



Emotions Run High at Philipstown Gun Law Hearing

By David Propper

Gun control has become one of the most polarizing topics in the United States with Philipstown residents learning that first hand last week during an emotional public hearing concerning a law meant to enforce the safe storage of firearms.

The proposed legislation would require gun owners to lock up their weapon or disable them when they aren't home or if children are present and the gun owner is not in direct possession of their weapon. Philipstown board members, all Democrats, will likely vote in March and are expected to approve the law that would result in a misdemeanor crime if a resident were found to have violated it.

The safe storage ordinance received strong backing from town residents during the high turn out hearing. With close to 200 people in attendance, the

hearing stretched more than two hours and dozens of people spoke with the majority backing the piece of legislation.

When some residents questioned if the law would be constitutional, town attorney Stephen Gaba assured it passed the legal threshold. He noted there is a stark difference between the Philipstown law and the District of Columbia vs. Heller decision that opponents of the proposal have been pointing to. In the Heller case, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 a law passed by the District of Columbia was unconstitutional because that city's safe storage law stopped DC residents from promptly accessing their handgun in their home. But the Philipstown proposed law states a gun must be safely stored when a gun owner is not home or if there are children in the home and the

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Many supporters of a safe storage gun law came out to encourage the town board to approve the gun safety measure.

Kent FD Faces Scrutiny for AR-15 Rifle Fundraiser

By Anna Young

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department came under intense scrutiny last week when residents voiced their opposition to the department raffling off an AR-15 rifle as the top prize for their annual fundraiser.

During last Monday night's District Board of Commissioners meeting, intense anger arose as several residents and fire officials debated the appropriateness of raffling off a similar type of gun that

was used to kill 17 students and staff members at Major Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL on Feb. 14. The raffle got underway in January.

After initially refusing to stop the raffling of the AR-15 Monday night, department leadership announced on Tuesday the AR-15 would not be a prize, but instead the prizes would be two gift certificates to a local gun shop.

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Many residents came out last week to object to Kent Fire Department personnel raffling off an AR-15 rifle for their annual fundraiser.

Mahopac Lions Raise Money for High School Seniors



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The Mahopac Lions Club, which is in its first year of existence, celebrated Valentine's Day earlier this month by raising money for a good cause. Holding the fundraiser at Ramiro's Restaurant along Route 6 in Mahopac, club members raised scholarship money for seniors at Mahopac High School. Free prizes were won with the support of local businesses and attendees even got a free gift for attending. The Lions Club started back up several months and are already making an impact in their community.

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Throughout the hour-long feud, residents demanded the department suspend the fundraiser fearing the gun could end up in the wrong hands. Other residents said the raffle was simply bad-timing and explained that it would portray the community in a negative light.

"I appreciate firefighters, I appreciate the second amendment, I appreciate people who are responsible gun owners. At the same time, I value my babies' lives," Carmel resident Lizz Gaffney said. "I am terrified to send my children to school, and we want to talk about raffling off guns. Please, don't put more guns into the community."

Resident Jenny Lambert added that it only takes one bullet to kill someone and asked how those in attendance would feel if that person was their child.

"It's not just about how it looks, it's about what happens," she said. "We don't know who is going to get the gun and we can't guarantee it's going to be a responsible person."

The Board of Commissioners agreed raffling off a firearm does not show good judgment or sensitivity toward the community and encouraged the department to suspend the raffle.

But department captain Mike Christiansen, who chairs the raffle

committee, explained to the more than 50 residents in attendance that the raffle follows all New York State and federal guidelines and winners will undergo a background check. He added that the AR-15 complies with state law and that it's not an assault rifle. The rifle lacks a bayonet mount, a grenade launcher, a folded telescope and certain handgrips in accordance with the New York SAFE Act.

"We have some of the strictest laws in New York State and we're following them," Christiansen said.

Department president Gladys Bolbrock said other fundraising efforts have failed in previous years and their current fundraiser has been the department's most successful fundraiser. She explained that Putnam is a hunting community and the raffle has gained a vast amount of interest from people within the department and throughout the county.

Several residents offered to write the department checks for \$100 if the they agreed to cancel the raffle, but Bolbrock refused stating that the department stands to make up to \$10,000. She expressed her sympathy for the people in Florida but explained that everyone has rights and backing down would make the department look like "cowards."

Chief Justin Byrne condemned the community for their opposition and for

not supporting the department in previous years, reminding them that the department is comprised of volunteers who keep the community safe at all hours of the day and night.

"If you want to come down and help us, come down and help us, don't come down here yell at us and tell us we're doing this wrong just because you heard something on the TV or you misunderstand things. Don't do that, because it makes you all look bad," Byrne said. "We're doing this raffle,

it's successful, most successful thing we've done here. Because you people in this room decide it's not in good taste doesn't mean we should stop it."

The department released a statement the following day changing the prizes of the raffle. First and second place winners will now receive an \$800 and \$500 gift certificate to a Carmel gun shop that has not been identified.

Despite the department's change of



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By Tuesday, the department decided not to raffle off the weapon.

heart, two Carmel High School students formed a GoFundMe fundraiser hoping to raise the \$10,000 the department is set to gain to extinguish the controversial raffle.

"Our goal is to raise this money to prevent another gun from entering our town," Sarah Smith said on the fundraising page. "If the fire department won't accept, all donations will go towards the children in the Sandy Hook community. It's time for change."



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A: If there is a tear, I'll recommend surgery to repair it. Using a minimally invasive arthroscopic technique, I'm able to repair a rotator cuff as an outpatient procedure and patients can expect to be home within a few hours. For more serious problems such as severe arthritis, degenerative joint disease, or chronic rotator cuff deficiency, shoulder replacement surgery is often necessary. Patients can expect to leave the hospital after one or two days. Arm movement is limited for about six weeks while the tissue around the new joint heals. Most patients return to normal activities after three months, and shoulder replacements typically last a lifetime.

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Putnam Legislators Ponder Future of County Property

By David Propper

Sitting dormant for several years, action finally could be taken on a property facing the shores of Lake Gleneida that is owned by Putnam County.

Lawmakers discussed the future of the county property located at 34 Gleneida Avenue at last week's physical services committee meeting with a few different options on the table for the future of the barren building. This is the first time the county Legislature has publicly addressed the building in several years.

In a memo to legislators, County Executive MaryEllen Odell listed three possible options for the building's future. Odell wrote the county could sell the property to a private entity that would put it back on the tax rolls and could improve the Main Street business community. The county would also no longer need to pay for annual utilities, security and maintenance of the building, she wrote.

If the property is kept, Odell wrote it would require a capital investment and keep the property off the tax rolls. She cautioned while the number of county employees remains even, new federal or state mandates could lead to an increase in county personnel that would need to be housed somewhere.

The final option is working with a group of substance abuse providers that could all be situated at the building, akin to a "one stop shop" that would provide a Main Street presence for residents that need services.

The building is used for storage at the moment.

Ultimately, the legislature will have the final say regarding the property, Odell



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Currently 34 Gleneida is being used for storage, but county lawmakers hope to have a plan for the building sooner than later.

wrote.

"I will support any decision or decisions that you will make regarding this facility," Odell wrote. "I would suggest that we work towards a decision as a matter of priority."

Legislators didn't come to a unanimous decision about the building at Wednesday's meeting.

Legislator Neal Sullivan said he'd like to see how much the building is worth and if there are any potential buyers for it. Sullivan said because Putnam's population isn't growing, the county should look to consolidate its campus. Right now, the building is off the tax rolls and if the county hung onto the building, it would need to invest money to get it "useable for anybody," he said.

encouraged tearing the building down and called it an eyesore. If the property is put up for sale, the actual land would be more valuable than the building, Jonke said.

Legislator Carl Albano said his first thought is to keep the building because it is part of the county campus, but the highway department should evaluate the condition of the building before a decision is reached.

"If there are services that are needed, it would be a great place to utilize," Albano said.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, who comes from a non-profit background, said there are grants available for non-profits if they consolidate resources by working under one building. Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said the building would be a "perfect showcase" for a combination of non-profits that provide similar services.

Legislator Toni Addonizio suggested lawmakers take a tour of the property.

Bill Nulk, Putnam County Chambers of Commerce president and Industrial Development Agency board chairman, said the building has more room than some might think, though it needs considerable work done on it. He still uses the building to field documents connected to the IDA.

"It's probably got more utilization capabilities than a lot of people think right now," Nulk said.

Patterson Man Arrested for Sexual Conduct with Child

By David Propper

Disturbing news came out of Patterson last week when a local resident was accused of sexual abuse of a teen.

Anthony Marino, 61, of Patterson, was arrested and charged with sexual contact with a child in the 1st degree, a class B felony, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, and endangering the welfare of a child, all class A misdemeanors, according to New York State Police.

The alleged sexual abuse was reported to the state police in August 2017 and an investigation began into Marino's actions with a child less than 13-year-old. The probe determined that Marino engaged in sexual contact with the child multiple times in the Town of Patterson, according to state police.

Marino was arraigned in the Patterson Justice Court and remanded to the Putnam County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.



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gun owner doesn't have direct possession of the weapon.

When Gaba explained the law, several opponents seemed surprised with resident Cindy Trimble stating, "We're all under the impression that we're restricted when we're home."

