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Tragedy Strikes PV As Young Boy Killed in Storm

By David Propper

Indescribable tragedy hit Putnam Valley last Friday when a local boy died from a downed tree that crashed into his house.

During a late winter storm that brought winds upward of 50-60 miles per hour, a large tree collapsed and killed 11-year-old Carmelo Singleton inside his home, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's deputy Charlie Johnson responded to 33 Dunderberg Road where the incident took place after he received a report of someone trapped under a fallen tree, the sheriff's office stated.

When Johnson arrived, he saw a large tree had fallen onto the home, trapping Singleton underneath. Deputy Johnson attempted to rescue Singleton but was unable to reach him, according to the sheriff's office.

Another deputy arrived on the scene, along with Putnam Valley Fire Department members, and helped in the rescue of the boy, who was home with his mother. EMStar paramedics pronounced the boy dead at the scene at about 12:50 p.m. His mother was taken to a nearby hospital.

Singleton was home after the Putnam Valley school system closed all schools Friday because of the threatening weather, which included a forecast of snow.

Singleton attended Putnam Valley Middle School. According to his obituary, he loved playing PlayStation and leaves behind his mother, Arin Travis, and younger brother, Chase, as well as many other relatives.

Sheriff Robert Langley called the death a loss for the entire county.

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Carmelo Singleton, with his mother Arin Travis. Singleton lost his life last Friday when a tree fatally struck him inside his home.

Brewster Students Look to Make Voices Heard

By David Propper

Since 17 students and staff members were gunned down inside Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, teenagers across the country have taken on the role of not voiceless students, but passionate activists in hopes of improving school safety.

That activism has stretched to Brewster High School and other Putnam County school districts as students are planning a March 14 walkout in response to the grisly events that took place in Parkland, FL.

During the Brewster Board of Education meeting last Tuesday, Brewster students explained why they wanted to stage the walkout.

High school senior Jill Pino said she and other students didn't want people to forget about the shooting in Parkland like what has happened with other mass shootings. Any student that wants to participate in the walkout will leave the high school for 17 minutes to mark the 17 students and staff members that were killed last month, Pino said. The walkout would also be a peaceful protest for gun control and to change the status quo, students said.

"We want the shooting in Parkland to be the last of its kind and the one that

starts a movement," Pino said.

Another student who spoke said she hopes residents that respect the 2nd Amendment also respect the students' 1st Amendment rights. She said students are taking on leadership roles and encouraging productive dialogue, which any parent would want to see their child do. She noted no one is being forced to participate and students that disagree with gun control stances are also welcomed.

"We students, unlike our politicians, have no ulterior motive or agenda," that student said.

An attorney that represents the school system, James Drohan, said students do possess 1st Amendment rights to protest, but there are some limitations. Drohan said if students have permission to stage a walkout that includes leaving the building, then it would be protected speech.

In an interview, board president Stephen Jambor said the school board needs to respect the students' right to protest as long as it doesn't derail the school day. He said students that spoke at the meeting did a remarkable job and were engaging with other residents on hand.

Resident Scott Lewis said he wanted

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Putnam Communities That Care Coalition Goes to Washington



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Representatives from Putnam County recently returned from the Washington, D.C. area where they joined more than 3,000 substance abuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) 28th Annual National Leadership Forum. The Forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to address substance abuse and hear from nationally known prevention experts, federal administrators, and concerned policymakers. "We were so excited to be able to spend several days with other coalitions from across the country, networking, learning new information and honing our prevention skills so we can make our community a better place, one that doesn't suffer from the harms of drug and alcohol abuse," says Bruce Kelly, Putnam CTC Coalition Coordinator. "Each year we return re-energized, more knowledgeable and inspired to go back home and implement strategies for a safe, healthy and drug-free Putnam County." CADCA's Forum covered a wide range of topics ranging from the marijuana legislation landscape and tobacco cessation to the opioid epidemic and underage drinking and e-cigarettes. Members of the Putnam Communities That Care coalition also met with U.S. representatives and senators at the CADCA Forum's Capitol Hill Day event.

Local Officials Fired Up Over NYSEG's Efforts

By David Propper

Many elected officials across Putnam County had nothing but bad words for New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) in the aftermath of Friday's powerful storm that has the county still reeling with power outages and downed trees.

Last week's powerful nor'easter brought strong winds that wreaked havoc across the county with fallen trees and utility poles leading to more than half of the county's NYSEG customers without power as frigid temperatures settled in. About 15,000 customers were without power as of Monday night. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a State of Emergency for the Hudson Valley, including Putnam, over the weekend.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell said

while county, town and state emergency service responders and cleanup crews have been performing adequately, she said NYSEG has made recovery difficult. She said the job done by NYSEG is worse than any other storm she's faced as county executive.

"This is absolutely, positively the worst reaction for a storm," Odell, who declared a State of Emergency in the county Friday afternoon, said.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio said the town is having more trouble recovering from this storm than when Hurricane Sandy struck five years ago. NYSEG's performance hasn't been anywhere near what officials expected, Oliverio said. About half the town still has no power, Oliverio said.

He noted with snow expected

'They told us they were ready and they weren't.' - Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming

Wednesday, some plows can't reach certain roads because of downed trees and wires. Putnam Valley town hall is even without power.

"This is horrendous," Oliverio said of NYSEG's job. "It's so discombobulated."

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming said while a bunch of homes has been restored, there are still thousands of

NYSEG customers out in Kent. She said communication between residents and NYSEG have been poor, with homeowners getting alerts that their neighborhood has been restored as they sit in the dark.

"We're not in the aftermath at this point," Fleming said "We're still in the middle of it."

Fleming said a press release from NYSEG issued Thursday, a day before the storm, expressed that the company's crews and equipment were prepared and additional resources were being mobilized.

"They told us they were ready and they weren't," Fleming said.

A NYSEG press release issued on Monday stated the company hopes to have most customers restored by late

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"Situations like this, there are no words to describe that loss," Langley said. "Our thoughts are with the family."

Even though Putnam Valley schools were closed again Monday as the county continued to recover from the brutal nor'easter, a special grief sharing session

for staff, parents and students was held at the high school. Snacks, coloring activities, and therapy dogs were provided and counselors were on hand for those seeking help.

Putnam Valley Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills said the community would help each other through these challenges and mourn the

tragic loss together.

"We want to share our grief with his family. This terrible event shakes our sense of well-being and reminds us of the precious lives of our children and our vulnerability to forces of nature that are unfathomable," Wills said in a letter to the school community. "It is very difficult to accept that this awful event has taken the

life of a beautiful, innocent little boy."

A fundraising page on GoFundMe has been started to help pay for Singleton's funeral costs. The goal of the fundraiser was raise \$12,000. In one day, more than \$28,000 has been raised by more than 500 people.

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Q: I'll be 50 next month and the thought of a colonoscopy makes me nervous. What should I expect?

