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Catalina Starts Second Term in Peekskill with Optimism

By Rick Pezzullo

Optimism and a call for unity and co-operation kicked off the New Year during a swearing-in ceremony Friday at Peekskill City Hall.

Mayor Frank Catalina was sworn-in for a second two-year term by Justice Lewis Lubell and briefly became choked up as he spoke about being reelected, his plans for the city and the support he has received from his mother and children.

"I want to thank the residents of Peekskill, not just those who voted for me, but all residents of Peekskill. Wherever I go, no matter what I'm doing, I have the honor every day of representing every

resident," Catalina said. "Being mayor of this city has, without any doubt, been the greatest honor and privilege ever bestowed upon me, in my lifetime."

Councilman Vincent Vesce, who served as master of ceremonies during the standing-room-only event, introduced Catalina, a fellow Republican.

"The man wears his heart on his sleeve. What you see is what you get," Vesce said. "Frank loves this city. He's everywhere and he's really doing a great job for the city."

Catalina, who will once again oversee a Common Council with a Democratic

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina strolls into City Hall chambers to a rousing ovation

Former Governor Pataki Suspends Presidential Campaign

By David Propper

Former New York State Governor and Peekskill Mayor George Pataki is starting the new year not on the campaign trail, but likely back home in Garrison after he announced he was suspending his presidential campaign.

In a two-minute television advertisement, Pataki, a Peekskill native, confirmed he's stepping away from a campaign that never really got off the ground. Entering the race for the White House in May at a kickoff event in Peekskill, Pataki attempted to offer a more moderate Republican choice to primary voters. He boasted his record as a three-term governor in New York, especially his actions in

the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

But poll numbers never indicated much support, if any, for Pataki, who last held office in 2006 and has more centrist views on abortion, gay marriage, and the environment. Early in the race, he even urged other Republican candidates to move away from discussing issues like abortion and gay marriage, calling both issues a distraction that would hurt a Republican nominee from taking the presidency in 2016.

Pataki was part of a crowded GOP field for the nomination. After his campaign suspension, 12 Republican contenders

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Heroic Plunge in the Hudson

Lindsey and Brendan Fitzgerald of Peekskill were among 78 brave souls who took a plunge in the Hudson River New Year's Day to support the This Is Me Foundation. For more photos, see page 9.



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4-3 majority, pointed out many accomplishments during his administration, particularly in cutting costs and getting the city on firmer financial footing, and recognized the entire Council for "sharing my vision for Peekskill's future."

"Two years ago, as I stood here, the city was on the brink of financial collapse. We saw over \$18 million in operating deficits



Newly elected Councilman Andre "Noodle" Rainey.

in just six short years, an average of over \$3 million per year representing about 10% of our annual budget," he said. "I stood here and likened the city's condition to that of a patient in an emergency room in very critical condition. I said the first thing any doctor would do would be to stop the bleeding; and we have."

"The city, as a patient, was stabilized and today, I am declaring our fiscal condition, as well as our long range prognosis for growth, is good; and the patient is hereby removed from the intensive care unit in guarded, but much better, condition, we have much work to do," Catalina continued. "As I stand here, I vow to balance the budget in this term and I call upon the Council to make this their absolutely highest priority. Together we can accomplish this."

The mayor also said he promised two years ago to "open the doors of Peekskill to new, smart growth that will expand our tax base," and noted there were currently almost half a billion dollars worth of development projects pending before the city.

Also returning to the Council are Democratic councilwomen Vivian McKenzie and Kathy Talbot, who were re-elected to four-year terms.

"I've grown to respect her greatly,"



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS

Congresswoman Nita Lowey was given the honor of swearing in Councilwoman Kathy Talbot.

Vesce said of McKenzie. "She's passionate about her beliefs, but she's willing to compromise. Vivian gets it."

Talbot was sworn-in by Congresswoman Nita Lowey, who mentioned Talbot's commitment to helping people in the community.

"I hope I live up to everyone's expectations," Talbot said.

Taking the oath for the first time was Democratic Councilman Andre "Noo-

dle" Rainey, who was warmly welcomed by everyone on the Council and his many supporters in attendance.

"What can I say Andre? It's a Noo day," Vesce quipped. "We're really looking forward to you bringing a new perspective to the city. It will be really dynamic."

"It is a Noo day in Peekskill," Rainey said. "There are a lot of people out there trying to make things right. I think we'll all realize the importance of working together."

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Q: What can I do if I have metabolic syndrome?

A: Eating a healthy diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables and other fiber-rich foods, along with exercising at least 30 minutes daily, several times a week, will help control your blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight - all key triggers of the syndrome. However, for people with excess weight in the midsection, losing significant weight and keeping it off can be very difficult.

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Yorktown Officials Sworn-In New Year's Day at Town Hall

By Michael Giuliano

On January 1, all of the newly elected officials in Yorktown were officially sworn-in at a ceremony in Town Hall. They included councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman, new Town Clerk Diana Quast, Town Justice Gary Raniolo, County Legislator John Testa, and Supervisor Michael Grace, who took the oath of office for his third two-year term.

Councilman Greg Bernard presided over the event, beginning with an opening prayer from Father Thomas Kreiser, from St. Patrick's Church. Raniolo was sworn-in by fellow Justice Sal Lagonia. Raniolo brought his entire family up to the podium during his acceptance speech, singling out his father and wife as the driving force behind his career as town justice.

Testa was sworn-in to continue as legislator for District 1, which covers Yorktown, Peekskill, and Cortlandt. Contrary to comments by Bernard (who referred to him as the Majority Leader,) Testa confirmed that he would be serving again as the Minority Leader of the Republican caucus. A former mayor of Peekskill, Testa thanked the people of Yorktown for their support over the years, and said he hoped to shape Yorktown as much as he had in Peekskill.

Quast, a longtime deputy clerk who was elected to succeed Alice Roker as town clerk, was the only person not



PHOTO BY MICHAEL GIULIANO

Councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman, Supervisor Michael Grace, Town Justice Gary Raniolo and Town Clerk Diana Quast all took their oaths of office Friday at Yorktown Town Hall.

sworn-in by either Raniolo or Lagonia. Instead she was sworn-in by Ilan Gilbert, a former town justice in Yorktown and also her running-mate during the election season. Gilbert said he was proud to call Quast not just a running-mate on the campaign trail, but also a friend.

Lachterman, the newest town councilman, made an emotional speech about his hopes for the future of Yorktown. Lachterman, who has volunteered for various causes around Yorktown for many years, including serving as president of the Yorktown Lions Club, said he was motivated by a certain quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "Well done is better than well said."

"Later in the 1800s they made it easier: 'Put up or shut up,'" he said, jokingly. Lachterman made his intentions to lower taxes and make Yorktown a more affordable living area for everybody (though specifically singling out seniors and young adults as those who are primarily affected by the high prices).

Bernard then introduced Diana, by referring to him as a former running-mate, now turned friend.

"It has turned into quite a bro-mance," Bernard said, eliciting laughs from the crowd.

Diana, who was elected to his first full four-year term after serving one year on the board in 2015, became very emotion-

al in a speech about the ongoing drug problem in Yorktown and the outlying communities. Diana said his goal was to further the drug enforcement program that has been spearheaded by Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown).