"That's why it's important when you come to a public hearing to have actually read the law," Supervisor Richard Shea sternly stated to a rousing applause.

After that clarification, a long succession of residents spoke in strong favor of the ordinance, arguing the law would improve public safety while not violating anyone's gun rights. Several supportive speakers referenced the school shooting in Florida earlier this month that left 17 people, including students, dead.

Resident Michael Cappello, an attorney and lieutenant with the NYPD, said the first thing he does when he gets home everyday is secure his gun in his gun safe, calling it a common sense measure.

"A loaded firearm is a deadly," Cappello said. "It should be secured. I think the law is constitutional."

Resident David Marzollo said laws are meant to protect people and it's a public official's job to ensure the safety of everyone. As times change, laws must also adjust, he said.



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The auditorium was packed at Haldale School where the public hearing was held last week.

"The safe storage act has nothing to do with bearing arms," Marzollo said. "It merely asks that you lock your guns up when you're not bearing them."

Once the hearing continued into the second hour, many supporters that signed up to speak shouted from their seats that

they supported the law. One resident said if the law saves one life, it would be worth passing. Another resident noted when her sons and their friends have sleepovers that she even makes sure to "lock up the booze." A former NRA member stressed no one is losing their second amendment rights from this legislation.

Resident Anna Silverlink, in one of the most emotional pleas of the night, told the board how her brother tragically shot himself with his gun in front of his wife.

"Guns do not save lives," she said. "Guns are made to kill. Laws save lives."

A few opponents stated that the town should focus on more important issues like the opioid epidemic. Other residents against the proposal encouraged the town to set up educational gun workshops through the recreation department to teach children gun safety.

"We don't have a firearm problem in this town," Garrison resident Rodney Dow said.

But resident Claudio Marzollo said even though there is a drug problem in the community, it doesn't mean the board can't tackle other problems. He said bringing up the drug problem is just a "red herring."

"You're not so stupid that you can only handle one problem," Marzollo told the board.

A couple opponents argued the town should have passed a safe storage resolution instead of an ordinance where a person could be charged with a crime and face jail time or a fine if convicted. Some opponents of the law even conceded it wasn't as heavy handed as they first thought, and a couple residents commended the board for moving toward the center of the political spectrum with the latest proposal.

Resident Craig Watters, who ran for the town board a couple years ago, said if the proposal was a resolution encouraging safe storage, he believes there would 100 percent support for it. He complained laws are meant to tell residents what to do rather than just suggesting it like a resolution would. He noted there could be a financial burden on gun owners to buy a gun safe.

Resident John Maloney was skeptical of the law even though he safely stores his guns. He questioned what if he has to rush out of his home one day without locking his guns; would he end up in jail or fined.

"You're going to criminalize law abiding citizens of the town when you pass a law like this," Maloney said.

The only speaker not to offer an opinion was Sheriff Robert Langley, who lives in Garrison. He said his job is to only enforce laws rather than write or influence them.

"As sheriff it is my expectation that Putnam County residents will acquire firearms lawfully," Langley said. "I expect that they will educate themselves and others about gun safety. And I expect that they will handle their guns responsibly, always with the safety of others foremost in their minds."

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Southeast Town Board Considering Change in ORV Law

By Neal Rentz

The Southeast town board is considering changing a law to allow the use of off road vehicles for such purposes as snow plowing, lawn maintenance and gardening on private property within 100 feet of another property.

At the Feb. 22 Town Board meeting Supervisor Tony Hay said resident Jerry Skalaski of Shady Lane recently made the request to change the law.

"The first 200 feet of my property is a gravel driveway that is approximately 30 feet wide and abuts both 1 & 5 Shady Lane, then opens up to the remainder of my property," Skalaski stated in his correspondence to the town. "The gravel driveway continues for another 200 feet and is approximately 40 feet from the property line that I share with 1 Shady Lane."

"I use an ATV for the sole purpose of plowing/and maintaining my driveway and property," Skalaski stated. "My concern is that I could be subject to random complaints from other property owners whose property abuts mine. Anytime that I used my ATV to maintain my property I could be in violation of Sub-Section E and subject to the penalties described in Chapter 134-5: Any person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of not more than



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Southeast resident Andres Gil discuss potential changes to the town's off road vehicle law at the Feb. 22 Town Board meeting.

\$250 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

"This situation is unacceptable," Skalaski wrote. "I should be able to have reasonable use of my property without the fear of being subject to fines and/or imprisonment. In addition, there are many other property owners in the

town that could also be negatively impacted by this ordinance."

The town board is looking at changing the off road vehicle regulations to allow residents to ride the vehicles to maintain their properties less than 100 feet from another property. Right now using off road vehicles for property maintenance less than 100 feet away is illegal, Hay said. The town would still prohibit drag racing with off road vehicles even if the law is modified, he said.

Resident Andres Gil said he wanted language in the amended law to be made clear that the burden would not be on the person using an off road vehicle for property maintenance.

"The intent of the statute should be to preserve the peacefulness of the community," he said.

Another resident, Dennis Santucci, said he lives next door to Skalaski and he has been in a four year legal battle with the

town because an "illegal race track" has been in operation in his neighborhood with the use of off road vehicles less than 100 feet of his land.

Santucci said the town board should not change the law until his federal litigation against the town has been settled. Santucci said he had no problem with snow plowing by off road vehicles, he does not want the vehicles to be driven up and down a property without ample land and be a nuisance to another neighboring property owner. The town has not been enforcing the current law, Santucci said.

"This is going to help you" and other off road vehicle owners, Town Attorney Willis Stephens told Santucci.

Discussion on the issue is slated to continue at the March 22 Town Board meeting.

Food Truck Legislation Hearing

Also at last week's meeting, the Town Board voted unanimously to change the peddling and solicitation law to allow military veterans to operate food trucks on road right of ways if the operator obtains a veterans permit from Putnam County.

No residents spoke during last week's public hearing, which was closed by the board.

Even with the passage of the town law, "they still have to adhere to any home rule issue," Hay said last week.

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Verizon Gets Past Hurdle to Put Antennas on Mahopac Restaurant

By David Propper

After the Carmel Zoning Board of Appeals turned down an area variance last month that stopped Verizon from putting a 33-foot cell tower on top of a Route 6 business, ZBA members revisited the issue last week.

This month, the ZBA voted 4-3 to approve an area variance that allows two antennas on top of Ramiro's Restaurant at 954 Route 6 pending additional approval from the town planning board. During last Thursday's meeting, the ZBA heard from an attorney advocating for the area variance and from a few opponents that live near the building where the antennas could go up.

The measure was rejected last month, but without the full ZBA on hand for the Jan. 18 vote.

Attorney Jordan Fry, representing Verizon, said the utility would consist of two "small" antennas within an enclosure meant to match the building. The variances sought by Verizon aren't substantial, Fry argued, and there are no harmful effects toward the environment.

The antennas would be moved to the other side of the building, Fry said, and would need to be reviewed by the planning board. One zoning board member noted the latest proposal would be farther away from the neighboring building, Lefer's Automotive, on Route 6.



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The owners of Lefer's Automotive, left, don't want two proposed antennas going up on top of Ramiro's Restaurant. The building is owned by Councilman Michael Barile.

The antennas would need to be attended to at least once per month, Fry said. He noted the ZBA has granted Verizon a variance in a similar circumstance in another part of town. Paperwork was also submitted explaining that the antennas are necessary to relieve a network capacity issue because of the high demand on Verizon, Fry stated.

Fry said no alternative sites, including the K-Mart building, would meet the

needs of the antennas because there isn't a clean line of sight. He said the antennas would benefit emergency service responders and residents.

"Because of the demand on Route 6 it's a capacity issue for Verizon Wireless and this site will help that capacity issue," Fry said.

Councilman and well-known businessman Michael Barile owns the building where the antennas would be

erected.

Attorney Gregory Monteleone, representing Bill and Joan Lefurgy, who are neighbors against the proposal, said there is cell service for Verizon in the area and questioned if the tower was necessary. He also said he was unsure if further studies were done by Verizon to find another potential site.

"This antenna is totally on top of their living space," he said. "It's going to effect their property values, it's going to affect their lives."

He said the property has had many variances in the past and more studies should be pursued.

One board member said if the ZBA denies the area variance, he doesn't believe the decision would hold up if an Article 78 lawsuit is filed.

Joan Lefurgy said the cell tower would harm the character of the neighborhood and could have harmful health effects. She gave in a petition with the signatures of 38 households that are against the proposal.

"We'd like to feel that this isn't hanging right over our head," she said. "Because it is. It's going to be huge."

Another resident complained his family's home is right next to the cell tower.

"Who would want that near their house," Greg Pellegrino said.

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Democrat Comes Forward to Challenge Republican Serino

By David Proper

A Democratic challenger has emerged to face Republican Sue Serino in the battle for the 41st New York State Senate seat.

Karen Smythe, of Red Hook, officially announced Monday her run for the seat that's been held by current Senator Serino for almost four years. The seat represents parts of Dutchess and Putnam counties, including Kent, Putnam Valley, and Philipstown. In a press release, Smythe said small businesses and families in the Hudson Valley are being underserved in Albany and she's running, "because we deserve better."

"We need economic development support, increased school aid, tax relief, and greater protections for our natural resources," Smythe, the executive director of the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, said in a statement. "We need new representation in Albany, someone who will work nonstop for legislation that will help everyone in our district."