A: One of biggest misconceptions is that it'll be painful or uncomfortable. You'll barely know you've had one. You'll be sedated, making the procedure painless. Other than some post-colonoscopy grogginess and a little bloating, you won't feel a thing. The toughest part is the day before when you have to take laxatives to clear the colon.

Colon cancer begins in polyps inside the colon, and it can take five to eight years to develop. If pre-cancerous polyps are found, the doctor can remove them during the procedure. Should a colonoscopy detect cancer that can't be treated during the procedure, surgery is the next step.

Q: If I need surgery what are my options?

A: There are a few options: traditional open surgery, laparoscopic and robot-assisted. Find out if your doctor is — or can refer you to a surgeon who is — board certified and trained in colorectal robot-assisted surgery. You'll get the best information and best range of options from a surgeon who has experience with open incision, laparoscopic, and robotic techniques. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each as they pertain

to your condition. Spend time weighing these options and discussing them with your regular doctor and your surgeon.

Q: How is robot-assisted surgery different from laparoscopic surgery?

A: Both are minimally-invasive with a faster recovery and less scarring than open surgery. However, robot-assisted surgery offers several advantages. With the da Vinci® Surgical System, used at Northern Westchester Hospital, the surgeon sits at a console and controls a high-definition, 3D-camera and highly-specialized, 'wristed' instruments that cut, clamp and suture through tiny incisions. Better visualization (3D vs 2D) allows critical structures to be seen in much finer detail. Together, the advanced imaging and 'wristed' instruments enable precise surgeries and the ability to preserve more of your healthy tissue.

Q: In addition to a colonoscopy, is there anything else I can do to reduce my risk for colon cancer?

A: There are lifestyle choices you can make: Eating a high-fiber diet, maintaining your weight and staying active will significantly reduce your risk, according to the research. If you have a parent, sibling or child who developed colorectal or a related cancer such as endometrial, stomach, pancreas, ovary, kidney or brain before they turned 50, you may want to talk to your doctor about getting genetic counseling.

No Decision Reached Over Proposed Nelsonville Tower

By Anna Young

Following months of intense scrutiny over a proposed cell tower in the Village of Nelsonville, Zoning Board of Appeals members agreed last week to delay their vote on the application after the applicant provided three alternative designs to the 110-foot tower.

During last Tuesday night's ZBA meeting, representatives from Homeland Towers said they created the modified designs based on feedback they received from previous meetings. For months, Homeland has received unwavering opposition from residents regarding the 110-foot cell tower they want to build off Rockledge Road overlooking the historic Cold Spring Cemetery.

The proposed tower would serve Verizon and AT&T with possibly more carriers and emergency services to follow.

Homeland attorney Robert Gaudioso proposed a 125-foot obelisk that would conceal the antennas and be very "site-specific." He said the tower would require a height variance and approval from



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

While not as many as for public hearings, a good portion of residents came out for another meeting concerning the proposed cell tower.

the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHIPO). Homeland would be willing to spend two months working with the board if they felt the design was a better alternative, he said.

Gaudioso added Homeland could keep the tower at 110-feet by removing the point of the obelisk but insisted it would be "disingenuous" to the design.

The second design option would be two flag poles with two 10-foot slots dedicated to both Verizon and AT&T. He said the design could be problematic because at 110-feet it wouldn't comply with any future carriers. He suggested the board consider a 120-foot tower that would require a height variance and SHIPO approval.

"We've taken a lot of heat here and we understand that. We didn't come back with tin can alternates, we came back with very thought out alternative designs given the code, given the height, given the need, given the future need," Gaudioso said. "We still think based on the SHIPO approval that the tree (design) still makes the most sense, but we are offering those other alternatives to minimize any

potential visual impact."

Board member Peggy Clements said she appreciated the thought and creativity that went into the designs but called the obelisk "wholly unacceptable." She said the dual flag pole was "less offensive" but still has a problem with the design and the visual impacts it will have on the thousands of people who hike the trails.

Board member Chris Keeley added that it's the board's job to minimize impacts to

a level of insignificance and the proposed designs present a challenge. He said the tower could provide adverse impacts especially with the Cold Spring Cemetery eligible for historic registry.

"Any one of these designs does not strike me as minimizing the impacts of a level of insignificance," he said. "That's a high bar to clear and I don't think we're there."

Gaudioso struck back stating that SHIPO found no adverse effects or aesthetic impacts to the area.

Board members Judy Meyers and Stephen Merando both agreed the alternative designs would impact their decision when considering their vote on the special use permit Homeland needs to approve the tower. Clements agreed that she would like to hear public opinion on the proposed designs.

ZBA chairman William Rice said the board would consider all three options and suggested a public hearing be scheduled. Gaudioso said he would extend the shock clock for 60 days but stressed the hearing discussion be limited to the alternative designs and requested variance.

"We're willing to take that time," Gaudioso said. "We're trying to do the right thing."

A hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 4.



Homeland attorney Robert Gaudioso presented alternative options for a proposed cell tower.

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the March 14 walkout to take place inside the school building rather than outside. He argued people who intend to do bad now know students will be out of building during part of that day.

Other parents pushed back that the protest would take away from classroom time because students that don't participate in the walkout will be directed to the auditorium for a short time. High school principal Nichole Horler said the protest would not be disruptive to the overall day.

Another parent questioned whether the walkout was a memorial or a protest in support of gun control reform. A student organizer responded by saying one way to honor fallen students is advocate for laws that could prevent future mass shootings.

One parent in support of the walkout said the protest is a great way to educate students about democracy in action. Another community member mentioned how young people led to change in other eras like during the Vietnam War.

One parent asked if another student group wants to organize a different

protest at a later date, would the school board allow that protest. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning said a certain process would be followed, including conferring with legal counsel before a final determination would be made.

Henning said in an email she will send out a letter to the school community later this week about plans for the March 14 walkout, including whether or not students will remain inside the building.

In a letter to the community, Henning addressed the horrific events that

unfolded in Florida last month. While most of the letter detailed school safety at Brewster school buildings and mental health services available to students, Henning waded into territory that had some parents fuming, especially over social media.

She mentioned a Million Student March planned for March 24 in the nation's capitol.

"Students from all over the country will descend upon Washington, DC to send a message to our elected officials that 'thoughts and prayers' are not enough," Henning wrote. "Since the march is on a Saturday, I encourage our students and staff to organize a bus or buses to represent our District at this monumental event. We will need to fundraise to pay for the buses and t-shirts. I will be on the bus and hope that parents who are able also attend."

Community members were rankled by that part of the letter because they felt it was advocating for one side of the argument on the political spectrum.

Jambor said he didn't think the letter was inappropriate. He said some people see that March 24 march as a political statement and public schools should not get into that territory. But Jambor doesn't believe the march in DC is political because he sees it "as a moral situation, a moral question."

"This is not political, this has nothing to do with Republicans, Democrats, conservatives or liberals," Jambor said. "This has everything to do with preserving and protecting the safety, health and well-being of students. This transcends political positions."