"If we can save just one person," he said, "that will be enough."

Lastly, Grace took the podium to be sworn-in as Town Supervisor. Grace won a narrow victory over Councilman Vishnu Patel after an election season that sometimes turned dirty. Grace referenced the difficulty of the past election season in his speech, stating that it was unfortunate that the personal lives of not only himself, but those of his children, had to be brought out into the fray.

Like Diana, Grace also referred to the ongoing drug problem, and stated his hopes that the new sober home on Underhill Avenue he worked to bring into Yorktown will fulfill its duties. He made a case of stating that it was not enough to arrest and penalize drug-users, adding he was optimistic a drug treatment court that Yorktown is exploring would work to help users get to the root of their problem and put them on the road to sobriety.

"It's a disease," he said, referring to addiction. "And arresting someone isn't going to help them."






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Levenberg Leads New Era for Ossining Town Board

By Neal Rentz

The dawning of the new year coincided with the start of a new era for the Ossining Town Board as three new members took their oaths of office Friday.

New Ossining Supervisor Dana Levenberg and her Democratic running mates Karen D'Atto and Elizabeth Feldman were among several Ossining elected officials who took their oaths of office during inauguration ceremonies held at the Budarz Theater in the Ossining Public Library as more than 200 residents packed the theater.

Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D-Ossining) administered the oath of office for Levenberg. Galef said Levenberg has been involved in public service for several years in several capacities, including serving on the Ossining school board for nine years and working in her Assembly office for eight years.

Levenberg is smart, creative, lovable and friendly, Galef said. "I'm so proud of her," Galef said.

Levenberg laid out what she wanted to accomplish as supervisor in collaboration with residents. "I want to know what the best is in each one of you," she said. "My plan for Ossining is directly rooted in what I believe is Ossining."

"Ossining is a multi-cultural, multi-talented, multi-dimensional place that



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

New Ossining Supervisor Dana Levenberg addressed residents after taking the oath of office.

allows us to be who we are and feel supported by others," Levenberg said. "I want each of us to feel good about our Ossining places of work, educational institutions, place where we drop off our children or our parents, places where we congregate, celebrate, exercise, eat and relax. To achieve that I need you, your talents, your skills, your ideas and pas-

sions and connections."

"I have an open door for good ideas and people passionate about ways to implement them," Levenberg said.

D'Atto said she was honored to be "blessed with the opportunity to serve the Town of Ossining alongside such a wonderful group of accomplished and committed individuals. All of us are bound by our desire to work hard for Ossining, to make sure that we continue to support the momentum that's building our community into a model community, one that embraces diversity. One that is poised for a rich future. And one that will make sure that we have a place where all people can thrive."

Feldman thanked her supporters in last fall's election campaign, and her running mates. She and her colleagues will work "together like a well-oiled machine" and will "really get things done in this town."

"I believe this new board will use a community-based, collaborative approach to work with and listen to the needs and concerns of our residents and business owners," Feldman said. "We will work to preserve our identity as a historic Hudson River town, find ways to incorporate more green technology to lighten the load on our infrastructure

while saving our taxpayers money."

The ceremony also featured the swearing in of new Police Chief Kevin Sylvester, who spoke about the challenges facing police departments.

"Today, police officers are expected to be vigilant crime fighters, but experts in the use of discretion," he said. "You have to show compassion, respect and do all of it with the ultimate goal of preserving the rights of everyone equally."

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lead a department consisting of the finest law enforcement professionals anywhere in Westchester County," said Sylvester, who is succeeding longtime chief Bill Burton.

Among the other officials taking their oaths was County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D/Ossining), majority leader on the Board of Legislators. "It's a really a very exciting time here in our community," she said. "We've got a lot of new energy, a lot of new ideas. We've got a lot of wonderful history to build upon."

"I don't think you could find a community with a better heart, with better devotion to doing what's right, to social justice, to making sure that everyone has a chance and an opportunity to succeed. And I think we really should be proud of ourselves," Borgia said.

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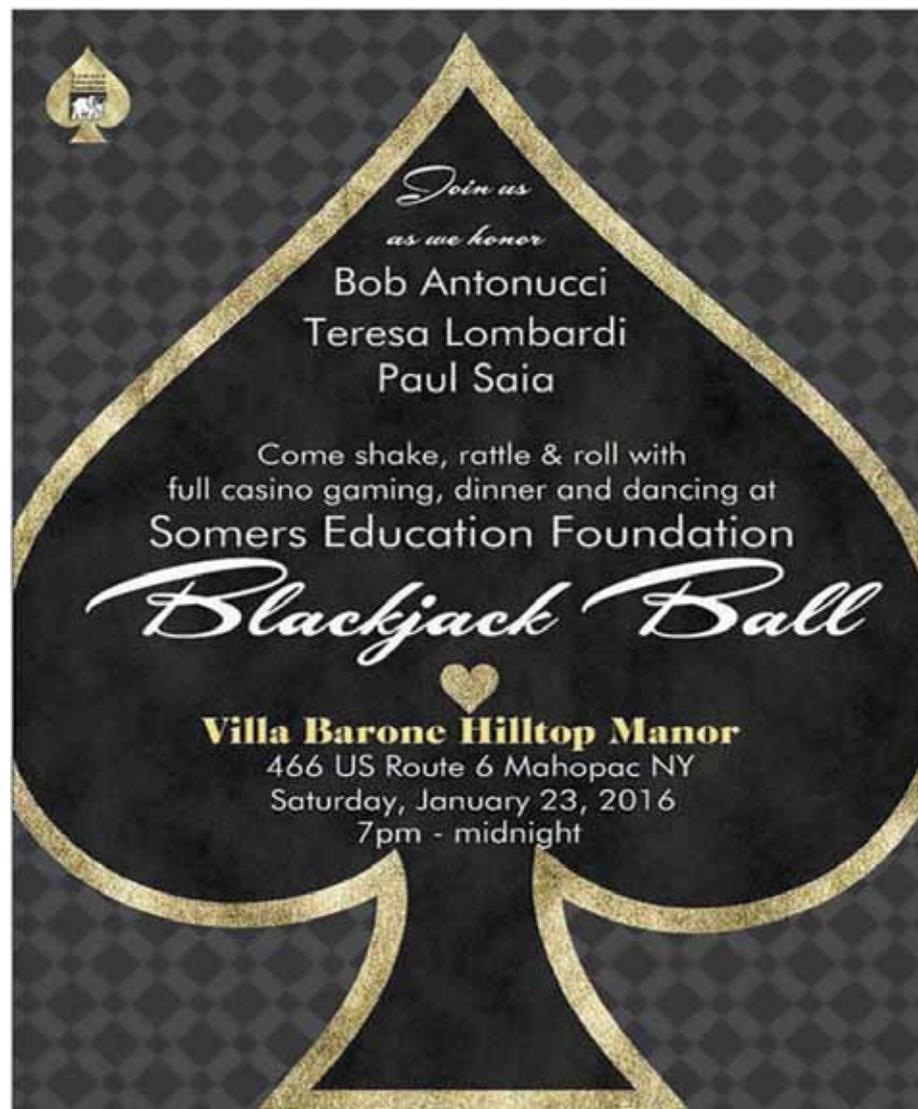
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still remain in the race.