In the press release issued, it stated Smythe was born and raised in Poughkeepsie and is a fourth generation resident of Dutchess County, which borders Putnam. The lifelong Democrat has served on the Board of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum and the Bardavon Theater. She also served as a Trustee of Vassar College, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

Professionally, Smythe worked as an executive for 16 years at CB Strain and Son, a Poughkeepsie-based mechanical contracting business and before that she was an executive in the food industry for major brands like Doritos Chips and Dannon Yogurt.

'We need new representation in Albany, someone who will work nonstop for legislation that will help everyone in our district.' - Karen Smythe

Smythe, a mother of two, will hold a campaign kick-off event in Dutchess County on March 7.

The last Democrat to hold the 41st senate seat was Terry Gipson for one term when he won in 2012. Gipson was able to beat a Republican incumbent in a three-way race. Serino then knocked Gipson off in 2014 and then in a rematch in 2016 against Gipson, she was victorious.

The GOP conference holds a slim majority in the state senate.

Serino is expected to run again for another two-year term.

"Senator Serino has a strong record of fighting for the things that mean the most to residents of the Hudson Valley-cutting taxes, creating jobs, empowering local businesses and combating the

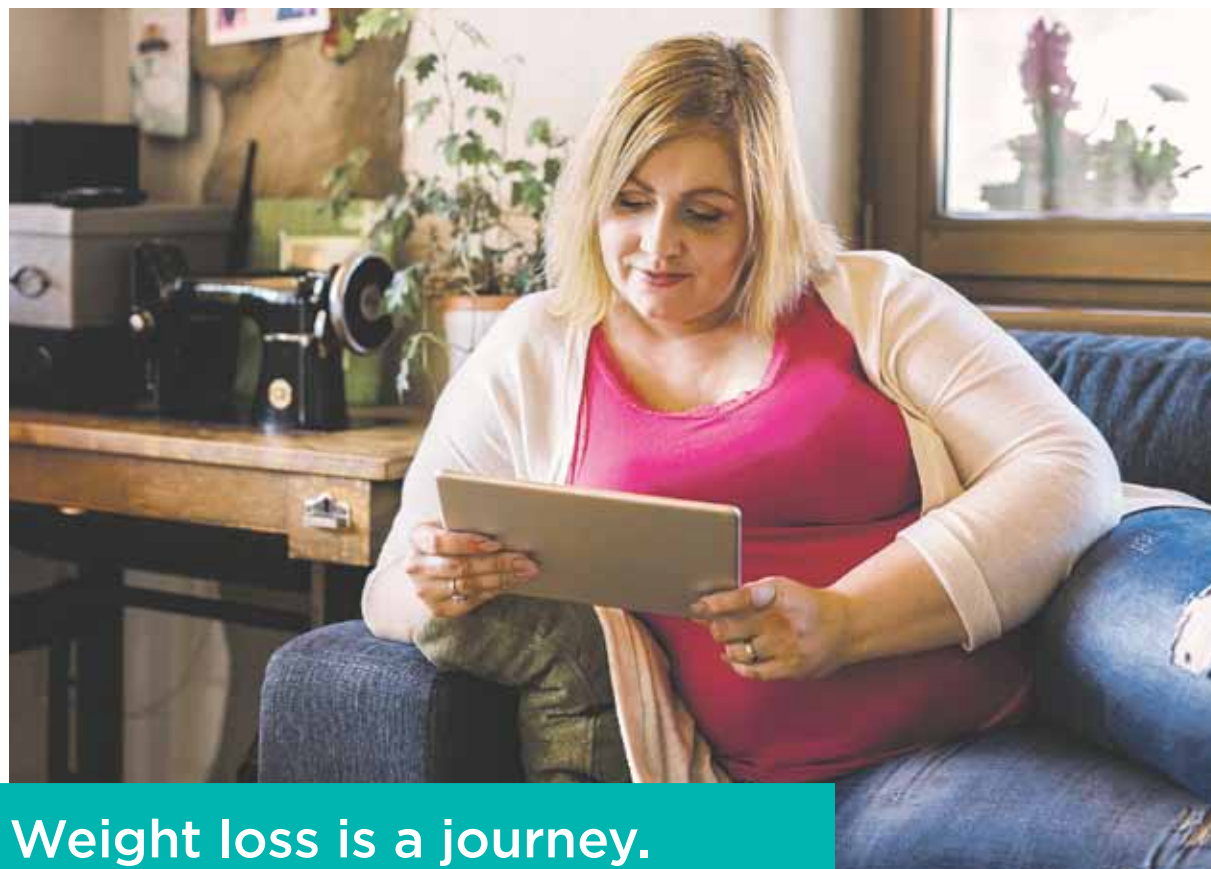
spread of Lyme and tick-borne diseases, as well as the heroin and opioid crisis that have plagued the area for far too long. She's also secured record levels of funding for local schools and delivered funding directly to communities to help hold the line on local taxes. With state budget negotiations underway, she is focused on working for us and building on her impressive record to improve affordability and access to opportunity to continue moving our community forward," Serino spokesperson Kara Cumoletti said in a statement.



Democrat Karen Smythe



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Protestors Rally Outside Cuomo's House, Demand Pipeline Risk Study

By Anna Young

Environmental activists gathered outside Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Mount Kisco home Sunday afternoon urging him to release a risk assessment study he ordered on the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline project near Indian Point two years ago.

The group of activists, Healing and Protecting Our Land Together: A Call to Prayer, led an interfaith vigil on Bittersweet Lane where more than 100 attendees continued their statewide "Walk the Talk" campaign, calling on Cuomo to stop the buildout of fracked-gas infrastructure.

"We are here for the millions of people whose lives are at risk by a pipeline running by their homes or their children's schools and who have to live in constant fear of a possible accident," said Croton-on-Hudson resident Paola DalleCarbonare, cofounder of Healing and Protecting. "We are here to pray and support the governor in finding the strength and the courage to show leadership today as his father... did when he shut down the Shoreham nuclear plant as it was a danger to his constituents."

With Indian Point projected to close by 2021, activists stressed the importance of understanding the potential risks the high-pressure transmission gas pipeline poses with nearly 2,700 tons of radioactive spent fuel rods stored indefinitely on-site. In the event of an explosion, they fear the release of radioactivity could threaten



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Sister Bette Ann Jaster addresses a crowd of more than 100 activists outside Gov. Andrew Cuomo's home Sunday.

more than 20 million people who live within the plant's 50-mile radius.

Dr. Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident and cancer researcher who has battled Spectra Energy for several years, explained that officials need to address the safety risks of the pipeline before they complete decommissioning plans or a reuse study for the Indian Point property in Buchanan. She added that it's "ludicrous" to have three gas pipelines running under 40 years of radiated spent fuel.

"He's (Cuomo) touting himself as an environmentalist to the press but he's building fracked gas pipelines, fracked

gas power plants, all kinds of fossil fuel infrastructure that he's allowing to be built in New York State, and that's where this "Walk the Talk" comes from because on TV he sounds awesome, but I live here 400 feet from a massive gas pipeline he could have stopped," Williams said. "I do want him to walk the talk and I'm sick of raising my family in the blast radius of the gas pipeline."

Sister Bette Ann Jaster, a Dominican Sister of Hope, led the vigil. She requested those who gathered to breathe the air and appreciate the water, sky, trees and ground below them before leading them in prayer for a safe and healthy future.

"We're not the only county that's experiencing the ravages of pipelines, but we have Indian Point and its nuclear reactors and its spent fuel rods that have been here for a very long time," Jaster said during the vigil held during persistent rain. "We have no risk assessment here. We're calling on the governor to give it us because we're tired of waiting. If it's bad news we need to know what it is to protect ourselves and our children."

"It is of ethical urgency that this report be released so we can move forward working together to protect our neighborhood, our Westchester County, our New York State and our surrounding lands," said Karen Killeen, a member of The Thomas Berry Forum.

Protestors also requested Cuomo halt all fossil fuel infrastructure projects throughout the state, including the Competitive Power Ventures gas power plant, the Atlantic Bridge project, the Cricket Valley gas power plant, The Valley Lateral pipeline, Williams Rockaway pipeline, among others. They also want the entire state shifted to renewable energy by 2030.

Rabbi Glenn Jacob, executive director of New York Interfaith Power and Light, added that there's enough science and technology to save the planet but the lack of political will is preventing action. He said Cuomo has the influence to make the planet "green and beautiful" for future generations.

Steiner Sports CEO Gives Local Business Leaders Tips for Success

By Rick Pezzullo

When Brandon Steiner, president and CEO of New Rochelle-based Steiner Sports, was 12 years old he landed a paper route in Brooklyn and there was a contest where the delivery person to open the most accounts would win a box of candy bars.

Besides just pitching the newspaper, Steiner also offered to deliver customers milk, bread and bagels, a strategy that resulted in 234 new daily accounts and 199 Sunday editions. Needless to say, he won the contest.

"I learned you have to differentiate yourself from others," Steiner told members of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce earlier this month at the Hudson Room in Peekskill as part of the 2018 CEO Chat Series.

"There's nothing normal about the way I was raised or the way I built Steiner," he said. "I probably changed an industry. To create an industry is not easy. It all started when I was younger."