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Tuesday.

"With substantial damage discovered, we are focusing resources on bringing power back tomorrow evening to the majority of customers in Brewster and Liberty. We recognize the inconvenience this delay will cause and appreciate our customers' patience as we continue to do everything we can to restore power as quickly as possible," said Carl A. Taylor, President and CEO of NYSEG.

Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay said fortunately Southeast didn't suffer as much damage as Carmel and Putnam Valley, but there were still a portion of customers in town without power.

"It's still a hardship to the families (affected)," Hay, who stressed NYSEG needs to communicate with customers more accurately, said.



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Potential Additional Sewers Touted in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

The possibility of adding sewers was touted by local officials at the Feb. 28 Carmel town board meeting as a potential commercial economic driver for the town. A feasibility study is currently underway to explore how additional properties in town could receive sewers.

Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said last week the study is look at providing sewers to properties on Route 6 near the border of Westchester County. “This is a feasibility study,” County Executive MaryEllen Odell noted.

If commercial properties were able to

‘We will consider this as a game changer.’ - County Executive MaryEllen Odell

representing the owners of the Heritage Hills water treatment plant, said, “We have the capacity” to provide service to additional properties in the Route 6 corridor of Carmel.

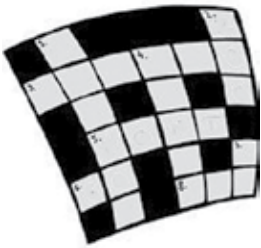
Water Treatment Plant

On another matter related to water at last week’s meeting, the town board came to a consensus to send out a Request for Proposals for the design and development of a new water treatment plant for the Hamlet of Carmel Water District.

Councilman Michael Barile said the meeting agenda was not posted on the town’s website early enough to inform

residents that the new plant was going to be discussed. If they were aware that the issue was on the agenda water district residents could have attended the meeting, he said. Schmitt said the agenda was posted on the town’s website the on February 27 during the afternoon. Schmitt agreed to a request from Barile to have town board meeting agendas posted on the Friday before the meeting, with the town having the option to make changes to the agenda if needed.

A date for when the town board would formally approve the sending out of the RFP was not announced at last week’s meeting.



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get sewers, new business opportunities would be available in the area and the tax base would be increased, Odell said. If the Route 6 corridor receives sewers, “We will consider this as a game changer,” Odell said. Jeffery Conteimo, senior principal engineer with Insite Engineering, said the study is exploring whether to enter into an agreement with the Heritage Hills condominium complex in Somers for them to expand their sewer service to portions of Carmel or to construct a new water treatment plant. The study “is the first step,” Conteimo said. Rick O’Rourke, an attorney

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New Patrol Captian for Sheriff's Dept. Selected

By David Propper

After Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley's first pick to handle the captain of patrol duties departed after just one month on the job, the sheriff's office announced his replacement last week.

Harry Tompkins III was named the new patrol captain, according to a sheriff's office press release. He takes over the job from Edward Swarm, an NYPD veteran who left at the end of January.

Langley, a Democrat, beat former sheriff Don Smith, a Republican, last

November to take over the office.

Tompkins has served with various law enforcement agencies during his 28-year career. Those stops include the New York City Housing Police Department, the Town of Putnam Valley Police Department (no longer in existence), the Village of Larchmont Police Department and the Westchester County Police Department.

"The Putnam County Sheriff's Office welcomes Captain Harry J. Tompkins III to the team," the sheriff's press release

stated. "and we are proud to have him serving our community."

Tompkins has held several different positions during his tenure, including with highway patrol, with a motorcycle unit, and as detective of general investigations. As a detective, Tompkins was assigned to work with the New York City Drug Enforcement Agency and went on to oversee the Northern Westchester Narcotics Heroin Task Force where he worked with the FBI, IRS, ATF, and other local agencies.



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Harry Tompkins III

County Exec. to Give State of the County Address

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell will present the State of the County address at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill Street in Mahopac. Prior to the address, there will be a Putnam County Market Place which will open at 5:30 p.m.

As she has in the past, Odell has chosen to highlight a particular theme for the year. Odell has decided that 2018 will be "The Year of the Volunteer."

"From our first responders to our Scouts, Chambers and Rotaries—volunteers play such an important role in the quality of life in our communities," said Odell. "I want to recognize those people who give of their time to help others and make Putnam County a better place to live, work and play."

In addition, the Putnam County Market Place will highlight businesses, organizations and not-for-profits from throughout county that make Putnam the place to live, work and play. Organization that would like to participate in the Putnam County Market Place can contact Heidi Kuhland at 845-808-1150 x49406 or Heidi.kuhland@putnamcountyny.gov.

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Mt. Kisco Democrat Explores Run for 40th State Senate Seat

By Martin Wilbur

A former state Supreme Court and Appellate Division justice is the latest candidate mulling a run against state Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) this fall in the 40th state Senate District.

Robert Spolzino, 58, a Mount Kisco Democrat, said in the coming weeks he will decide whether he will enter the fray in hopes of challenging Murphy, a two-term incumbent. Currently, the only Democrat who has committed to a candidacy for the seat is South Salem resident Robert Kesten.

the Appellate Division and served in that seat until he resigned in 2009. He said he left the bench for the more lucrative private practice as college expenses for his son approached.

If Spolzino does decide to enter the race, this would be the second time he would run for the state legislature. He ran unsuccessfully as a Republican 1994 for the state Assembly.

He also served for about seven years from the late 1980s into the 1990s as Mount Kisco village attorney and was on the board of Northern Westchester

Hospital for 10 years, including four years as chairman.

Spolzino re-registered as a Democrat in 2008. He said the GOP, which had fought for middle class issues has largely abandoned that role.

Since Kesten announced his candidacy early last fall, he has been holding public forums on various issues throughout the 40th Senate District. Spolzino called Kesten “a good man,” but believes his own professional background and community service make him a stronger candidate. During his time on the bench Spolzino

said he ruled on about 4,000 appeals in the Appellate Division and decided on cases as a matrimonial trial justice before that.

“I think I bring more to the table in governmental experience than he does,” Spolzino said.

Another Democrat, New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland, had also flirted with the idea of running for the seat earlier this winter, but decided to abandon a candidacy a couple of weeks ago citing likely scheduling conflicts with family and professionally.



Robert Spolzino

“I will make up my mind, but I am considering it,” Spolzino confirmed last week.