In his video announcement, Pataki said he hopes whoever the next president is, it'll be a person who understands politicians, "must be the people's servant and not their master."

He noted the job he did as governor came from values he learned growing up in the Hudson Valley on a small farm in Peekskill. Pataki also served as a state assemblyman and state senator.

"Mostly what I brought was a belief in America, that tomorrow would always be better," Pataki said of his campaign. "And that as a free people we can accomplish anything."

In a probable reference to Republican frontrunner and fellow New Yorker Donald Trump, Pataki said, "If we're truly going to make America great again, we need to elect a president that will do three things: confront and defeat radical Islam, shrink the size and power of Washington and unite us again in our belief in this great country."

His wife, Libby, went on leave from Putnam County's tourism department where she is the director to support Pataki during his run. It's not known when she'd be back.

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina said he might try to lure Pataki back to Peekskill government.

"I was sorry to see that George Pataki dropped out of the race but it appears there is no room in the Republican Party for any moderates, even here in Peekskill!" Catalina said. "I am looking for a great City Council candidate to run with me in 2017 and next time I see him, I'll ask if he's interested."

Pataki supporters from Putnam were also disappointed he was bowing out.

County Consumer Affairs Director and Kent resident Jean Noel said she knows Pataki is a "great leader" who had the talent to take the country forward. She was at his campaign kickoff several months ago.

"Unfortunately, it seems like media

driven celebrities are what people want," Noel said. "It may not be the best choice but he gracefully, with dignity and honor, spoke about the suspension. I will always be proud of his efforts in Putnam County."

Legislator Roger Gross was also at his campaign kickoff and went to another forum in New Hampshire featuring Pataki. Despite spending a lot of time in New Hampshire--an early primary state--Gross acknowledged Pataki never really moved the needle as the primary nears.

"There are so many candidates, he never got the traction," Gross said. "I wish him well. He gave it a good, sharp try."

Comptroller Claims State Must Improve Oversight of Sex Offenders

The state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) is not adequately monitoring the state's most dangerous sex offenders, often failing to make the minimum number of required monthly contacts and not performing mandated curfew checks, according to an audit issued recently by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

The audit examined compliance with the state's Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act (Act) at regional DOCCS

offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Elmira, New Rochelle, Northeast (Albany), Peekskill, Rochester and Syracuse.

Under state regulations, DOCCS is responsible for closely monitoring sex offenders' compliance with court-ordered conditions of their release. The Act applies to offenders who have been legally determined to suffer from a mental abnormality that predisposes them to committing a sex offense and that results in their difficulty in controlling this behavior. Many

of these individuals are subject to a Strict and Intensive Supervision and Treatment (SIST) program by department personnel. SIST respondents are expected to demonstrate acceptance of responsibility for their behavior and to develop appropriate strategies to prevent reoffending.

"There's a reason New York keeps an eye on convicted sex offenders who are released from prison," said DiNapoli. "These regulations keep our communities safe and any failure to properly mon-

itor these high-risk individuals could have dangerous results. DOCCS officials agree with our key audit findings and have appropriately indicated they will take immediate action to improve oversight of the program."

By law, DOCCS parole officers must make a minimum of six face-to-face supervision contacts per month, which includes two home visits and two curfew checks. In addition, officers must make

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Businesses of the Week

Fulgum's Bar and Grill Montrose

By Neal Rentz

Bruce Fulgum took a chance when he left his job with IBM to open Fulgum's Bar and Grill in Montrose 33 years ago. His gamble paid off as it has become a local institution.

"People say it's like Cheers. It's just a great local bar," Bruce said last week. "If 100 people came in, we'd know 80 of them."

Fulgum is the owner and his sons Jon and Chris manage the eatery. The family all live in Montrose and they are graduates of Hendrick Hudson High School, which is a short walk away from the eatery.

Some of the keys to the success of Fulgum's are its customer service and local ownership, Fulgum said. "If I wasn't from the area I don't think this place would have been that successful," he said.

Fulgum said his late grandfather, Charles Reilly, owned bars and restaurants from New York City up to Montrose since Prohibition. Reilly opened a small bar in Montrose in 1943 by the old Montrose railroad station named Reilly's Station Bar and Grill, Fulgum noted.

"I was always around the business," he



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

A portion of the interior of Fulgum's Bar and Grill in Montrose

recalled, adding he began working in the establishment in his late teens.

As an adult, Fulgum did not immediately follow in his grandfather's footsteps. Following his graduation from college he was a teacher and then became an IBM employee. He explained he decided to open Fulgum's in 1983 after the Albany Post Road building became

vacant. The structure had five previous owners over a seven-year period, he said.

"It was very scary" to change professions, he said.

The Fulgum family has put on two additions to the bar and grill, which is now about 2,500 square feet. High tables were introduced to the bar and restaurant eight months ago to provide a more laid back feel, Jon Fulgum noted.

Fulgum's hosts several private parties for such occasions as birthdays, anniversaries and class reunions. Fulgum's also offers a variety of food specials, including prime rib night on Wednesdays, which includes a baked potato and a vegetable for \$17.95. Tuesday is \$2 taco and Coors Light beer night and chicken wings are 50 cents each on Monday nights and 25 cents apiece on Sundays. Burgers and wraps are among the most popular items, Jon said.

Jon said a particular emphasis of Fulgum's for the past roughly four years has been to stress food, which has attracted new customers. Many more customers have patronized Fulgum's over the past year because of the food, he said.

The establishment features 11 flat screens televisions, which can offer different NFL and Major League Baseball games at one time.

Local bands provide live music on nearly every Saturday night, which is not common for other local bars, Jon said.

Bruce, who is a member of the Hendrick Hudson High School Sports Hall of Fame as a basketball player, said it is important for the family to be involved in the local community. "We're involved in a lot of the community affairs and high school affairs," he said. "It's great for business and there's a great camaraderie."

Jon agreed with his father. "It's a small town. It's a tight community. So we had to get involved as much as we can," he said.

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Astorino, Kaplowitz Tout HUD Settlement Compliance

By Arthur Cusano

Westchester County has exceeded its annual benchmarks for developing 750 units of affordable housing under a 2009 settlement with the federal government, according to County Executive Rob Astorino.

The county finished 2015 with financing in place for 649 units, 49 more than required by the settlement, according to a statement by Astorino released December 30. Building permits are in place for 579 units, 54 more than required, he also stated.

“Our continued success proves we are committed to meeting the county’s obligations under the settlement; local zoning codes are non-discriminatory and support the development of fair and affordable housing; and, cooperation—not litigation—is the best way to build housing,” Astorino stated. “I want to thank our municipalities for their partnership and our county planning officials for their expertise and professionalism. It was through this team effort that we’ve been able to meet our goals from the beginning.”



Michael Kaplowitz

The county met the benchmarks for units with financing in November, according to the statement. It exceeded the number of units with building permits required in late December when Rye issued permits for 41 units and New Castle issued permits for 28 units as part of its Chappaqua Crossing development.