In 1987, Steiner started Steiner Sports with \$4,000, a Mac computer and an intern. Steiner Sports is now the largest company of its kind in America, valued at more than \$50 million. The company

specializes in helping companies use the power of sports to grow their business and has spent over 25 years building relationships with more than 2,000 athletes, national relationships with the major sports leagues and partnerships with notable teams in sports, such as the New York Yankees, Dallas Cowboys and New York Knicks. Steiner Sports is also the leading producer of authentic hand-signed collectibles.

"I don't think Derek Jeter needed Steiner. I don't think the Yankees needed Steiner. They were doing fine without me," he said. "I went to the Yankees with a solution to a problem. My biggest thing is how can I help these guys. I just started to think of the most important people I can help. You gotta go play in that sandbox, even if it's uncomfortable. Sometimes you have to get up in the morning and go get it."

Steiner, 68, whose clients include Jeter, Mark Messier and Mariano Rivera (who he is currently raising money with to build a YMCA in New Rochelle), recently penned a book called "You Gotta Have Balls," which stems from one of his mother's favorite lines. He graduated from Syracuse University after many



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Brandon Steiner, president of Steiner Sports

thought he was not college-material and later started a sports management school there.

"I have always been an underdog. I love being an underdog. Nobody saw me coming," he said proudly. "I have always found a way to play the underdog role in my mind. It's a good way to avoid disappointment. Once you get an understanding of what winning is, winning is what you do."

Steiner said about 10 years ago his company was struggling so he came up with the idea of selling dirt, bricks and

grass from sporting venues, such as the old Yankee Stadium. It was a concept that proved to be very lucrative.

"It seemed right to me. My back was really against the wall. You got to be creative. You'll be surprised how creative you can be," he said. "When I meet a player, I don't care how many home runs they've hit or how many goals they scored. I want to know what's winning to them. Money is only part of our success. In order to get what you want you have to know what you want."

Business of the Week

The Dining Car Brewster

By Neal Rentz

The dining car is a traditional feature for those who take long train trips.

While those commuting from the Brewster Metro North station to locations south do not have a dining car available on their trains, they do have the option of patronizing The Dining Car restaurant inside the station before departure.

Hopewell Junction resident Aimee Buck, the kitchen manager of The Dining Car, which has been open for 11 years, said last week the eatery offers breakfast and lunch. Patrons can eat at the restaurant or use the takeout option, she said.

"We definitely aim to have as much as we can available to grab and go," she said. "Most people are in a rush trying to catch a train."

The Dining Car's menu specializes in "good home cooked meals," Buck said. Specialties include breakfast egg sandwiches that are convenient options for commuters. Hot and cold lunch sandwiches are also sold. One of the new lunch offerings is The Paisan sandwich, which includes homemade grilled chicken, mozzarella cheese, roasted red tomatoes, pepperoni and balsamic



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Hopewell Junction resident Aimee Buck is the kitchen manager of The Dining Car at the Brewster Metro North station.

ketchup.

Granola, blueberry jam and cookies are offered from Mother Hanley's Baked Goods in Somers, Buck noted. Iced drinks and smoothies are also available.

A variety of coffees and teas are

available at The Dining Car. "Coffee is definitely our specialty," Buck said. J.B. Marshall Premium Coffee is available. "There's a lot of flavor options," she said.

Most of The Dining Car's patrons are Brewster and Connecticut residents who

are taking the train, Buck said.

The Dining Car is in the process of expanding its customer base to attract more village residents other than commuters as regulars, Buck said. Artwork and music has recently been introduced to The Dining Car "to make a better business relationship with the community," Buck said. Most of the paintings at the restaurant have been created by one of Buck's best friends, Anthony Malachi of Peekskill. His colorful abstract paintings are available for purchase.

Buck said some catering events have been held at The Dining Car in the evenings with food from menus created by TJ Legeret of Carmel.

"I'm working on creating new ties with the community and a local business to try and make this place more than what it's used for now," Buck said. "It's a beautiful space with great acoustic sound for musicians."

The Dining Car is located at the Brewster Metro North station. It is open from 4:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 845-278-2112 and the e-mail address is bnycafe@gmail.com. The business is also on Facebook and Instagram.



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Putnam Sheriff's Office's Message Regarding School Safety

In light of recent events in Parkland, Florida, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department has reviewed its school safety procedures, evaluated our preparedness and the Sheriff continues to encourage the public to "See Something Say Something."

Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley Jr. reminds the public that every school in Putnam County has "Emergency Response Plans" on file at our agency. Our School Resource Officers (SROs) have helped the school administration draft those plans to ensure that they comply with New York State standards.

Most importantly, we have trained Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers in all five school districts' High Schools, Middle Schools and one Elementary School. Two districts have additional armed Special Patrol

Officers in their elementary schools.

We feel that the School Resource Officer program is the best preventative measure for not only handling a violent school incident but for addressing many other problems that can affect our youth. A Deputy Sheriff at a school gives students and staff someone to interact with and share concerns. These deputies have training specific to working in a school setting and recognizing a threat before it's carried out.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department has worked and trained with administrations from each of our school districts on how to manage a mass casualty incident using the "State Incident Command System." Police officers from the New York State Police, Carmel Police and Kent Police assist our deputies in participating

in Lockdown drills. These drills help instill sound tactics for students and teachers.

Sheriff Langley points out that every sworn officer at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department is certified in "Active Shooter Response" training. Understanding that any school incident would hail police from every agency around, the Department cross trains with surrounding agencies so all responding units will have the same tactics.

It's important to note that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department has been training our members since 2009 in this specific type of active shooter situation. Our tactics have evolved thru the years as current best practices are brought back to our members thru our in house instructors. Our supervisors and command staff have

received training on school shootings and mass critical incidents.

We are proud to be in a partnership with our school districts encouraging the safest environment for our children to learn and come home safe to their families.

Our office has made available to the public and our school districts, free training on Workplace Violence, CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events), and ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate). We have also participated, with surrounding agencies throughout the state, in the "See Something, Say Something" campaign and remind all citizens to report any and all suspicious activity to local law enforcement agencies.

Master Gardener Volunteers Offer Scholarships to Putnam Students

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteers are offering two scholarships of \$500 each in 2018. Residents of Putnam County who are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarships for the study of Plant Science, Horticulture, Floriculture, Architectural Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany or other environmentally related programs.

Students must be Putnam County residents but can attend any high school or be home-schooled. Awardees must plan to pursue advanced education in a recognized institution of higher learning. Past recipients have attended programs in Environmental Science and Sustainability at Cornell University and SUNY Plattsburg, Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy at R.I.T., and Wildlife and Conservation Law at Unity College.

More details about the scholarship, the application form and eligibility criteria are available through high schools' guidance offices and online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu

We encourage all students who meet the criteria to apply for these scholarships. Deadline for application is April 30, 2018.

Together with the professional horticulture staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers offer adult education workshops, staff the daily (9-12) Horticulture Hotline, answer plant and insect questions at the Cold Spring Farmers Market, host plant sales and work with gardeners at the Tilly Foster Farm Community Garden. Master Gardener volunteers help link Putnam County residents with evidence-based information from Cornell University and other land-grant colleges to help people use natural resources wisely, to become more confident home gardeners, and to landscape with the environment in mind.

For more information, and how to obtain the scholarship application forms, please contact: Master Gardener Volunteers of Putnam County Scholarship Committee Chair, Cathy Croft at (914) 826-0180, or cathycroft@comcast.net or visit putnam.cce.cornell.edu

Letter to the Editor

Peaceful Vigil Was No Place for a Protest

On February 19 I attended a vigil on the steps of the courthouse in Carmel to honor those whose lives were lost in the Parkland, Florida massacre. A small group of pro-gun demonstrators gathered, some of whom chose to disrupt the gathering. They shouted over the co-organizer of the event, shouted over the clergy, and shouted interruptions throughout the short period of time we were there.

One man made his way through part of the crowd, invading people's personal space and yelling. My friend held up her sign to separate herself from this man, and he pushed her.

This was intended to be a peaceful gathering. We heard from, among others, clergy who led us in prayer, Putnam Sheriff Robert Langley, a school

teacher, a representative from Moms Demand Action who read the names of those who had been killed and asked us to repeat their names so they would not be forgotten, and a singer who led us in song by candlelight.

This was not a demonstration, a rally, or a protest. It was a VIGIL.

Who were these pro-gun activists and how is it they were organized to be in attendance? The event was posted on various Facebook groups and PTA walls. Why was a vigil chosen for their protest, and who directed them there?