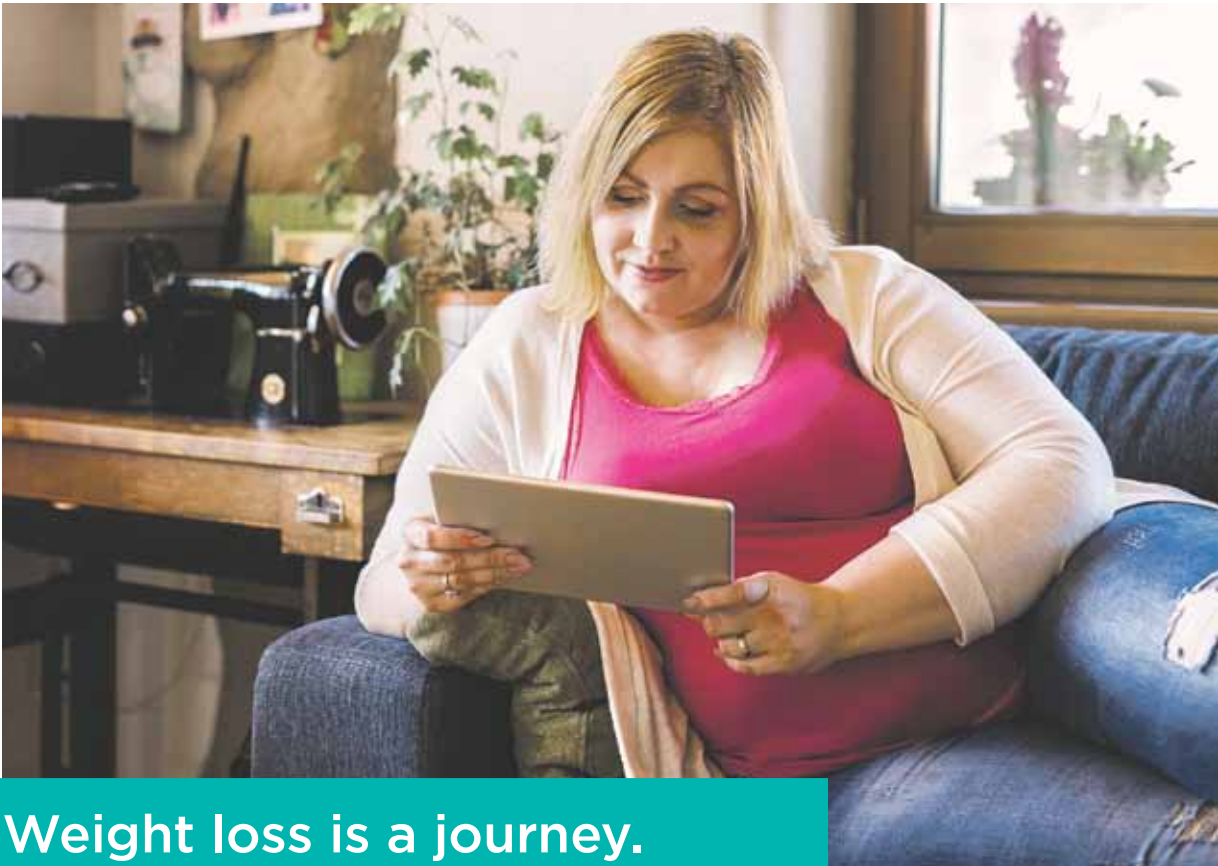
He did not reveal when he may make his decision, but noted that currently most of the county and state Democrats are focused on retaining Westchester County Executive George Latimer’s 37th Senate District seat. Longtime Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) will square off against former Rye city councilwoman Julie Killian in an Apr. 24 special election.

Spolzino said he may run for the seat because the Senate needs a Democratic majority to ensure that the legislature doesn’t stand by idly on a host of issues as resources from the Republican-dominated Congress and the Trump Administration are in danger of drying up for states like New York.

“The Republicans are the party of the wealthy and the party of the NRA and I think the public and the voters all understand that,” Spolzino said.

While the Democrats do have a majority by party affiliation, eight state Senate Democrats are part of the Independent Democratic Conference and are aligned with the GOP.

Spolzino, an attorney currently practicing with the law firm of Smith, Buss & Jacobs, LLP of Yonkers, was elected in 2001 to a 14-year term to serve on the state Supreme Court. He was elevated by former governor George Pataki in 2004 to



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Letters to the Editor

Sen. Murphy Shouldn't Be Afraid to Meet and Speak to Constituents

The essence of democracy is the free and open interaction between the citizenry and its representatives. At Town Hall meetings, citizens express their concerns and hopes for the future and officeholders explain their positions and plans. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

But, in New York's 40th Senate District, it's not that simple at all. State Sen. Terrence Murphy has not held such a Town Hall in living memory, and none has been scheduled for the foreseeable

future. When asked, his staff can shed no light on when Mr. Murphy might meet with his constituents. Even worse, when questioned about his positions on various issues, his staffers, paid by us taxpayers, either claim ignorance or provide only vague generalizations. Either the staff is hopelessly uninformed about Mr. Murphy's positions or they have been instructed not to provide any information to his constituents.

By contrast, Assemblywoman Sandy

Galef held five Town Halls in her district over the recent recess, and Robert Kesten, who is challenging Mr. Murphy this year, has held four such sessions, with more on the schedule.

One can only conclude that either Mr. Murphy feels disdain for his constituents and doesn't care what they think or he lives in dread of meeting with them. Is he hiding something? Does he fear that there is something untoward that will be unearthed in the record that he flaunts in

his slick mailings (many paid for by the taxpayers)?

C'mon Mr. Murphy. Sit down and talk with us. Really, your constituents are good people. And, if you meet us, you might actually like us. And we promise not to bite.

Joel E. Gingold
Croton-on-Hudson

Kent FD Should Not Raffle Off Weapons

I was among the 50 or so community members who attended the Kent Volunteer Fire Department meeting on the evening of Monday, Feb. 19. Until earlier that morning, I had not been aware of the department's proposed raffle of an AR-15 rifle. I must say that as a resident of Kent for 40 years, I have responded to their annual fundraising letters but had never even heard of their raffles. That night I listened as Commissioner Casey read a resolution asking the membership to withdraw the raffle. I was dumbfounded to hear Chief Byrne, President Bolbrock and Fire

Captain/Raffle Chairman Christiansen defend their choice of the assault weapon especially in light of the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where 14 students and three adults were gunned down by an AR-15 wielding former student. That this rifle might bring in \$10,000 was obviously more important to them. I was truly ashamed of their defensive stance. I left at meeting's end believing the AR-15 would remain on the raffle ticket.

However, the next day a statement was issued from the KVFD explaining that the guns were being withdrawn from the

raffle and in their place would be two gift certificates to a local gun shop in Carmel. Not a perfect solution, but a start and I commend the KVFD leadership for making what must have been a very difficult decision.

While I have no problem with the Second Amendment and no problem with the responsible use of registered guns and hunting rifles in our area, I hope that the membership of the KVFD will re-think their raffle process in the future and avail themselves of the numerous offers to help as was mentioned in Ms. Young's article. Clearly the community wants to see the

fundraiser succeed, but not with assault weapons as the draw. That night, there were offers to write checks, to help with future fundraisers and with public relations. These offers should be considered. Surely the fire department will find that they can hold successful fundraisers (cars, pick-up trucks, vacations, TVs, etc.) without the use of assault weapons as the draw.

