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## So glad I knew Nickie

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

I lost one of my dearest friends on Oct. 19. Nickie Piscitelli died in her sleep at the age of 91.

To the day she died, decades after her husband's death, Nickie operated Mike's Grocery on Maple Street in Hudson Falls, a timeless corner store that I often stopped by, because the connection between Nickie and me was strong and generations deep.

Nickie (Nicoletta) remembered my grandparents and shopping at their business, Frost Department Store, on Main Street in Hudson Falls.

"Your grandfather was a very nice man," she said many times, which meant a lot to me because, one, it was Nickie saying it, and, two, I never met my grandfather; he died before I was born.

Given that he and all my grandparents were Jewish Russian immigrants in the 1890s, it deeply interests me how my father's parents landed in this village in northern New York and



**Nickie Piscitelli, owner of Mike's Grocery, maker of May baskets, dies at age 91**

Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

were able to learn the language and establish a business from scratch. To my mind, it reflects on the community that accepted them.

### 'You keep the shoes'

Shoes were the specialty at Frost Department Store. Nickie said that one time as a little girl

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## She counters Frost: Republicans won; 'Dems a big fat zero'

Mark,  
[Re "GOP 0, Obama 1" in Oct. 24 Chronicle] I am very sorry to tell you that if you don't stay out of politics you will lose a staunch fan. You always seem to jump the

gun when judging what is going on. I think when the smoke fades you will find out that it will end up with the GOP 1 and the Dems a big fat 0.

The libs have done an outstanding job of messing up with Obamacare. It is costing jobs, putting more people on Medicare because they have lost their current insurance and among other things will

end up costing everyone across the board. What happened to "you can keep your health plan and your doctor"?

Don't know what news you watch but there is only one who is "fair and balanced" and reports the whole story and both sides, not just what they want you to hear.

— Joan Waters, Queensbury

## Who is 'The Hometown Voice'

By Gordon Woodworth  
Chronicle News Editor

Brian Straub is the one person who has now gone public in "The Hometown Voice" political group that bought two full-page, full-color ads in last week's Chronicle that on one page endorsed seven candidates for office and on the other attacked Queens-

**Brian Straub anonymous no more...**

bury county board candidates Mark Westcott and Doug Beaty, both Republicans, as lacking "honesty" and "trustworthiness."

Mr. Westcott was outraged by and disputed the ads, but they

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## Dr. Tedesco faults negativity on Obama

Dear Mark,  
Well, you have done it again — in your article "GOP 0, Obama 1" (Oct. 24). You Republicans can never give Obama credit for anything unless it's in a negative or condescending way. A "lot of grim

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