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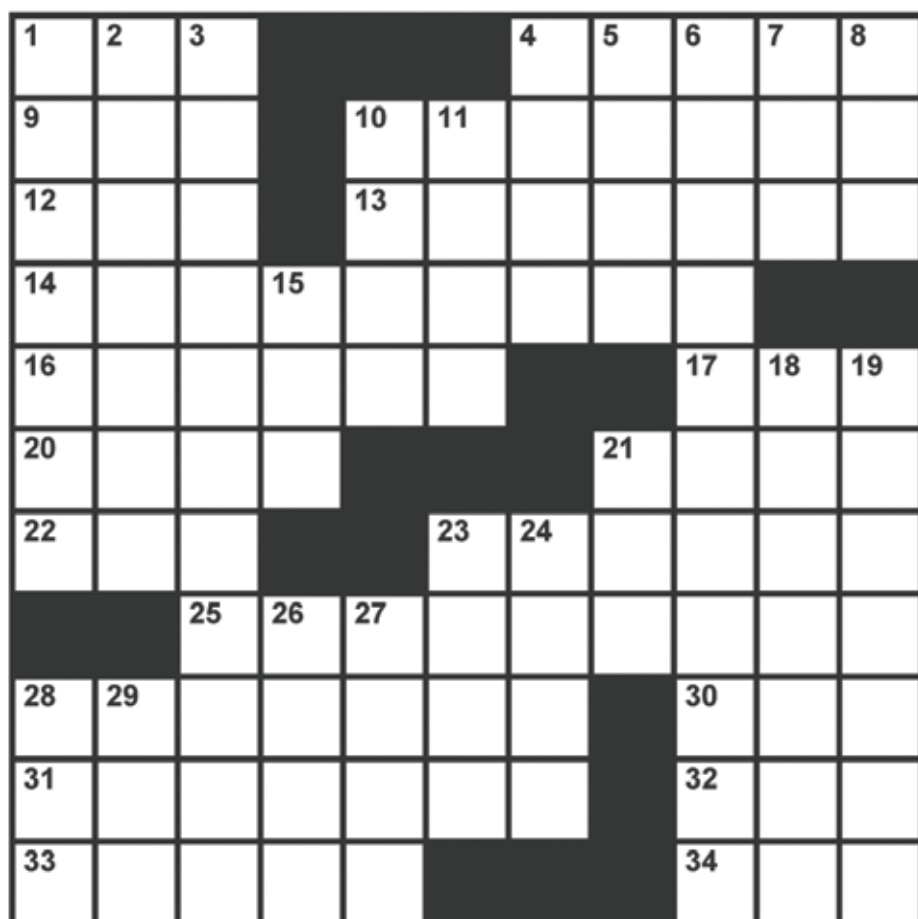
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4. Maxim
9. "Take me ___ am"
10. The pope's court
12. Boxer's stats, abbr.
13. Pushes
14. Somers based geriatric services
16. Gives a bad name to
17. Bugs
20. French 101 verb
21. Diamond of records
22. Christened
23. Like an old tree trunk
25. "Huh?"
28. Hopkins, Quinn or JV Mall jewelers
30. Usually requires a driver
31. Concept found in Hinduism
32. Lion followers
33. Deceived
34. NYC's 34th and 42nd

Down

1. Rest
2. Confine
3. Sent the wrong way
4. Pond dweller
5. Certain colorist

6. Affirms
7. Small General Motors car
8. Poetic time of day
10. Offended
11. Tolkien baddies
15. Compass reading
18. Craftiest
19. Cunning
21. Run-down horse
23. Washington, Grant and others, abbr.
24. Thumbs-down votes
26. "Oops!"
27. Faucet brand
28. Internet giant, once
29. Compass direction





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Obituaries

Gail B. Steacy

Gail B. Steacy, age 81, of Mahopac, died surrounded by friends and family on February 19 at Somers Manor Rehabilitation Center in Somers. Gail was born on March 8th 1936 to Doctor and Mrs. George H. Steacy of Mahopac. She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and got her Masters in Physical Education there before embarking on her teaching career. Gail first taught in Greensboro, then Oberlin College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gail was a pioneer for women's sports at UNC where she coached the college basketball team. Gail returned home to support her mother, Edith, after her father's illness. She stayed with her mother for the next 35 years and they enjoyed many good times together. During these years Gail also taught at JFK and Mahopac schools. Gail attended Lochearn Camp for girls for 14 years. As a camper she won pretty much all the sports trophies that she could and was captain of the blue team. But her favorite of all was the "LC Spirit Award". As a counselor Gail was the head of all 3 divisions of the camp. She is revered by those who came after her, and truly is a "legend" at her beloved Lochearn. Gail loved all sports but

especially football and her Carolina Panthers. "Carolina blue" was her favorite color! But the most important thing in Gail's life was her faith in God. Gail converted to Catholicism at age 30 and has been a devout member of St. John's parish for many many years. Gail will be best remembered for her love and devotion to family and friends. Gail is survived by her two beloved brothers Kevin and her sister-in-law Bette of Chesapeake, VA and Michael Kim Steacy of Boulder Colorado. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews who each had a special place in her heart.

Charles H. Braun

Charles H. Braun of Carmel, died on Tuesday, February 20, two days before his 81st birthday after a long, brave battle with cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on February 22, 1937, the son of Herman and Helen Brennan Braun. He is survived by his wife Barbara of 61 years of marriage, son Charles and his wife Marianne of Cortlandt Manor, his daughters, Barbara Koob and her husband James of Apex, NC, Julie Carpenter and her husband Marcus of Redding, CT and Tara Walitynski and her husband Jon of New Milford, CT; his brother Richard of Churchville, PA, his sister, Helen Walker

of Zephyr Hills, FL, 8 grandchildren: Daniel, Charlie, Christopher, Anika, Michael, Anna, Amanda and Zachary and 2 great grandchildren: Roman and Skye. Charles graduated from Northeast Catholic High School. He retired as a senior computer scientist with ITT in Nutley, NJ. Charles loved building model airplanes, fishing, skiing and playing with electronics. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends, however his persistence to live will continue on with all of us.

Raymond Fairbanks

Raymond Fairbanks, age 62, died unexpectedly February 22 at home surrounded by his loving family. Raymond was born on July 1, 1955 to the late Carlton and Matilda (Chuastek) Fairbanks in Astoria, Queens. He graduated from Mater Christi High School in Astoria and went on to further his education at the State University College at Buffalo. Raymond married the love of his life Joann on June 21, 1984 in Carmel. Together they were blessed with two children; Theresa and Nicholas Fairbanks. He was employed for many years as an Operating Engineer at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mt. Kisco. Raymond had a great tenacity for life that was filled with hobbies and passion. Among

them, he loved photography and was a talented photographer. He was also an avid appreciator of the fine arts. As a guitar enthusiast, he enjoyed playing and listening to music. Raymond was a die hard New York sports fan and his loyalty was with The Yankees, Giants, Knicks and Nets, and was an ardent collector of sports cards. He was a faithful parishioner at St James the Apostle in Carmel. Most of all, he will be remembered for his love and devotion to his family and friends. Raymond is survived by his beloved wife Joann and his two loving children; Theresa Fairbanks of Carmel and Nicholas Fairbanks of Buffalo. He is also survived by his adoring sister Veronica Baker and his cherished niece Amy DiFrancesco both of New Milford, CT. In lieu of flowers the family has asked donations and contributions can be made to the American Heart Association in Raymond's Memory. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. A visitation will take place on February 27 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Cragain Funeral Home 10 Fowler Ave Carmel NY 10512 (845) 225-3672. A service to celebrate the life of Raymond will take place during the evening hours of visitation at 8:30 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Home.

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“The philosophy of what we’re doing here is really one of total healing. We are not only helping patients lose weight but perhaps, more importantly, helping to put diabetes, high blood pressure and other obesity-related medical problems into remission as we fix the underlying cause of these problems,” said Dr. Anthony Maffei, Putnam Hospital Center’s medical director of bariatric surgery. “At Putnam Hospital Center, we have strived to offer optimal opportunity for safe and effective outcomes, thus resulting in this noble accreditation we received.”

Putnam Hospital Center’s bariatric surgery program offers patients preoperative and postoperative care, in addition to monthly support groups and



Bariatric surgeons Dr. Ashutosh Kaul, from left, Dr. Jonathan Giannone and Dr. Anthony Maffei.

online seminars. The hospital’s medical team consists of four board-certified bariatric surgeons. In addition to Maffei, they are Dr. Ashutosh Kaul, Dr. Thomas Cerabona and Dr. Jonathan Giannone, each from Advanced Surgeons and on the medical staff at Putnam Hospital Center. Along with the surgeons, there are a program coordinator, bariatric nurses, nutritionists and physical therapists, who all collaborate to provide coordinated,

safe and seamless patient care. To earn the MBSAQIP designation, Putnam Hospital Center met essential criteria for staffing, training, facility infrastructure and protocols for care. As a Comprehensive Center, the hospital participates in a national data registry that produces semiannual reports on the quality of its processes and outcomes, as well as identifying opportunities for continuous quality improvement. “This accreditation affirms the outstanding work our bariatric team does to ensure that our patients are receiving the highest level of individualized and compassionate care,” Putnam Hospital Center President Peter Kelly said.

For more information on the bariatrics program at Putnam Hospital Center, call 845-230-4797 (TTY 1-800-421-1220) or visit <https://www.healthquest.org/Bariatrics/Bariatric-Surgery-PHC.aspx>

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Fun and Creative Summer Camps with a New Twist



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Have the kids do something fun and creative this summer. Let them use their imagination and have fun with Seven Star School of Performing Arts Summer Camps. Seven Star School offers a variety of camps for boys and girls from ages 3 and up. Our weekly camps run July 30 – August 24. Morning camp sessions for children age 3-6 include themed weeks of Princess & Prince, Disney/Pixar, Explorer, and Descendants. Each week is filled with fun activities, crafts, games, dance, music and more. Morning camp sessions for children age 6-10 year old are Broadway Bound Camps. Campers experience a week of dancing, acting and singing classes culminating in a musical revue for parents. Students can participate in themed weeks of Lion King, High School Musical, Aladdin, and Hairspray. New this year is a fun afternoon Dance Remix camp offered from 1-4pm for only two weeks, July 30 – August 10. Children ages 3-10 will enjoy daily themed camps with fun activities, dancing and crafts. For any camp week, add on a Lunch Bunch and your child can stay for the full day. Before or after daycare is available from 9am – 6pm. For one week only, SSSPA offers a special evening class. The Hip Hop And Break Dancing Camp offered from July 30 – August 3 teaches children dances to the newest style of music that they love. All of are camps are held in their state of the art, air conditioned facility located at 509 Route 312 in Brewster, NY. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.sevenstarschool.com.