Under the terms of the settlement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the United States Justice Department, the county is required to spend at least \$51.6 million to develop 750 units of affordable housing by the end of 2016. The units must be built in 31 communities chosen for their African-American and Hispanic populations in the 2000 census. The county has never failed to meet a HUD benchmark under the settlement since they began in 2011, according to Astorino.

Westchester County Board of Legislators Chair Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers) said the board had been working with the county executive to meet the requirement and approve the units and would continue to do so.

“We’re proud of the role we played this year in approving those units, and we also look forward to a successful conclusion to the 2009 settlement,” Kaplowitz said. “And hopefully we can get back to business as usual, which is building affordable housing in appropriate areas.”

As part of the settlement, the county

is also required to file an AI or “analysis of impediments,” which HUD finds “acceptable.” Westchester has filed eight AIs with HUD in 2015, which look at possible challenges to building affordable housing. HUD has so far refused to accept the AIs because it deemed the county’s local zoning laws to be exclusionary towards some county residents. However, the United States Court Of Appeals Second Circuit ruled in September the county had not engaged in any sort of housing discrimination.

“My goal there has been to try to bring the parties together and make sure that we live up to the settlement, but not one word more, and get up out from under having a monitor and legal requirements to do things,” Kaplowitz said.

Kaplowitz said the main goal is to avoid a situation where the settlement is reopened due to noncompliance by the county.

“There would be potential fines and penalties and in the worst case, a huge number of additional units that might have to be built under court order,” he said.

Parker Challenging Kaplowitz for County Board Chair

By Arthur Cusano

Democrat Catherine Parker (D-Rye) announced her candidacy for Board of Legislators Chair for the 2016-17 last week ahead of the January 4 vote.

Parker cited leadership of Westchester County’s government as the reason for many of the county’s problems, including being the highest-taxed county in the nation.

“Westchester County has struggled for years with the challenge of preserving essential services and protecting the taxpayers but our leaders continue to tell you that they have achieved great successes worthy of high praise and even promotion,” Parker stated. “I’m confident our friends and families throughout the County would find that suggestion pretty out of touch with reality. Westchester’s finances have reached a tipping point and the people who elected us are getting less and less for their money. I’m choosing to look at the coming challenges as opportunities to put change in

the county’s leadership that has been in county government for nearly two decades.”

Parker, a former Rye city councilwoman and small business owner, is entering her second term on the Board of Legislators and cited her work on the completion of the Playland management agreement, which she said secured millions in capital investments to the park and neighboring community. Parker has also served as the Chair of the Board’s Environment and Energy Committee. Parker voted against the county’s 2016 operating budget, which she stated “utilized practices to balance the books for passage and political posturing.”

“Westchester County has missed too many opportunities to find savings before hitting all of the panic buttons and diminishing services and threatening higher taxes,” Parker stated. “Several years ago, the county completed a report that detailed millions of dollars in available energy savings and very little, if any



Catherine Parker

of them have been brought to fruition. Knowing these savings, and others just like them are available and failing to find them is a failure of leadership and shows a lack of effort.”

If elected Board of Legislators Chair, Parker would continue to have every member of the Board serve as a committee chair in order to foster cooperation.

Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers) said he was not aware of Parker’s intent to seek the chair position he held last year. He announced in December that he already had enough votes among fellow legislators to be re-elected to the position. Kaplowitz is part of a coalition made up of board Republicans and one fellow Democrat that helped pass the 2016 budget.

“She’s obviously not able to count successfully,” Kaplowitz said. “I secured 10 votes, more than a majority, so I’m not quite sure what led her to that.” I’m not sure if she wants to participate in the government, but that’s up to her. We’ve accomplished a lot and there’s much more to be done.”

The Legislature is expected to vote for its chair and other leadership positions at its Monday meeting in White Plains.

Comptroller Claims State Must Improve Oversight of Sex Offenders

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six “collateral” contacts per month, such as meeting with a respondent’s mental health treatment provider. DOCCS also requires officers to obtain an updated digital photo of each SIST respondent every 90 days and any time a respondent has a notable change of appearance, such as change of hairstyle or weight gain or loss.

DiNapoli’s audit, however, found the minimum total of six monthly face-to-face contacts did not occur in nearly a quarter of the 92 cases tested. For example, in the Bronx regional office, officers did not make the minimum number of contacts in 119 of the 278 months that were reviewed (43 percent). Similarly, the Northeast office failed to meet the monthly criteria in 73 of

the 117 months tested (62 percent).

DOCCS officers also failed to perform required curfew checks in a quarter of the 92 cases. In the Northeast office, 78 percent of monthly curfew checks were not performed. And in the New Rochelle office only 42 percent of the checks were completed. By contrast, the Rochester office made all of the curfew checks as required.

Auditors also reviewed the timeliness of SIST offender photo updates. Photos of SIST offenders are supposed to be updated at least every 90 days, but only 38 percent of 113 required updates were done on time while 15 percent were more than a month late. At the time of the audit, one respondent’s photo had not been updated in almost a year.

Letters

The End of a WATCH-ful Time in Cortlandt

To the Editor:

"All good things must come to an end" and this is one of them.

At its 2015 annual meeting, Cortlandt WATCH's members voted to close the doors on 30 years of citizen activism. WATCH wants to thank those whose faith and support throughout the years made so many achievements possible.

Back in 1985, Cortlandt's government was an old boy network of elected officials and real estate developers who were approving thousands of new houses and about to change zoning regulations to enable more development than was allowed by law. Cortlandt's homeowners were excluded from the approval process and clueless about how to intervene to protect their interests and quality of life.

There were more than 30 homeowner associations, all struggling with separate projects. Cortlandt WATCH's founders – Eunice Rosenberg, Charley Nagy, Jerry Gilmartin and Bob Foley - understood the need for an umbrella under which these small organizations could pool resources and coordinate their efforts.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" – Margaret Mead

WATCH's tiny core grew to 28, then to 400. By the time the Colabaugh Pond emery mine proposed blasting and mining in a residential area, 600 WATCH members attended Town Board meetings to stop the mine. How did WATCH do it? In order to understand the town's approval process, the core members attended every Town Board and Planning Board meeting until they understood and could explain what rights and responsibilities average citizens have.

It seems incredible now, but in those pre-Internet days WATCH's letters to the editors of local newspapers were the call to arms that alerted readers of upcoming municipal Board meetings. Dedicated

WATCH members sent impassioned letters and went door to door to alert neighbors that nearby development proposals were on the agendas. WATCH brought membership invitations to every meeting and membership ballooned.

Extensive media coverage attracted members with critical skills including legal help from Tom Carulli and Marla Rubin, who guided WATCH through its incorporation as a non-profit and on to its successful lawsuit against the Town's approval of Habitat Lafayette. The suit not only established WATCH's legal standing to intervene, but also slashed Habitat Lafayette's proposed 300-plus units to 140 and permanent protection of the on-site wetland.

"Cortlandt WATCH was the lightning rod; It wasn't the lightning."- Eunice Rosenberg

Habitat Lafayette was the lightning. Seven hundred enraged citizens were present when Cortlandt's Planning Board approved the subdivision. The resulting successful lawsuit was the beginning of the movement to elect reform candidates. Marla and Tom went on to draft the legislation that ultimately resulted in Cortlandt's major environmental ordinances that protect the Town's steep slopes, wetlands and neighborhoods from rampant, unplanned development.