Marty Collins
Kent

Kesten is the Best Choice for the 40th State Senate District

The Examiner reported that Robert Spolzino is "mulling a run" against Terrence Murphy. But as Mr. Spolzino mulls, candidate Robert Kesten continues his campaign that he began last summer by holding Town Hall meetings in every town in the 40th Senate District. This has proven to be a very effective tool for Mr. Kesten to get his message directly to the people.

In Mr. Kesten's latest Town Hall in Yorktown there was standing room only and the audience, which included both Republicans and Democrats, enthusiastically responded to his vision for dealing with issues hurting our economy. He reminded people that streamlining our healthcare system, moving to a single-payer process (not socialized medicine) would shave billions

of dollars off our property taxes and have an immediate effect on our property values. It was refreshing to hear a cogent and informed plan to review the need to invest and support our local business community if we want towns and villages with activity and without the blight that comes from empty and darkened store windows. In addition to Town Halls, he is meeting with constituents every day and has already proactively developed plans to tackle our tenuous job situation, i.e. the closing of Indian Point. I encourage the community to attend upcoming Town Halls; he is holding one Wednesday, Mar.

14 in New Castle at 7 p.m.

Robert Kesten is our best choice to defeat Terrence Murphy. He is the real Democrat in the race. We recall Mr. Spolzino contributing to and backing John Faso, a Republican who supports concealed carry, the new tax law, voted against the ACA and is vehemently against a woman's right to choose. I feel confident that by having Mr. Kesten in the state Senate that we can regain our status as the economic Empire State.

Andrea Black Jeffries
Mohegan Lake

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There is no better time or easier way to help fund a library program that benefits the next generation of leaders than by making their continued success a priority while filling out your tax returns. I encourage you all to make a donation to the program through a tax check off on your tax return forms this year and to support our libraries, our communities, and our students. Thank you.

Sandy Galef
New York State Assembly, 95th District

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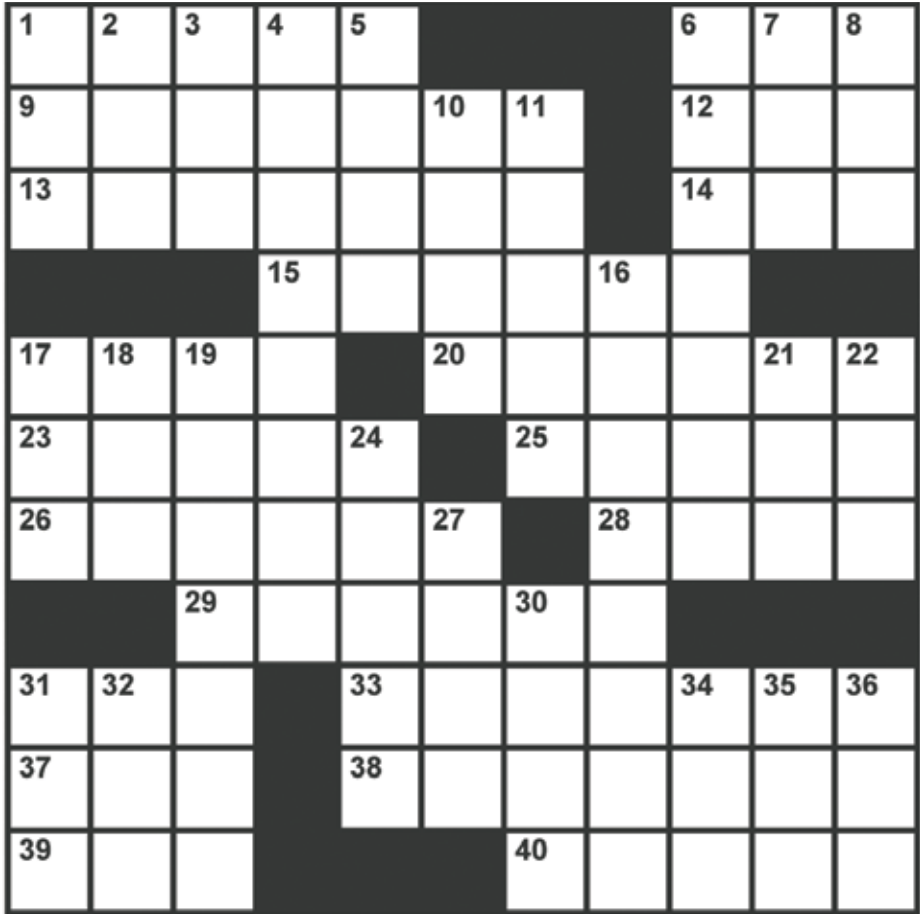
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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
1. “Posh,” “Scary,” and “Ginger” would eat at this Shrub Oak restaurant

6. Baseball stat

9. Musical intervals

12. Cries of regret

13. Tolerate

14. Global positioning fig.

15. Dress like a king

17. Physical

20. Revolt

23. Nobles

25. Pupils take part in it

26. Nuclear ____or Mohegan Lake restaurant, Wild ____

28. Quaker form of address

29. Dine at a restaurant

31. Ending for east or west

33. Lectures

37. Mai ____ (cocktail)

38. River in Venezuela

39. Sound in a bar

40. Church council
8. Believer’s suffix

10. Silk color

11. Boutiques

16. French region

17. Football official

18. Èvian, e.g.

19. “__ and Old Lace” play

21. Any car, affectionately

22. Berlioz’s “Les nuits d’__”

24. ____ voce

27. Black, as la nuit

30. “Trinity” author

31. Numerical ending

32. Historic Thor Heyerdahl craft

34. Mafia head

35. Prefix with “friendly”

36. Lay turf

- Down
1. Plea at sea

2. Loan figure, abbr.

3. OJ judge

4. Roselike flower

5. “__ Almighty”: 2007 Steve Carell film

6. North Carolina’s capital

7. Won ____ nose



Obituaries

Frank Tomei

Frank P. Tomei, age 97, died on Wednesday, February 28, with his family by his side at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, CT. Frank was born on April 4, 1920 in East Boston, MA to Joseph and Vincenza (Napoli) Tomei. He graduated from a vocational high school in Manhattan in 1936. Frank proudly enlisted and served in the US Navy Aviation Ordinance Crew VS65, as a pilot and aviation mechanic during WWII. He served in the South Pacific, on the tiny atoll of Funafuti. Throughout his life, he frequently shared stories of his time in the service, wearing his Navy hat daily and keeping in touch with men from his outfit. Frank married the love of his life, Pauline Tedone, on September 29, 1946 at Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx. Pauline predeceased him on September 29, 2016, on their 70th wedding anniversary. Frank and Pauline raised their family in the Bronx until moving to Blooming Grove in 1982, where they lived for 16 years before moving to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson in 1998. More recently, they had lived at the Plaza at Clover Lake in Carmel. Frank was a dedicated husband and family man, always involved with and helping friends and family at every opportunity. He was generous with his time and efforts,