Putnam County Watershed Protection Discussed

The Putnam County Alliance for Balanced Growth (ABG) committee featured speaker Matthew Giannetta of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for its inaugural 2018 meeting. The presentation on 2018 Putnam County Watershed Protection brought in a large committee turnout, educating the business community as well as residents on the importance of the revision to current regulations in regards to environmental and economic growth for the future.

"The ABG committee has started off the year with an exciting presentation from a returning guest, Matthew Giannetta of the DEP. Putnam County is known for hosting part of the watershed that feeds New York City's drinking water supply, and the ABG was proud to educate our community on the advancements the DEP has made in regards to maintaining protection of this precious resource throughout the county. This topic speaks to the very heart of the Alliance for Balanced Growth – conserving our natural resources while developing the Putnam County economy," states Putnam EDC President Jill Varricchio.

ABG Committee meetings are held every second Friday of the month, and feature educational presentations, which relate to Putnam County economic development. 2017 presentations included topics on utilities and incentives from NYSEG and Central Hudson Gas and Electric, engineering from Walden Environmental Engineering, the future



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From left: Jill Varricchio, Matt Giannetta, and Kevin Callahan

of rail trails by the Putnam Rail Trail Association, the Rockland County Incubator, construction services from Verticon Construction, and more. Each meeting brings members of the Putnam County business community who hope to learn about new topics, and foster new relationships with their fellow committee guests and members.

Susan McKeever-Duys, engineer at Barton & LoGuidice states, "thanks to Jill Varricchio for her hard work as well as the

thoughtful speakers that are presenting at the Putnam County Alliance for Balanced Growth Committee, I have made some great local connections and the discussions and networking on the local projects has been great. This month's presentation from the NYC DEP was especially pertinent in discussing the new regulations regarding stormwater management and green infrastructure initiatives." Adds George Cronk, engineer at the Chazen Companies, "I appreciate

the NYCDEP to take the time and present some ideas they are considering related to changes within the Stormwater Regulations."

Stated Lyle Shute, Principal engineer at McGoey, Hauser & Edsall, "the ABG breakfast topic on NYC DEP watershed regulations covered some very relevant local issues affecting Putnam County. As a Consulting Engineer, it was valuable to hear the business concerns from various stakeholders as it relates to development around the watershed in Putnam County, as well as the latest positions taken by DEP for watershed protection. We appreciate the work and mission of the Alliance for Balance Growth, and for facilitating these discussion forums."

In keeping with the Putnam County Alliance for Balanced Growth mission to create a unified voice for responsible development and quality construction, addressing the Putnam County Watershed protection reinforces our Smart Growth message. Our market is industrial/commercial development and office facilities. We rely on Putnam County's quality of life assets to attract companies to expand and locate here. We work with local, county, and state governments as well as our business community to advance our message and goals. Those involved in commercial development, land use, zoning, etc., and who are interested in attending the monthly ABG committee meetings can call the office for details at 845-808-1021.

Three Salespersons Join Houlihan Lawrence in Yorktown

Houlihan Lawrence, Yorktown Brokerage Zef Camaj, Brokerage Manager, recently welcomed three Real Estate Salespersons to the team.

Elizabeth "Liz" Finnegan spent several years in sales for the luxury hotel industry in Manhattan. After growing up in Westchester, she returned to Yorktown Heights to raise her family. Liz is passionate about real estate. Her experience, energy and upbeat personality will enhance the buying or selling experience for all her clients, and help them discover all that the local community has to offer. Liz is an active volunteer and member of the PTA including Vice President for the last two years. Call/Text Liz for all of your real estate needs at 017.545.4530

Jennifer "Jenny" Torres is dedicated to her clients and is committed to excellence in customer service. Her energy, hard work and creative services in every detail of the transaction keeps her clients at ease throughout the entire experience. This has allowed her to help place happy clients in their dream homes. Jenny grew up in Yorktown and now calls Mahopac home where she lives with her husband,



Elizabeth "Liz" Finnegan

son, dachshund and two cats. She is an active volunteer in the community. Today's real estate market is full of opportunities. Whether you are buying, selling, renting or investing call/text Jenny for a consultation at 914.589.5132.

Drita Shala is passionate about the real estate market, and is always ready to walk her clients through the process of buying or selling. Drita covers areas



Jennifer "Jenny" Torres

throughout Putnam, Westchester & Dutchess County. Whether you're looking to sell your lakefront house or purchase your next home Drita is ready to offer her expertise, professional service and innovative online approach. She is bilingual in Albanian and English. Call/text Drita today for a consultation at 914.906.1662

"We're excited to have such dedicated



Drita Shala

real estate sales professionals join our Yorktown team," said Zef Camaj, the Yorktown branch manager for Houlihan Lawrence. "Liz, Jenny and Drita will provide exceptional service to both buyers and sellers."

Houlihan Lawrence's Yorktown Brokerage serves the towns of Yorktown, Cortlandt, Peekskill, Putnam Valley, Mahopac and Carmel.

Putnam and Mercy College Team up for New Degree Program

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell announced that Mercy College will be offering a bachelor's degree program in corporate and homeland security management through the county's Bureau of Emergency Services' Training and Operations Center Building (TOPS Building) at the Donald B. Smith Campus in Carmel. The program will begin in Fall 2018.

"We are a community of first responders—career and volunteer, and this program helps build a succession plan in law enforcement, first responders and EMS, which we know is critical, not just here but for the Hudson Valley," said Odell. "Also, by teaming up with Mercy College we can advance our secondary educational opportunities in Putnam County."

Mercy College's Bachelor of Science degree in corporate and homeland security management is a four-year degree offered through the School of Business. It is the first undergraduate degree of its kind, designed to provide a comprehensive background for students interested in pursuing professional managerial careers in the private or public sectors where business and security skills coexist. The



County Legislator Neal Sullivan, Lee Erickson, second assistant chief of the Garrison Fire Department; Carmel School Superintendent Andy Irvin, Garrison Fire Commissioner Sandra Bohl, Dr. Ed Weis, Jim Erickson, first assistant chief of the Garrison Fire Department and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell after the announcement that Mercy College will partner with the county to offer a B.S. degree in corporate and homeland security management out of the Bureau of Emergency Services' TOPS building in Carmel beginning Fall 2018.

B.S. degree in corporate and homeland security management offers students a cutting-edge degree—one which speaks to the expanding and dynamic role that

security now plays in virtually every business and government career.

"This is a unique program run by Dr. Matthew Miraglia. It is perfect for

corporate and government leaders or those who want to become leaders," said Dr. Ed Weis, dean of Mercy College's School of Business. "We want to focus this program on career advancement as opposed to just academic theory."

To encourage residents to participate in the program, Putnam County is partnering with Mercy College to offer several scholarships for the Fall 2018 class.

"We understand how cost constraints limit the opportunity for many to continue their education," said Odell. "Our goal is to make it low cost and affordable."

There will be one full scholarship and several partial scholarships awarded. Applicants can be nominated through their school district, fire department, EMS agency or other government entity.

Mercy College has its main campus in Dobbs Ferry and other campuses in Manhattan, the Bronx and Yorktown.

For more about the program visit www.mercy.edu/degrees-programs/bs-corporate-and-homeland-security. For more information about the scholarship program call the County Executive's Office at 845-808-1001.

Book Barn Volunteers Donate Over 4,000 Hours in 2017

On January 27, The Friends of Mahopac Public Library hosted a breakfast to honor the volunteers who staff The Book Barn at Mahopac Public Library. These volunteers collectively gave over 4,000 hours of their time in 2017! They are a dedicated group of volunteers that are

efficient and well organized. The Book Barn shelves are easy to browse and the volunteer staff is always happy to assist patrons in finding that perfect book or a specific author.

Their efforts enabled the Friends of Mahopac Public Library to donate

over \$25,000 to the library. Book Barn revenues augment Library purchases of books, movies, music and support events such as Lego Robotics, Battle of the Books, Star Wars Reads Day, Summer and Winter Reading Programs, Museum Passes, plus so much more! The Friends were also able to assist in the purchase of the new AWE computers for the Children's Wing of the Library.

There is always a need for additional volunteers in The Book Barn. If you would like to share your love of books with others, visit the Information Desk at the Library to pick up a volunteer application. Book Barn hours are: Tuesday (1 p.m. to 7 p.m.), Wednesday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), Thursday (2 p.m.-7 p.m.) and Saturday

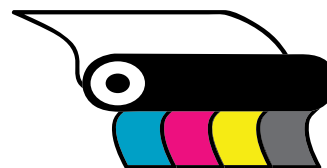
(11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Hours are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the Library at 845-628-2009 to confirm hours of operation.