"If you don't have a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu." – Elizabeth Warren

WATCH's activism expanded to include larger County and State initiatives such as ending ocean dumping of sludge from the Peekskill and Ossining sewage treatment plants, transport and disposal of ash from the County Incinerator and the Sprout Brook ash pit, blocking a gravel-crushing operation on the Westchester/Putnam border, and co-partnering with Pace University's Environmental Law Clinic to get accumulated lead out of the shooting range out

of Blue Mt. State Park.

Part of WATCH's mission included assisting new citizen groups and coaching them on effective political action. WATCH reached beyond Cortlandt's borders to assist organizers of Peekskill Hollowbrook Water Watch and Yorktown Green, (Susan – Is this the right name?) and opposition to the Spectra gas pipeline.

WATCH also provided programs for the general public featuring speakers with expertise on a wide range of issues, including nuclear power, filing FOIL request (Freedom of Information), affordable housing, solar power, recycling, sustainable landscaping and land management.

MOVNGON From its beginning, WATCH was adamantly non-partisan and non-political. Elected and appointed officials were members, but could not serve as directors, executive board members, or consultants. Given their commitment to civic activism and their deep knowledge of local, county and state government, it was inevitable that several directors left WATCH to serve on Cortlandt's Town and Planning Boards. Other members served on a variety of town committees, such as the Conservation Advisory Council, Master Plan Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Open Space Committee, Sewer & Water Committee, Traffic Committee, Hudson River Valley Greenway Committee, and Concept Committees.

"What a long strange trip it's been" – The Grateful Dead???

WATCH's 1985 opposition to the 1200-unit Scallen development on Cort-

landt's northern border through the revised 300+ unit proposal for the site led to the creation of 325-acre Gateway Park in 2000. This 15 year trip marked WATCH's evolution from a tiny band of activists into membership in a broad coalition of private citizens, charitable foundations, civic organizations and local, county and state governments focused on preserving and protecting our town's environment. Besides steering Gateway Park into safe harbor, here's a short list of WATCH's achievements for those residents too young to remember the signposts along our way:

- Blocked development of the Scallen property
- Habitat Lafayette
- Stopped reopening of the emery mine
- Initiated and championed major environmental laws:
 - The Steep Slope Ordinance
 - The Wetlands Ordinance
 - The Lot Count Law the Cluster Ordinance

"Get Involved; The Future Belongs To Those Who show Up" – Anonymous

Looking back over the past 30 years, WATCH's most important achievements were opening the doors of government to Cortlandt's residents and initiating honest and responsive town government. In parting, we would like to thank the many residents and organizations whose faith and support made this possible.

Sincerely yours,

SUSAN MCDONNELL,
President Cortlandt WATCH Inc.

Yorktown's New Year's Eve Ball Drop was Amazing

To the Editor,

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone that came to Yorktown's first New Year's Eve ball drop. It was absolutely amazing! I was astonished by the amount of people that were there and everybody had a terrific time. What a beautiful way to start the new year with so many residents; well over 2,000! You made a great night with all the support and help from the Chamber of Commerce and the town board especially Tom Diana whose idea this was. A very special thank you to our sponsors that sponsored the ball drop without them it would've not of been possible to have such a great event. From the older

people to young kids having a great time enjoying the music from the DJ that we had there and special thanks to Garden State Fireworks that put on a fireworks display that I was told made White Plains look like nothing. I'm honored to be the president of the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce and to be able to do things like this in the community that puts Yorktown on the map and makes Yorktown a place that people want to go to. In closing I just like to say I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous new year. May God bless everyone.

Thank you,

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4th Annual Polar Plunge in Peekskill Raises Nearly \$15,000



PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

The 4th Annual Polar Plunge, planned by the This Is Me Foundation and sponsored by The Quiet Man Public House, attracted a record 78 participants on New Year's Day at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill and raised close to \$15,000.

All proceeds from the plunge will go towards college scholarships for local students at Hendrick Hudson, Peekskill and Walter Panas high schools who have faced an adversity, or helped a friend through a tough time, as

well as national scholarships to students who have alopecia, an auto-immune disease that causes hair loss.

The This Is Me Foundation was founded by Peekskill residents Caitlin and Lauren Brady to raise awareness about alopecia. The This Is Me Scholarship Fund, inspired by Ryan Risco and Cait Chivonne Polhill, has provided 20 scholarships locally and nationally since 2012 and will present eight scholarships in 2016.

— Rick Pezzullo



The Examiner's Guide to Dining Deals and Discounts

By Jerry Eimbinder

Many cost-savings deals offered by restaurants are described below. Some of these deals are available only on specific days or nights of the week. Special conditions may apply and most restaurants reserve the right to make substitutions depending on availability of ingredients. Prices are per person unless otherwise indicated and do not include tax or gratuity. Happy Hour discounts are not covered in this article.

12 Grapes, Peekskill

1. Wednesday burger night. Six different burgers are offered including "Electric Beef" (with cheddar cheese, barbecue sauce and jalapeños); "Bravo Avocado" (with avocado and swiss cheese), and a vegetarian option called "Any Port-obellos in a Storm" (portobello mushroom, mozzarella and roasted red peppers with garlic aoli). All of the burgers are served on a brioche bun (\$10 including hand-cut French fries).

2. Wednesday Ladies Night. Martinis (\$6) and wine by the glass (\$6).

3. Thursday night dinner deal. Choice of soup or salad plus an entrée such as chicken with risotto, mushroom ravioli, Cajun catfish and more. Add a small dessert for \$3 more (\$18 for a two-course or \$21 for a three-course meal).

Anna Maria's, Larchmont

Wednesday two-course pasta night. Appetizer choices: salads, mussels in white wine, or zucchini sticks. Pasta choices: rigatoni bolognese, tortellini, penne al pesto (fried eggplant and mozzarella), linguini or cavatelli with artichokes and cremini mushrooms (\$19).

Ben's of Scarsdale, Scarsdale

1. Wednesday dinner platter. Select



Chef/owner Anna Maria Santorelli of Anna Maria's in Larchmont.



Chef Victor Falcon, left, and Chris Raimo, founder and owner of Buon Amici in White Plains.

from four offerings: corned beef with cabbage and boiled potato; meat loaf with mashed potatoes and corn; chicken in the pot loaded with kreplach, matzo ball, noodles, peas and carrots; or chef's choice of the day (\$16.99 each).

2. Thursday turkey dinner. Soup, roast turkey (choice of white or dark meat) with cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, mashed or candied sweet potatoes, and choice of vegetable (\$19.99 or \$24.99 with a glass of wine).

Buon Amici, White Plains

Two-course luncheon meal. An entrée with mixed salad and coffee or tea. Entrée choices: fettuccine or gnocchi pesto; cavatelli with spinach and sun-fried tomatoes; rigatoni with eggplant; cheese or meat Alfredo; stuffed shells; spinach tortellini; linguine with salmon chunks; eggplant parmigiana; and four different chicken dishes including chicken cacciatore off the bone and chicken Scarpariello off the bone (\$10.95 each) or Tilapia Marachiara (\$13.95).

