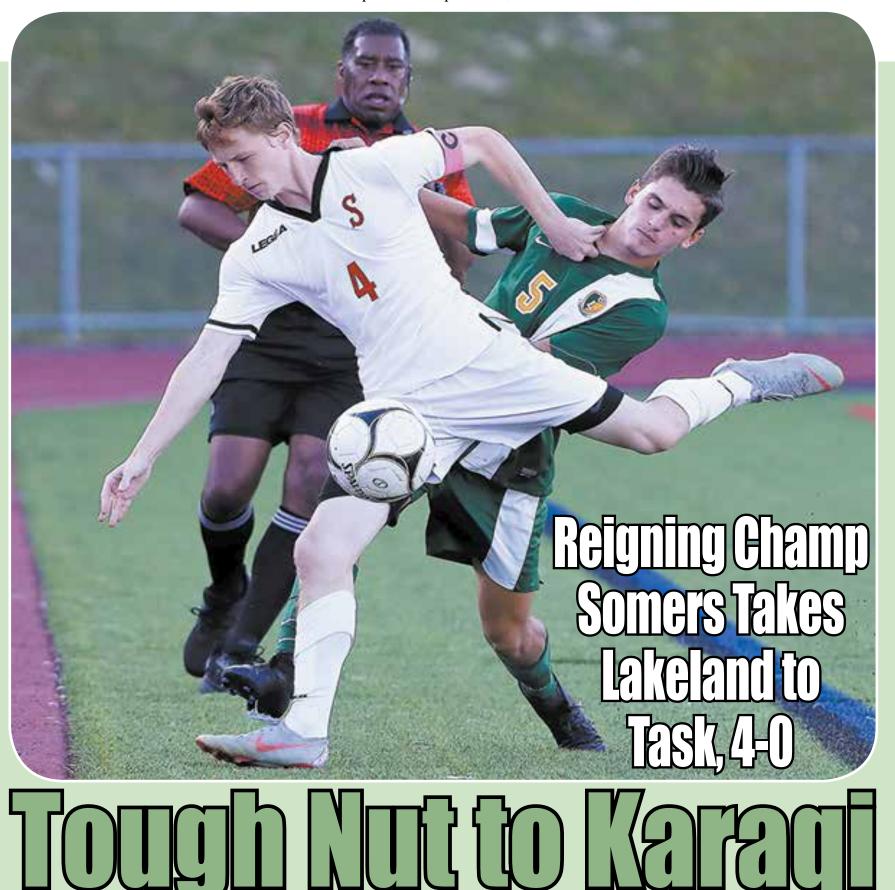
State-ranked (No.5) SOMERS flexed some serious muscle this week in a 2-1 overtime victory over host LAKELAND,

which is also having a solid season. However, Tusker Megan Dineen scored the game-winning goal with two minutes left in the final OT stanza. Somers M Jessica Rodriguez also scored while Dahlia Pepe and Karlene Kurtz each notched an assist for the Tuskers. Nicole Haughney scored Lakeland goal off an assist from Nadia Parisi.

Somers has been incredibly steady the

last decade and there's little reason to believe Coach Paul Saia's Tuskers won't be in it to win it this fall, though Magnus and several others across the river are legit challengers.

HEN HUD's Kira Varada scored four goals in a 4-0 win over Beacon win. Whether its soccer or lax, this kid has a nose for the goal.



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Lakeland F Augie Karaqi and the previously unbeaten Hornets met their match in Somers D Sean Dickson and the visiting Tuskers last Tuesday when the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Tuskers saw Andrew Lasher bag a hat trick in a 4-0 Somers win. State-ranked (No.20) Somers improved to 5-1 on the season last week... see Soccer Notebook



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