happy to lend a hand. Although Frank was a Renaissance man of many talents, he truly lit up when surrounded by his loved ones, as did his family when they were with him. He imparted a presence of gentle strength and warm love to everyone he met. Frank was a Fine Finish Carpenter, owning his own carpentry business, Frank Tomei Carpentry, in the Bronx. Prior to his career in carpentry, he was a stock analyst and tracing specialist on Wall Street. As a young man, Frank was a delivery driver for 10 years with Oscar Kohl in the Bronx. Frank was an excellent golfer; he really enjoyed the game. With great enthusiasm, he imparted golfing instruction and tips to others. Frank excelled at billiards and bowling, as well. He was a longtime bowling league member and won many trophies. Frank was an avid Yankees fan, having played baseball in his youth and as a young adult. Frank learned to use a computer in his 80s, enjoying flight simulator and World War II games, email, writing a blog for his friends, and even joining Facebook, well into his 90s. Frank was known for his vibrant sense of humor, discriminating taste in foods and desserts, industrious work ethic, detailed stories, and love of friends, family, and animals. Frank is survived by his son, Frank Tomei (Linda) of Alexander, IA and daughter, Elaine Wolfson (Alan) of

Brewster; two granddaughters, Stephanie Sandler (Terry) and Natalie Wolfson-Ford (Ryan), who he affectionately referred to as his “Sweetie Pies;” and two great granddaughters, Madeline and Margo Sandler, his “Little Sweetie Pies.” Also several nieces and nephews, including his niece, Eileen Armour of Leesburg, FL. He was predeceased by his siblings, Anthony Tomei, Margaret Armour, and Grace Earley, a niece, Peggy Armour, and nephews, Arthur Respoli and Richard Tomei. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, March 5 at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Brewster. Entombment will follow at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie. Contributions in Frank’s memory may be made to Hudson Valley Honor Flight, Attn: Donations; PO Box 375, Walden, NY 12583. <http://hvhonorflight.com/donate/>

Joan VanScoy

Joan A. VanScoy, age 94, a longtime resident of North Salem, died Saturday, March 3, at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, CT. Joan was born on December 28, 1923 in Richmond Surrey, England to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Napier. She graduated from schools in England. Soon after, while working for the US and British Armies, Joan met and fell in love with Benjamin P. VanScoy. They were married

in April of 1944 in London, England and in 1946 Ben took his new bride home to North Salem where they began their life together. Mr. VanScoy died on May 28, 1961. Joan was a Bookkeeper for the North Salem Central School District for many years, retiring in 1969. She was a member of the Republican Committee and the North Salem Historical Society. She volunteered with the North Salem Lions Club. Joan enjoyed baking as well as her memberships and volunteering, but it was her family that brought the greatest joy to Joan’s life. They were the center of her life. Joan is survived by her sons, Peter H. VanScoy (Linda) of North Salem, NY and Randall VanScoy of Alexandria, VA; her 3 granddaughters, Lori Nieves, Sarah Broderick and Rachel VanScoy and her great grandson Benjamin Broderick. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster. Interment will follow at June Cemetery, North Salem. Friends may call at the Beecher Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. www.beecherfuneralhome.com. Contributions in Joan’s memory may be made to the Croton Falls Fire Department, PO Box 128, Croton Falls, NY 10519 and/or the North Salem Historical Society, PO Box 31, North Salem, NY 10560.



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Irish blood runs thick through Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell's veins with both of her parents being of Irish decent.

Her maternal grandmother Mary Agnes O'Neill was from Co. Waterford, Ireland. Her paternal great grandmother Julianne O'Neill, who MaryEllen refers to as Nanny, was from the Co. Cork, Ireland.

Julianne was an inspiration in MaryEllen's life. She was the oldest of 11 children. When she was 14 years old her parents sent her to live with the Hogan family in the United States because of the famine in Ireland. She did not get to return to Ireland until she was in her 60s.

Julianne married Jack O'Brien and they had five children. They had nothing, but they had a strong back, willingness to work, faith, family and they loved America!



Grand Marshal Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell

As a child, MaryEllen remembers "Nanny" having the grandchildren packing up their old clothes, toys and books to send to their cousins in Ireland. She also remembers her great grandmother cherishing a framed tapestry of an Irish cottage by the sea alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Born in Yonkers to Muriel Edith (nee Helwig) and Ronald Hicks, MaryEllen is the eldest of four children. She was raised in Carmel with her siblings Michelle, Brian and Laura. Wanting to give her children—Hope and David, the same type of upbringing, she bought her childhood home and raised her children there.

A Roman Catholic, MaryEllen has been a congregant at St. James the Apostle Church for more than 50 years.

In 1995, MaryEllen co-founded the Carmel Sports Association. She also became an active member of the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association, the Carmel Industrial Development Agency

and Putnam Economic Development Council. MaryEllen sat on the Executive Board for the Gold Star Mothers statue in Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park as well. She is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Lodge #704.

Committed to Veterans and First Responders—career and volunteer, MaryEllen believes in protecting and honoring those who put their lives on the line for the safety of others. She has also championed a person's right to privacy. MaryEllen initiated the Row of Honor display of flags on the shores of Lake Gleneida to recognize our Veterans and their families and to honor our Nation's flag. She is proud to work alongside the Putnam County 9/11 Memorial Committee, as County Executive, for the heroes' memorial at Spain Cornerstone Park as well. MaryEllen supports the FDNY 343 Riders who honor and remember the 343 members of the FDNY who perished in the World Trade Center on Sept 11th, 2001 and raise funds to help support severely injured veterans who have served in the Armed Forces.

MaryEllen was named an Honorary Veteran by the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council in 2007, for her patriotism and advocacy for Veterans services. Before his death in July 2016, James O'Neill named MaryEllen an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Lakes Council 6318, to which she was greatly honored.

MaryEllen is currently serving her second term as Putnam County Executive. Through her five years on the Putnam County Legislature and the past six years as County Executive, she has questioned the status quo while focusing on balancing her fiscal and social responsibilities to the people of Putnam County.

Being the 2018 Grand Marshal of the Putnam-Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Parade is truly an honor for MaryEllen. She would like to thank the WestPut Setanta Gaelic Football Club for nominating her. Immigrants come to the United States for a better life, just like her family did. It is MaryEllen's mission to move Putnam County in a positive direction, so a better life may be had for the generations to come.

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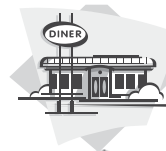
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CHS Junior Initiates 'Snow Warrior' Program

Carmel High School (CHS) junior Thomas O'Rourke's program, "Snow Warrior" assists disabled and elderly veterans with snow removal throughout the winter.

It began as an assignment for his Advanced Placement English Language course where he was tasked with developing a "20% Time" project of his own choosing. The project requirements align with the District's focus on the 6Cs: Citizenship, Compassion, Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Projects must be something in which the student has an interest and something that matters. "The projects must also have a community connection to encourage civic mindedness and networking within and outside of the classroom," said his teacher Kris Scuccimarra.