California Pizza Kitchen, Scarsdale

1. By joining the restaurant's loyalty program, patrons receive one of the following free small plates with their meal: mac and cheese, white corn guacamole, asparagus arugula salad, spicy Tinga quesadilla, petite wedge, Bianco flatbread, shaved mushroom and spinach flatbread, spicy fennel sausage or plobano flatbread.

2. For every \$100 spent, loyalty program members receive a \$5 award on their accounts and a free dessert on their birthdays.

Chutney Masala, Irvington

Two-course lunch. Appetizers: a combination of crisps, yogurt, potato chickpeas and chutneys; onion fritters; potato samosa; tilapia; or patties of baby spinach, fenugreek leaves, lentils and cheese. Entrées are served with long-grain

Himalayan basmati rice and nan bread and include cheese and spinach, cauliflower and potatoes, roasted skinless eggplant mash, chicken tikka, chicken curry, lamb, curried fish, or shrimp in coconut infused sauce (\$16).

Cortlandt Colonial Manor, Cortlandt Manor

1. Wednesday January 13. This is National Peach Melba Day — a free Peach Melba is included for dessert with every entree ordered.

2. Monday January 25. National Irish Coffee Day. Irish Coffee is served for \$1.

3. February 1-10. Wine cellar clearance offer. Bottles of wine with damaged or stained labels and discontinued wines will be on sale. These bottles previously cost \$19 to \$43 and will be priced at \$12.

Don Tommaso's, Yorktown

Three-course meal. Available all day on Sunday through Thursday and before 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (\$23).

Goldfish, Ossining

1. Friday and Saturday three-course menu. Appetizer, soup or salad, entrées including Korean barbecue monk fish and a 1-1/4-pound pan-roasted lobster; dessert is included (\$25.95).

2. Sunday to Thursday three-course menu. Appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée. Many entrées to pick from including salmon stuffed with crabmeat, New York strip steak, or seared sea scallops, and dessert (\$18)

3. Monday to Friday three-course lunch. Same menu as Sunday to Thursday three-course meal (\$18).

Mima Vinoteca, Irvington

1. Monday wine discount night. One half-off discount is given for house bottles of wine.

2. Tuesday pasta night. A three-course pasta dinner is offered starting with a choice of salad, followed by a selection

from pasta pomodoro, margherita, bolognese or meatballs and gelato is served for dessert (\$31).

3. Two-course lunch. Choice of salad plus pasta with coffee, tea or soda (\$19).

Morton's, White Plains

Burger or steak sandwich. Prime 9-ounce burger with fries or prime rib-eye steak open sandwich and glass of Raymond Vineyards, Napa Valley, cabernet sauvignon — this deal is available in the bar area only (\$25).

MP Taverna, Irvington

Monday to Friday "The MP Meal." A combination plate, items are served together and include an appetizer, entrée, and a dessert of the day. Different selection each day of the week. Monday: soup and chicken souvlaki; Tuesday: tomato salad and cavatelli; Wednesday: crab cake and grilled chicken salad; Thursday: meatballs and beef burger; Friday: MP salad and grilled branzino (\$15).

Orfino's, Briarcliff Manor

1. Sunday through Thursday dinner for two. One shared appetizer, one shared dessert and two entrées — choose any two entrées on the menu priced up to \$28 (\$59 per couple).

2. Tuesday and Wednesday pasta nights. Choice of pasta with a salad (\$13).

Plates, Larchmont

1. Wine Wednesday. No charge to "Bring Your Own Bottle."

2. Mid-week, two-course dinner. Chose two items from the appetizer, entrée and dessert selections (\$30)

3. Sunday brunch. Half-price off for bottles of wine.

River Grill, Sleepy Hollow

1. Monday lobster night. A 1-1/4-pound lobster comes with potatoes and a vegetable (\$18.95)

2. Thursday rib night. An 18-ounce prime rib is served with potatoes and vegetables (\$18.95)

Saint George, Hastings-on-Hudson

Sunday dinner for two. The menu changes every week. A couple splits an appetizer and they receive two entrees, two sides and coffee or soft drinks (\$29 per person).

Sofito, White Plains

1. Monday night dinner. "Paella and Para El." One bottle of wine, one appetizer, a paella dish for two and one dessert (\$55 per couple).

2. Tuesday night dinner. Similar to the Monday night dinner except that the appetizer is replaced by a second dessert.

3. Wednesday night salsa lesson. One hour of instruction plus a glass of sangria (\$15).

Your Wine Preferences: Do You Know What You Know?

What are you drinking these days?

I've written about numerous wines, from innumerable regions, crafted from multitudinous grape varieties. I've focused on tried-and-true wines, and fringe wines hoping to attain a mainstream recognition.

My mantra has always been to experiment. A regular practice of sampling new wines will invariably lead to consumers finding their "new favorite wine," a phrase I frequently employ.

Of course, most of us have our go-to wines, the ones we consider our comfort wines, those wines that are consistently reliable palate-pleasers. But there are so many wines in the marketplace today that have the potential of replacing, or at least supplementing, your core cache

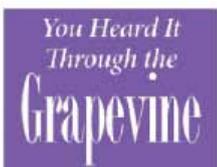
of favorite wines. For many of us, finding our current favorite wines was accidental, a result of experimenting with a wine recommended by our local wine merchant, or a sommelier at a forward-thinking restaurant. Many of our current favorites replaced long-standing previous favorites.

I am intrigued by the divergent demo-

graphics of today's wine consumer. In my travels, I've classified them into three very broad categories. With due credit to (two-time) former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, they are:



By Nick Antonaccio



"I know what I know" consumers, with blinders full-on, who have been drinking the same wines since their first adult sip.

"I know what I don't know" tipplers, who are aware of the vast choices currently in the marketplace, but feel no compulsion to venture outside their self-created boundaries.

And my favorite: the "I don't know what I don't know" adventurers. Rather than intentionally shunning the vast, unknown universe of wine choices, they approach each purchase decision-point with a clean slate (and clean palate).

Into which category do you fall?

The reality of the wine consumption landscape in the United States in 2016 is fairly clear. There is a wide swath of the wine consuming public that views wine as a pleasurable companion to a meal, but not necessarily a vital component

of it. A significant percentage of consumers purchase Pinot Grigio without giving a second thought to the endless alternatives of light, aromatic and structured white wines. Merlot commands a substantial market share as a middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-palate wine of choice.

Two recent surveys shed further, statistical, light on the drinking habits of American wine consumers.

The 2015 American Wine Consumer Preference Survey, published by Sonoma State University and the Wine Business Institute, polled 1,072 demographically diverse consumers. The survey participants received a list of grapes and were asked to pick all of their favorites. The top choice? Chardonnay. Rounding out the top five (in order of preference): Merlot, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio and Cabernet Sauvignon/Pinot Noir (tied for fifth). Their favorite style? Over 50% preferred fruity, semi-sweet and smooth. Contrary to popular belief, only 26% preferred dry wines.

When I reviewed the report, I must say I was a bit surprised at the results. It seems the "I know what I know" group dominates the wine market. Each of the top five wines has been a best seller for years. However, I assumed that more wine consumers were experimenting with, or at least expanding, their choices over the last decade.