The Friends of Mahopac Public Library support the Mahopac Public Library through fundraising, advocacy and volunteerism. We welcome new members and new ideas! Pick up a Friends membership application today and become a Friend! Applications are available in the lobby or visit Mahopac Public Library's website at www.mahopaclibrary.org. If you are interested in taking an active role with the Friends and are interested in serving on the Friends Executive Board, please email us at mahopaclibraryfriends@gmail.com.



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Why it's Harder to Buy Your Dream Home Today

By personal experience and anecdotally, I have been observing for some months that buyers are encountering challenges in finding and buying their dream home. A poll conducted last month by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) underscores that observation and reveals the reasons behind the challenge.

The NAHB regularly conducts national polls of American adults and homebuyers so that new trends and preferences in the housing market can be better understood. The following findings of the organization's most recent poll were presented at the 2018 International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla.

That poll revealed that most prospective homebuyers actively involved in a search have been looking for a significant amount of time. In fact, 61 percent have been trying to find a home to buy for at least three months.

Why is it that so many prospective buyers have been unable to find a home?

According to the poll's findings, 42 percent say they can't find a home they can afford; 36 percent can't locate a home



By Bill Primavera

with the features they want; 34 percent can't find a home in the neighborhood they want; and 27 percent were able to overcome these obstacles but continue to get outbid whenever they make an offer.

At the same time, especially in our area, home prices are overheating because of limited inventory. Home prices have been rising at a rapid pace in the past year – faster than income growth and inflation.

Two-thirds of buyers are shopping for more than three months before signing a deal, according to the NAHB survey

Home prices increased in 92 percent of the nation's measured housing markets at the end of last year, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Twenty-six markets (15 percent) saw double-digit increases in prices. That was more than in the third quarter.

Bidding wars are now the rule, not the exception, in most major U.S. markets.

"These consistent, multiyear price gains have certainly been great news for homeowners, and especially for those who were at one time in a negative equity situation," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the NAR. "However, the

shortage of new homes being built over the past decade is really burdening local markets and making home buying less affordable."

Homes today are selling in about 40 days on average, almost two weeks faster than a year ago. But it is taking a lot longer for shoppers to find a home to buy.

"It's the inventory problem that we're having out there that is causing these long delays in pulling the trigger," said Rose Quint, the NAHB's assistant vice president for survey research. "It's lack of affordability, although the other problems are serious as well."

The lack of supply should benefit the homebuilders – and it may be already. Mortgage applications to purchase a newly-built home jumped 18 percent in January compared with a year ago, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA).

"This complements other positive news on U.S. job growth suggesting that economic fundamentals are strong," Lynn Fisher, MBA vice president of research and economics, said in a release. "Based on applications, we estimate that new home sales were running at a pace of 700,000 on a seasonally adjusted annual basis – the highest such estimate in our survey which began in 2013."

The jump in demand is sizable, but

the number of new homes for sale is still below historical averages and far below the number needed to satisfy new and pent-up demand. The largest generation, millennials, are now moving into their homebuying years in force, but clearly not finding what they can afford.

"The whole industry has been clamoring for builders to increase their production, but they're trying," Quint said. "The prices of lumber and labor and land are increasing so fast, they're constrained at the bottom, at how low a price they can really achieve."

The NAHB is predicting a 5 percent increase in new home construction in 2018 compared with 2017. The market could absorb far more, not just in major metropolitan areas, but across the nation.

The good news for sellers is that the current market favors listing their homes now, more so than at any time in the past half dozen years.

With a background as a journalist and publicist, Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com, and his blog is www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

Doc's Note: Your Best Defense Against the Flu

By Dr. Debra Spicehandler, Co-Chief of Infectious Disease at Northern Westchester Hospital

Flu season usually lasts from October to April, as the virus thrives in cold dry weather. Influenza spreads from close contact through droplets. It can be transmitted when someone sneezes, coughs, or even talks; or if you touch an object that someone with the virus has just handled—a computer monitor or doorknob, for example.

Why do healthy people get this disease?

The flu is just a virus, like any other virus. It just happens to be a worse virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffed nose, body aches, headache, fatigue and sometimes nausea and vomiting. If you're a fairly young and healthy person, you get a little bit sicker than you would with, say, a common cold. Generally, healthier people may get a milder version of the virus, but not necessarily. Most people recover in less than two weeks and are contagious for as long as they have symptoms, usually about ten days.

Complications of the flu may include bronchitis, sinus infections, pneumonia and sepsis. You're at risk for complications if you're over 65, pregnant, a child, or if you have a weakened immune system.



Dr. Debra Spicehandler

These groups can get seriously ill to the point of a total body shutdown. It's rare, but fatalities happen when people get sepsis, a bacterial infection in the blood. The flu can also aggravate health problems for those with heart disease, asthma, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The best ways to prevent the flu?

Wash your hands! The second best way is to get the seasonal flu vaccine. Washing hands prevents all infections from spreading. But if someone who has the flu sneezes in your face, there's not a lot you can do. That's why the vaccine is important.

Each year, scientists monitor flu activity worldwide to determine which flu strains are likely to cause illness, then concoct a vaccine to match. Some years they get it right; some years, not so right. But even if the vaccine isn't a perfect match, if you do get the flu, you get a milder case.

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I recommend getting vaccinated as soon as possible in the fall for everyone except babies under six months old, those with a life-threatening allergy to eggs, or a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Don't get the shot if you're sick.

It can slow your recovery. What's

more, if your immune system is already fighting off your illness, the strains of influenza in the vaccine may not be as effective. Think about working a double shift at work. You've been on your feet all day, and you're on your fifteenth hour. You're not going to be as productive as you were when you first arrived. Similarly, the vaccine may not be as effective when your immune system is already exhausted.

If you don't get immunized...

Think you have flu symptoms? You can be tested for the virus with a nasal swab. When the flu is detected early enough, your doctor can prescribe the antiviral medication Tamiflu, which shortens the course of illness and lessens the symptoms if given in the first 24 or 48 hours. If you live with someone diagnosed with flu, your doctor can also prescribe Tamiflu for you to keep you from getting sick.

Some people think the vaccine causes the disease because they come down with the flu after getting a flu shot. That's a big misconception. What happened was they didn't take the vaccine in time, and got the flu because they weren't protected yet. It takes about two weeks to have full protection, which lasts through flu season. Remember, it's never too late to get the flu vaccine.

Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

Park Advisory Board Meetings: The Park Advisory Board holds public meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Putnam Lake Firehouse in Putnam Lake (72 Fairfield Drive) at 7 p.m. We encourage all Putnam Lake residents to attend for the latest information, and have any questions or concerns addressed.

Family History Through Genealogy: If you are interested in discovering the roots of your family, you can learn all about this through a course in Genealogy. Using a free database and search engine you will be able to trace your family history back before they came to America. You will also be able to create a family tree that will be cherished by you now and for those family members in the future. This course on Genealogy is for individuals aged 55 and over and will be held at the Koehler Center in Mahopac. Registration for this, and other computer classes held at the Koehler Center, is held the first Thursday of each month. For more information, please contact Judy Kolt at 845-277-5422

Registration for Kindergarten: Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2031 takes place the week of February 26– March 2. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary at 845-279-2087 x 4111 to make an appointment.

Winter Art Classes: Brighten up your winter with art classes at the Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac. Come create, learn, and enjoy the company of fellow students as you express yourself through the arts here at the Putnam Arts Council. Classes begin week of February 5th. Visit www.putnamartscouncil.org to register and for pricing & information.

Ongoing: Tuesdays:

Spotlight Family Support Group: Mahopac Library, 3rd floor, 6:45 p.m.- 8 p.m.. Feb. 13, 27 and March 13, 27. This is a guided recurring support group for family and friends suffering with the effects of a loved one that has a problem with drugs or alcohol. This is open to the public. For more information contact Drug Crisis in our Backyard 814-842-1212. No registration required.

Come to the Kent Library on Select Tuesdays in January through March from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Starting Tuesday, January 30th, if you're looking for a place to chat and craft? Working on a project? Want to start a project, or just need help with the finishing touches. Bring your own materials! Some knitting patterns will be available, and an instruction will be in attendance. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to

www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

Short & Sweet, A Short Story Book Club: Reed Library. Meeting Alternating Wednesdays at 1 pm. Join for a lively discussion of short stories, a different story each meeting. Registration required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

The Putnam County Marine Corps League: Monthly meeting at the Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel, NY at 19:30 on the second Wednesday of the month. (10/11/17) If you are a U.S. Marine or FMF Corpsmen Veteran, Reservist or on Active Duty we welcome you as a Brother. View us at www.putnammcl.com

In-Stitches Needlework Club at Reed Memorial Library meets Wednesday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcomed to drop-in to this fun and friendly group. Reed Library, 845-225-2439.

Thursdays:

The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for seniors holds registration the first Thursday of every month at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours in Mahopac are from 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Putnam Valley registration is from 10 a.m. – Noon. In addition to a variety of computer classes, we also teach classes in iPad, iPhone and Android Basics. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes. Registration is required in person. For more information you can call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. We are in need of volunteers. If interested in volunteering for this program, please call Judy Kolt as above.

Brewster American Legion Meetings: The American Legion Argonne Post 71 holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Brewster Elks Club. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, call Bill Miller at 845-406-2533.