Although fairly new in the education world, the 20% Time concept has been around in the workplace since the 1950's when the 3M Company provided time for employees to come up with creative ideas. The result: Post-it notes and masking tape. Similarly Google employees engage in a "20% Project." The most well-known result is Gmail. At Carmel High School, English teachers Kris Scuccimarra, Eric Schwark, John Caramanica, Kristin McKenna, Linda Press, Heather Murphy



and Michele Cadden all incorporate 20% Time into their curriculum.

O'Rourke came up with the idea because he appreciates those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in America. "Snow Warriors is my way of giving back and thanking those who have

served in the armed forces," he said.

This winter O'Rourke has been shoveling for two veterans—one who served in World War II in Nazi Germany and another who served in the Korean War. "It is truly incredible to see how grateful these veterans are whenever I stop by to shovel, especially when it snowed on

Christmas" O'Rourke commented.

Assisting veterans in this way has proved to be important. Recently, one of the veterans had to be taken to the hospital the night after a big snowstorm. Fortunately, Tommy had shoveled out his driveway and had cleared a path to his porch so the EMT's were able to provide speedy medical assistance. Later that day, the veteran's son let Thomas know "how important of a service you are doing...It would have been extremely difficult [to get my father out of the house and into an ambulance] if not for your help."

Mr. Scuccimarra said, "Tommy is a hardworking and dedicated student. I am not sure in what capacity Tommy will be serving our country in the future but no matter what he does, he will make us all proud. He is kind, respectful and will mature into a confident leader one day. It is students like Tommy who give me faith in the future."

O'Rourke was humbled by the praise and said, "Snow Warriors has shown me that it doesn't take a lot to make a difference."

The next step of O'Rourke's project is to expand Snow Warriors to include more veterans, with the help of other student volunteers. He would also like to interview one of the veterans about his wartime experiences.

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Putnam Officials Talk Senior Center with Philipstown Seniors

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra met with the Philipstown Seniors Club, the Philipstown Recreation Department, and the Town of Philipstown recently to discuss potential offerings of nutrition, recreation, education and other activity

programs at the new senior and community center.

"Now that the senior and community center's opening is in view on the horizon, this meeting served as the kick-off for collaboration with the stakeholders," said

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County Executive MaryEllen Odell addresses the Philipstown seniors with Leg. Barbara Scuccimarra (left) and Michael Cunningham, Director of Office of Senior Resources (right).

Local Seniors Receive Handmade Valentine's Day Cards

Over 200 handmade cards were delivered to local Senior Citizens at the Office for Senior Resources' Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon in Carmel last month.

Performing arts students attending Seven Star School classes were provided with materials to create special Valentine's Days cards as part of the school's S.T.A.R. Up community outreach program. The acronym stands for "Serving Today Always Reaching UP" which supports Seven Star School's commitment to teaching classes wrapped around life lessons including giving back to the community.

The seniors were delighted as they read the cards. Pre-School Director, Jacqueline Madera stated, "The kids worked very hard on creating the cards and it was heartwarming to see the seniors' reactions to the Valentine's Day cards."

"This is our second year bringing Valentines cards to the seniors and it is an annual event we plan to continue for many years to come. Activities like this teach our students about giving back to the community and reaching out to those in need of our help," explains owner



Nicole Aravena.

The S.T.A.R. Up program contributes to homeless shelters, veterans organizations, Girl Scouts, local schools, and other nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.SevenStarSchool.com





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Odell. "We want to work in cooperation with the Town of Philipstown so that together we can expand the offerings currently available. We understand that by offering these services our senior population stays healthier and live at home longer."

Scuccimarra, who has long been an advocate for the senior center at Butterfield agreed. "This was the first of many brainstorming sessions to see what is possible," she said. "By being able to work together with the Town of Philipstown we can ensure that we share services and fully serve a population that has been underserved for way too long."

Michael Cunningham, Director of the Office for Senior Resources, also attended

the meeting. "We will use these coming months to create some very creative and rewarding opportunities to attract seniors to the new site," he said.

"We are so thrilled to be part of the process," said Donna Anderson of the Philipstown Seniors Club. "It is so nice to know that County Executive Odell and Leg. Scuccimarra want our input on what kinds of programs will be at the new senior center. Who better to ask than those of us who will be using it?"

Putnam County's new senior center, which is in the process of being built on the property of the former Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring will offer nutritious meal as well as companionship, nutrition education, health counseling transportation and shopping assistance.

Experiencing Fermented Beverages at This Weekend's HV Fermented



By Nick Antonaccio

Fermented. More and more, we enjoy foods produced as a result of fermentation.

From early morning to late evening, fermented foods are a natural component of our diet and a means to

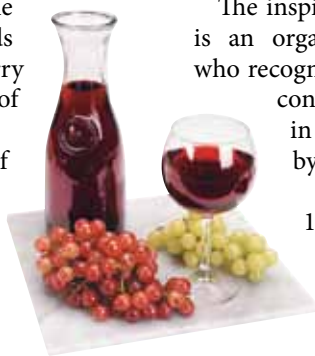
achieve optimum health.

In its most elemental form, the process of fermentation is the interaction of yeast or bacteria to convert sugars or to kill harmful bacteria. Through the ages, humankind has been able to overcome adverse conditions through the preparation of fermented foods.

Ancient water supplies were dangerous to consume; wine was created to kill off the harmful bacteria present in water. Likewise, drinking potable water was a constant concern among sailors on the high seas; the Portuguese and Spaniards produced Port and Sherry to consume in lieu of contaminated water.

There are two forms of fermentation: lactic acid and alcohol.

Lactic acid fermentation is the process utilized in preserving many foods.



The interaction of salt, yeast and healthy bacteria (probiotics) produce what are commonly termed preserved foods.

Alcoholic fermentation is the process by which natural or inoculated yeast breaks down the sugars and carbohydrates in fruit, converting them to alcohol.

In some form, each of us ingests one or more fermented foods each day. For breakfast, many enjoy yogurt with the "Live & Active Cultures" seal on the container, assuring about 17 billion probiotic cultures in a six-ounce container. Others may enjoy breakfast with their cup of fermented coffee beans.

With dinner, a glass or two of fermented grape juice or perhaps a bottle of fermented malted barley or wheat seems to be increasingly popular. And why not top off dinner with a dessert of fermented cocoa beans?

The inspiration for this week's column is an organization and an individual who recognize the growing popularity of consuming fermented products; in this instance drinks produced by alcoholic fermentation.

This Saturday, March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kessel Student Center on the Pleasantville campus of Pace University, the Pleasantville Rotary Club is presenting its

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

second annual Hudson Valley Fermented food and beverage fest. Proceeds support Rotary initiatives, primarily in the local communities.