About to consider my mantra to experiment with new wines a failure, I came

across another survey (keep searching until you find statistics that comport to your viewpoint?).

This survey, a tabulation of inquiries on the wine website Wine-searcher.com, reaches a different conclusion than the 2015 American Wine Consumer Preference Survey.

Wine-searcher has compiled a list of nearly eight million wines, as submitted by over 50,000 merchants. Tens of millions of consumers submit inquiries in search of wines. Over the past year, the top grape searches were for Pinot Noir, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon. Chardonnay, followed by Sauvignon Blanc, was the top white wine search.

Which survey reflects your preferences?

Whether the subject is wine preferences, or more esoteric topics such as your favorite ice cream, political party or world leader, we can all find surveys that support our preferences. I know that I know that.

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The Top 10 List of New Year's Resolutions for Your Home

The National Association of Realtors has an advisory service called House Logic which dispenses all kinds of useful information. Very cleverly, it kicked off 2016 by issuing the top New Year's resolutions for the home that normally would be associated with personal resolve. Paraphrased, I share them here.

1. Lose weight (cut energy use)

Surveys show that more than any other New Year's resolution, people want to lose weight. In terms of our homes, the advice given here is to check your HVAC ductwork which can be a tremendous energy waster, leaking heating and cooling air through holes and loose connections.

According to Energy Start, sealing and insulating a home's ductwork can improve the efficiency of a heating and cooling system by as much as 20%. While making your home more comfortable, added benefits of a more efficient system includes an extended lifespan for your furnace, air conditioner, or heat pump.

Be sure to use duct sealant, called mastic, to seal the seams, holes and connections. Sometimes the confusingly named "duct tape" is used, which doesn't provide a permanent solution.

2. Quit Smoking (purify indoor air)

The Environmental Protection Agency identifies indoor air quality as one of the top environmental health hazards,

and it's the one that we tend to think the least about. Yet, indoor air is full of potential contaminants, such as dust, mold spores, pollen, and viruses.

The problem is at its worst during winter, when windows and doors are shut tight. The best way to deal with this is to change furnace filters regularly.

Interestingly, last year I bought a top of the line Dimplex electric insert fireplace that makes a flame that looks like the genuine item. When I was told it came with an air purification system, it really didn't influence my decision one way or the other, but reminded of the hazards of indoor air quality, I plan to make use of it regularly this season.

3. Get out of debt (budget for improvements)

Here's an interesting statistic that this advisory produced: LendingTree.com places average costs of yearly maintenance and upkeep at 1% to 3% of your home's initial price. That means that the owner of a \$500,000 home should budget between \$5,000 and \$15,000 each year for upkeep and replacements.

4. Learn something new (educate yourself on home finances)

A tip given here is to learn how to improve your insurance score. Letting credit card debt build up is a black mark on credit history and an indicator that an insurance claim is more likely to be filed.

The more claims, the higher risk a person is to insurance agencies, lowering insurance scores and raising rates. It's also important to keep payments on loans current. Delinquent payments also result in a lower insurance score.

5. Get Organized (de-clutter)

De-clutter is probably the word most frequently used in real estate, certainly when it's time to sell. It's also not such a bad idea for those of us who are planning to stay put, but just want to live a more organized life.

6. Drink less (curb home water use)

Making a few simple changes can save you hundreds of dollars from your annual water bill. These include installing low-flow showerheads and high-efficiency toilets which use compressed air and electric water pumps to flush with less than 1 gallon of water, while older models required up to eight gallons.

7. Volunteer (support your community)

My favorite aspect of community life is pitching in around the neighborhood while benefitting the value of my own property at the same time. My pet project is the battle against litter. For some years, I've put on my bright orange vest on a specified spring cleanup day to pick up litter. But I don't limit that chore to that one specific day. Whenever I see litter on my street, I pick it up. It gives me great satisfaction.

8. Spend more time with family (share home improvement projects)

Spending quality time with your family takes quality planning. A really great suggestion is to make a home emergency preparedness kit. It's a good, non-scary way to teach small children about what to do if there's an emergency.

9. Get fit (exercise your DIY Skills)

Routine home maintenance and repair is a double win — you'll burn calories while keeping your house and property in tip-top shape. My workout routine through the years has been gardening which is calculated to burn about 200 calories per hour.

10. Be less stressed (use maintenance free materials)

Recommended here is the installation of low-maintenance materials and products designed for durability and long, trouble-free service. And a revelation to me when I had recessed lighting installed was to choose LED. When I told my electrician that it looked like it would be difficult for me to get to the bulbs, he told me not to worry about it...that the bulbs would outlast me by at least 20 years.

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Obituaries

Raymond Boswell

Raymond Boswell, a longtime resident of Ossining, died December 29. He was 83.

He was born in Ossining on April 23, 1932 to Thomas and Anna Mae (Wren) Boswell. He

was a retired Mobil executive where he was employed for 35 years in International Operations. He was very interested in classical music and the stock market. After retirement he was for a time co-owner of race horses. He was a communicant of St Ann's Church.

Mr. Boswell is survived by his nephew John Boswell, five nieces Joan Boswell Voophees, Germaine Boswell Tizzao, Regina Boswell all of Ohio, Lynne Siragusa of East Avon NY and Janne Boswell of Orlando, FL and grand-nieces and nephews.

Edward DiLoreto

Edward G. DiLoreto, who grew up in Ossining and was a police officer in

Briarcliff Manor for more than 30 years, died December 26, 2015 in Greensboro, NC.

Mr. DiLoreto was also the owner of All County Airport Service. He was well known throughout the Ossining/Briarcliff area. He never knew a stranger, and was unofficially known as the 'mayor' of the town. He lived his last 20 years in Emerald Isle, NC with his wife, Jane.

He was the beloved husband of Jane Wylie DiLoreto, father of Mark (wife Judi) and Steven (wife Kathy) DiLoreto, and Julie DiLoreto Davis; brother to Tony and Louie DiLoreto, and Gig DiLoreto Griffin; grandfather to Matthew, Jenna, Katina, Kari Ann, Jack, and Samara; and stepfather to Glenn Wylie and Dana Wylie Casey. He also leaves behind five step-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and friends. Preceding him in death were his daughter, Lori Ann DiLoreto, brother, Gerald DiLoreto, and his parents, Anna Battista DiLoreto and Guerino DiLoreto. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Bus Vandalism Causes Closing of Somers Schools

Somers schools were forced to close Monday after about 20 buses were found vandalized in the district's bus garage.

State Police in Somers were dispatched to Somers High School on Primrose Street at about 6 a.m. on a reported criminal mischief complaint after school bus employees arrived for work and observed numerous buses had slashed tires and broken windows. Some fire extinguishers inside the buses

were also set off.

School officials estimated 40 to 50% of the district's bus fleet was left inoperable by the vandalism. Surveillance cameras at the garage are being reviewed by police and school personnel, but there are currently no leads into who was responsible for the damage.

The incident remains under investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact State Police at (914) 769-2600.