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to join the Brewster Library Middle School Book Group; meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., beginning January 25th. Join other teens to discuss great books, socialize and enjoy fun activities. Snacks will be served. Registration is required. For additional information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycbav6t4> or call 845-279-6421.

Fridays:

AARP Tax Help: The AARP Foundation is providing free tax help for low to middle income taxpayers at the library every Friday by appointment only from February 9 until April 13. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 211 or the library at 845-878-6121 ext. 15. You do not have to be a member of AARP to take advantage of this service.

Lenten Season Services at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac

Ash Wednesday- 2/14/18- 7 p.m. service
Palm Sunday- 3/25/18- 8:30am/10:30am services
Maundy Thursday- 3/29/18- 7 p.m. service
Good Friday- 3/30/18- 7:30pm service
Easter Sunday- 4/1/18- 8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. services
First Presbyterian Church is located at 411 Rt 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac. For more information: presby411@verizon.net or 845-628-2365.

February 27

Magic Tree House Book Club at the Kent Public Library, the book club's February's meeting is Tuesday, February 27 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. We'll be discussing "A Big Day for Baseball" by Mary Pope Osborne. Travel through time and explore history with Jack and Annie on their many adventures. We will discuss the book, learn more about the time they travel to and enjoy making a craft. Club is open to those in 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

March 2

Lend Me Your Ears - Music with Marlana is returning to the Kent Library for those ages 3-5!

Fridays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd from 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Lend Me Your Ears is an exciting interactive music program for preschoolers. Children will have a ball singing along with Marlana as she plays her acoustic guitar. Shakers, scarves and lots of movement guaranteed. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

March 2 @ 11 am -

Flo Brandon Book Group @ Mahopac Library. Join us for a discussion of The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen by Jacques Pepin. Drop-in group; no registration needed.

Frozen in Time, works by Crystal Keeler, at Studio Around the Corner.

Crystal Keeler is a local artist in the greater Danbury area, currently residing in the Putnam Lake community of Patterson. She has a degree in Media Arts & Animation, and loves to explore a wide range of artistic disciplines, from animation and digital art, to painting, sculpting, soap making, and writing. Crystal has a deep passion for both science and the arts, and her work is often a juxtaposition of the two, such as combining traditional and digital 3D sculpting techniques, or abstract work mixing the effects of heat and gravity in a fast setting epoxy resin. Her latest abstract series uses this technique and others to capture a range of motions, colors and forms. From calm vistas reminiscent of a spring meadow or cresting waves on an ocean, to dynamic expanding nebulas glowing in brilliant colors, each represents a transient emotional state, frozen in time. In addition photography by youth artist, Maxwell Likens will be displayed. Maxwell is a senior at Brewster High School and an incoming freshman at RIT for Biomedical Engineering. Opening Reception & Meet the Artist: Friday, March 2, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Additional Studio Hours: noon – 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Saturday, March 10, Saturday, March 17, Saturday, March 24 at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main Street, Suite 101 Brewster, NY 10509. For more information on this and other Cultural Arts Coalition events, visit: www.CulturalArtsCo.com, call (845) 363 - 8330, email info@culturalartsco.com or find us on Facebook at "Cultural Arts Coalition".

March 3

March 3 at 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. – **Third Floor Gallery Reception for Ted Berkowitz**, an exhibit of a series of paintings and drawings entitled "Polo at Conyers Farm." Public reception at Mahopac Library; all are welcome. The exhibit continues through March 29.

March 4

March 4 at 2 p.m. – **The Culture and Cuisine of Korea.** This family program is designed to provide a basic introduction to Korea's long and rich artistic history, the spirit of its people, and its cultural values. The program will include a short film screening about Korean history and culture along with a demonstration of the traditional Korean wedding ceremony in beautiful costume. A light Korean meal will be served after the program. For ages 10 through adult; registration is required. Register online @ www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call Mahopac Library at 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MAYA-B, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/05/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **88 Pietro DR, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GOFF U, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/04/2018. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **90 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF APPLE HILL CONSULTING LLC ART. OF ORG. Filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/17. Office of Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Dwight McLeod, 60 Labelle Road, Mount Vernon, NY

10552. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CHET-TLE LABS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17th, 2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **91 Grove St, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OHR NEW YORK LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/17. Ofc. loc.: Westchester Cnty. SSNY design. agt. upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy of process against LLC to: **United Corporate Services, Inc 10 Bank St #560, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful act**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A&J PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/19/17. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **2 Gedney Esplanade, White Plains NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMPLY SPEAKING LEP, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/10/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **611D Larchmont Acres East, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LLC: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PETE'S MEATS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (1/5/2018). Location: (Westchester). SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: (United States Corporation Agents INC 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228). **Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LLC,

a foreign limited liability company (LLC), Application of Authority led with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2008. LLC organized in NJ on 10/12/2006. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Copy of Articles of Organization on file

with Secretary of State of NJ, 225 West State Street - 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0307 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ART BOYKOFF, LLC

filed with SSNY on 1/25/2018 located in Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC. Process may be served against LLC to above agent located at **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Recreational art instructor**

FORMATION OF BROOKMONT MANAGEMENT, LLC

filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/18. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Penny Jackson, 45 Winchester Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW LOOK DEVELOPERS, LLC

filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DENNIS J. CAMPAGNA, ARBITRATOR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/16/18. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to **Dennis J Campagna, 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, NY 10606-1900 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF LORI GREENE, PLLC.

Arts of Org filed with SSNY 1/5/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Law & Mediation Offices of Lori Greene, PLLC, 75 S. Broadway, Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Matching the Oscar-Nominated Best Picture Contenders With a Wine Theme



By Nick Antonaccio

The 90th Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my ninth year of presenting the Best Picture nominees and creating hypothetical pairings of wine with the top contenders. I've distilled my list to five of the nine nominees.

The Shape of Water: Do you believe in fairy tales come true? Perhaps the ultimate bittersweet love story, this movie depicts love transcending all material aspects of our lives. Eliza, a mute with the lowly job of cleaning labs at a research facility in the 1960s, comes upon an amphibious man-like creature locked in a tank of water. She becomes enthralled in communicating with the creature, blind to the obvious physical features, instead seeking out its inner intellect and emotions.

Just as water takes on many shapes and forms, so too a fine Burgundy. For some consumers it is difficult to appreciate its core essence, seeming thin and austere. But for

those who accept these Pinot Noirs in their most elemental form and build their perception and appreciation of them over time, they create a love affair that surmounts others' superficial perceptions.

Get Out. Certainly not a fairy tale, we must wait until the second half to understand the full, deep-seated meaning of the movie and the clear horror genre it portrays. Rose brings her black boyfriend Chris home to meet her white parents. Slowly, we see the movie degrading into a racially biased story, with a horrific goal.

Fine-aged wines can draw us into an evolving adventure. We open the bottle and head down a path that has multiple twists and turns. I've experienced aged wines that lead me down one path then veers to a finish that I never expected – for better or worse.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.

Can't get the attention you believe is necessary in the investigation of the rape and death of your daughter? Especially in an insular, backwater small town where everyone knows each other – and their dark secrets?

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

Just put it out there for public consumption. That's exactly what Mildred Hayes decides to do, with alarming effect, spouting "this time the chick ain't losin'."

Rieslings remind me of Mildred's struggles. For decades its proponents were castigated and subjected to pressure from the establishment. Finally, in the last five years it has been recognized for what it is: a fine wine for pairing with so many foods, from sushi to Asian fusion. And the masses are starting to take notice.

Dunkirk. In an early "Darkest Hour" of World War II (another nominated movie), the Germans have pushed Allied troops to the edge of the sea in Dunkirk, France. With their backs to the sea and no relief in sight, this historic depiction is heading toward a gruesome ending. The little people, local fishermen in their boats, not the superpowers, save the day in grand style.

So, too, did small winemakers in France salvage the wine industry after the war, raising it to world acclaim. Individual acts of bravery and patriotism have paid rewards for the legacy of French fishermen and winemakers alike.

Lady Bird. Christine, who proclaims that Lady Bird is her given name ("it's

given to me, by me"), has an adventurous senior year. She bickers with her mom, falls in love and joins the Drama Club, all fairly typical. But all ends (reasonably) well in this teenage angst movie. Mother and daughter better understand each other, financial difficulties are placed in context and Lady Bird begins to see the world through a crystal-clear lens. Her future is bright.

I remember when I first sampled red blends. They were an amalgam of mostly diverse varietals, at times compatible, other times in constant conflict with each other. By immersing myself in this genre, I soon was able to discern my preferences, learning the nuances of each wine. Now I have an instinctive approach to these blends, appreciating the distinct beauty and personality of each.

Which movie will win the coveted Oscar? Sit back on Sunday night with your favorite wine in hand and enjoy the festivities.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.





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Members of the Haldane girls' basketball team -- including Saoire McGuire, Bela Monteleone, Olivia Monteleone, Val Scanga, Allison Chiera, Abbey Stowell and Kara Giachinta -- pass about their fifth-straight Section 1 Class C gold ball after the top-seeded Blue Devils took down No.2 Keio, 50-30, last Saturday at Pace University. The Blue Devils advanced to the NYSPHSAA Class C tournament for their March 6th date against an opponent to be determined... see Girls' Hoops Notebook