Event Chair Henry Leyva and his team have

assembled an impressive array of craft producers. With a focus on Hudson Valley and New York State products, eventgoers will be able to sample craft beers, artisanal wines and ciders and several local distilled spirits. Local restaurants will supplement the beverages.

There are several unique aspects of HV Fermented, as it is dubbed.

1. For the first time that I'm aware of, multiple fermented beverages are being offered at the same venue, with stations manned by owners or their knowledgeable representatives. Rather than wandering aimlessly through a myriad of shelves at local retail establishments, attendees will have the benefit of a carefully curated list of hand-selected beverages, all of which are available for purchase or order at the event.

2. VIP tickets are available for \$75, which permit early access to the event. For one hour prior to general admission (\$55 per ticket), VIPs will sample all beverages, chat with brewery, winery and distillery representatives and enjoy the local food, all in a private, intimate atmosphere.

3. Each of the dozen or more beer

stations will offer at least two products and several will be pouring limited production brews.

4. The wine stations, organized and managed by Thierry Pradines, proprietor of Best Wine Purveyors, a popular wine shop in Pleasantville, will be offering about 50 wines and spirits from at least 16 wineries and distilleries.

5. Local restaurants – 13 at press time – will present a broad array of cuisines and beverage-friendly dishes.

Leyva is enticing folks to come to HV Fermented "to sample all this in one place for four hours and have a blast." I'll be there, filming the event, to be aired on Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV). You may view a promo on the PCTV website featuring myself, Leyva and Thierry at www.pctv76.org/video/2357/.

For more information on participating vendors and to purchase tickets, visit www.HVFermented.com or contact the organizers at HVFermented@gmail.com

See you there!

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.

Houlihan Lawrence Adds Three Real Estate Salespersons

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Marco Noguera

in the real estate and financing sectors having spent 12 years in the mortgage industry while also owning & operating the family construction company. She has a passion for helping first time buyers and guides them through the process to make wise investment decisions. Being bilingual in English and Spanish has been very beneficial in helping many members



Rosa "Maribel" Illescas

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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

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

Ongoing:

Mondays: Join a volunteer from Therapy Dogs International, and his dogs at Kent Public Library, for the Paws for Reading Program, select Mondays in March through June from 5:00p.m.-6:00p.m. Starting Monday, March 12th. This program is designed to give children, ages 6-10, the opportunity to gain confidence and improve reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. This is a free event. One-on-one fifteen minute sessions are available by appointment only. 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.

Tuesdays: LCFD Ladies Auxillary Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month. 8 p.m. at the firehouse. Bring a friend. Be part of our family.

Spotlight Family Support Group: Mahopac Library, 3rd floor, 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.. 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.

Wednesdays: The Putnam County

Marine Corps League: Monthly meeting at the Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel, at 1930 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 a.m. 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.

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.

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. Palm Sunday- 3/25/18- 8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. services Maundy Thursday- 3/29/18- 7 p.m. service Good Friday- 3/30/18- 7:30 p.m. 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.

Tuesday, March 6

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m., to discuss the book "The Color of Water" by James McBride. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, March 7

Mahopac Library's Teen Library Council Meeting. 2:30 p.m. If you are a teen in grades 6 and up, join the TLC and have a say in what happens at YOUR library! Planning meetings take place once a month. Earn Community Service hours during the planning and double community service when working at special library events throughout the year. Registration requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

First Grade Book Club @ Mahopac Library. March 7, 14, 21 @ 4:30 p.m., Come share your love of books and meet new friends. Have fun with book-related games & activities! All reading and activities will be done during meetings; no home work required. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Paint & Play Art Class: Caregivers and their children will create delightful creations in this toddler art class designed to engage the creative area of the brain while allowing your child to develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and color awareness. 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., For ages 14-23 months. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, March 8

Coloring for Adults at Mahopac Library. March 8 & 22 @ 7 p.m., Reconnect with your inner child. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided; no registration needed. Call for information: 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Lend Me Your Ears: March 8, 15, and 22 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Children will be mesmerized in this music class. Music with Marlana combines acoustic guitar, vocals, dancing, sing-a-longs, and more. For ages 3-5. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Paint Nite Fundraising Event: 7 p.m. We will be painting a beautiful barn scene with a PaintNite artist who will guide you step-by-step through two lively hours of creativity. This is a fundraising event and tickets must be purchased at www.paintnite.com/events/-10042902. The \$45 fee includes supplies, instruction, a glass of wine and plenty of fun. Ages 21+. Please arrive 20 minutes early to get your supplies.

Friday, March 9

Introduction to Project Budgets @ Mahopac Library. 1:30 p.m. Are you ready to start fundraising for your project

or idea, but don't know how much to ask for? If preparing a budget for your foundation grant is holding you back, come learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence. This class will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Registration requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

3rd Annual Paint Night Charity Fundraiser Sponsored by: The Italian American Club of Mahopac 141 Buckshollow Rd. Mahopac. 7 p.m., Cost is \$40 per person- Includes all painting supplies and refreshments! Featuring: * Creative Canvas with Terry * Fundraising for: United For The Troops. Must register & prepay by March 4 by visiting www.creativecanvaswithterry.com or calling Nicole at (914) 912-6097 to reserve your spot

Cubing Club: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Come try your hand at competitive speed cubing. Cubing Club is the place to learn tips, practice, and improve your skill at solving a cube! Ages 9 and up Participants should be able to solve a cube. We recommend participants bring their own cube if possible. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, March 10

Drop-in DIY Story Time at Mahopac Library. 10 a.m., Drop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to read to your children from a selection of picture books and use the available craft materials to create something together. Stop by the Youth Services desk for more information. This month's theme: Wind and Air.

Story Time on the Road: 10:30 a.m. Mahopac Library brings a story time event to The Feed Barn in Mahopac! Enjoy fun books & songs! Planned for ages 2-6, all siblings & friends welcome! No registration needed.

Sunday, March 11

Northern Westchester-Putnam Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Route 6, Mahopac, Step off time 2 p.m.

Charity Poker Tournament At the Italian American Club of Mahopac 141 Buckshollow Rd. Mahopac. Great Homemade Italian Dinner at 2:00 included. Game begins at 2:30 p.m. Pre-register and Prepay on our website italianamericanclubofmahopac.org (Web store) prior to the event and receive 1000 FREE chips. Admission \$100. For additional information or to play, please call Frank at (914) 400-6751 or Tom at (845) 628-5909. Re-Buys during the first 4 rounds. MUST BE at least 21 years old to play. Fundraising for United for the Troops.



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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.**

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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.**

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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.**

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Carmel senior Jade Sessions (top left) was a standout performer at the NYS indoor track and field championships last Saturday at the Ocean Breeze Track & Field Complex on Staten Island, finishing 4th overall and 3rd among NYSPHSAA schools in the 600-meter run (inset) with a time of 1:34.88 while also anchoring the eighth-place 4x800 Carmel relay team, which also included Rams Katie Turk, Kayla Sexton, Angela Castronuovo and Sessions.