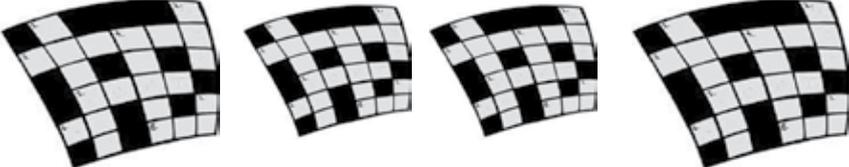
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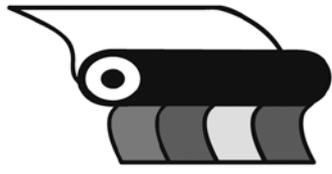
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Tuesday, Jan. 5

Farmers' Market: The Putnam Valley Grange Farmers' Market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Mill Street and Peekskill Hollow Road (Adams Corners).

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Health Insurance Assistance: Do you need health insurance? The Health Department offers free help. A Westchester County Health Department navigator will be at The Field Library every Wednesday in January from 9 am to 1 pm with assistance. Please call 914-813-5192 to schedule. Appointments are available in English and Spanish.

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The WorkOut – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon.

Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext.1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

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Thursday, Jan. 7

Taste Of Talmud: Every Thursday

morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Wendy Segal conducts a class: titled "A Taste of Talmud." She discusses "How Jewish Thinking by our Sages Informs Our Lives Today." Come join our lively weekly class (in its sixth year!) which discusses contemporary ethical issues in light of the wisdom of the Talmud and our sages. No prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew reading is necessary. Everyone

is welcome. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Long Life Preparation: Preparing for a Long Life: In Your Home, a free seminar, will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Field Library. Topics will include getting in and out of your home safely, stress free movement, making the bathroom more accessible, improved kitchen set-ups, and smart-house technology. Call 914-737-0010 for more information and to register.

Friday, Jan. 8

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer

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Sunday, Jan. 10

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Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartisyoga.com

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SPORTS SECTION

Carmel Shocks Section, Beats Spring Valley on Last Shot

Putnam Teams Go 3-0 at 9th Annual Putnam Challenge

By Ray Gallagher
 Examiner Sports Editor
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Just a couple of years ago, a Mahopac vs. Peekskill boys' basketball game would have packed most gyms on any given night, drawing crowds from both towns as well as a slew of local media, coaches and players from the region.

Last Saturday, the game between the

two former Section 1 powerhouses didn't have quite the draw it once did at Carmel High, which hosted the 9th Annual Putnam Coaches Challenge. Those who did come saw an entertaining game nonetheless with Mahopac prevailing, 57-49, behind 19 points from game MVP Jonathan Jacklett and 15 more from G Aidan Hynes.

Both clubs are living proof the high school sports are cyclical, unless you ball in Mount Vernon, play lacrosse at Yorktown or field hockey at Lakeland, but it wasn't long ago – two years in fact – that Mahopac has made four-straight runs to the Class AA Final 4 and one championship appearance under former Coach Kevin Downes (still hurts to type that).

And Peekskill's run of success under former Coach Lou Panzanaro was second only to Mount Vernon as the NYS Hall of Fame Coach led the Red Devils to five-straight Section 1 titles. Peekskill went on to win three state crowns during that five-year stretch from 2005-09 that saw Panzanaro post a record of 122-15. That's an astounding 24.4 wins per season.

After going 6-13 last year, Peekskill is 1-6 this season and probably won't win 24 games in three seasons at this vexing rate...

And speaking of vexing, CARMEL simply shocked the section in the Putnam Challenge

finale, upending state-ranked (No.10) Spring Valley, 53-52, behind a team-high 25 points from MVP Matt Haughney. The senior capped his effort with a game-winning hoop as time was set to expire, taking a nifty feed from senior G Ryan Train, who split some defenders, drew help defense and spotted a cutting Haughney to seal the deal on a most unlikely victory against the reigning Class A champions, who also defeated mighty two-time defending Class AA champion Mount Vernon just two weeks ago. It's high time we began to recognize the coaching efforts of John Venditto, too, who gave Train the keys to the attack and he's delivered well-rounded numbers all season, including Saturday's respect-commanding triple-double (12 points,

10 boards, 12 assists).

This is probably Carmel's biggest regular season win at least a decade, no?

"This had to be the greatest win the Carmel Rams have had in a while and we are hyped about it," senior G Quinn Willman admitted. "The difference was we really played as a team and had some guys step up and make some big plays for us. We knew Spring Valley was great team, so we did what we needed to do to prepare. They took us lightly and we capitalized."

The Rams have something internal going on now, a belief that, even before the upset of Spring Valley, was evident among themselves.

"Everyone from Carmel at that game
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Peekskill G Shinon Darby takes a run at Mahopac's Aidan Hynes and Jon Jacklett in Indians win over Red Devs last Saturday.

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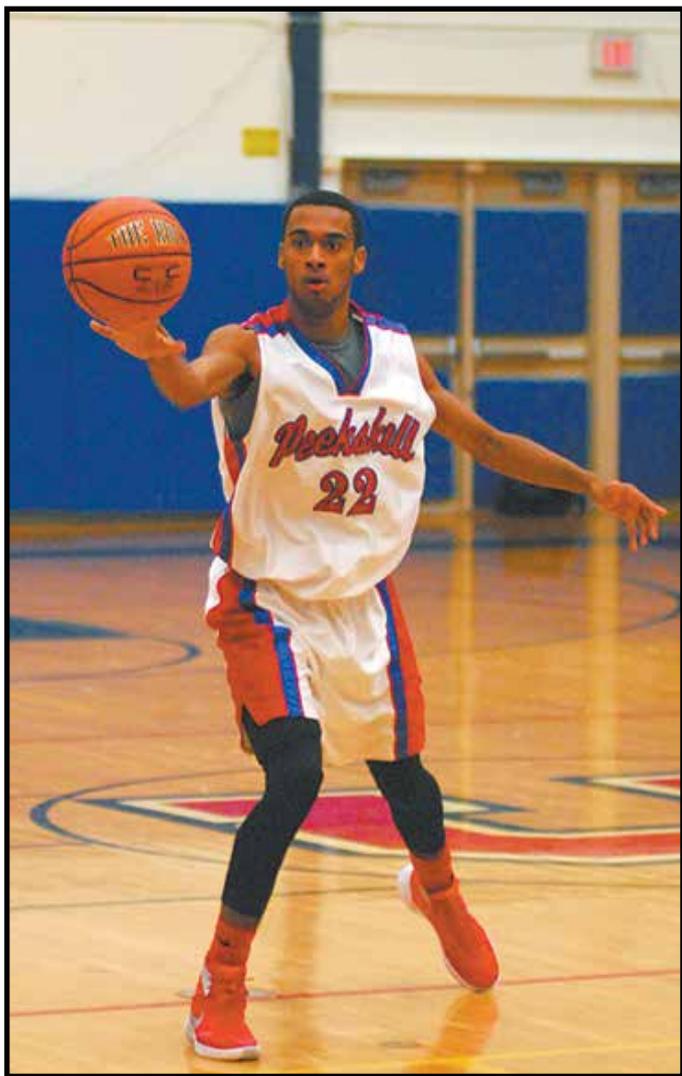
What's Wrong With Red Devils?

After a sub-par 1-6 start this year and a disappointing six-win 2015 season, folks in and about the Peekskill region are beginning to wonder how long it will take before their beloved Red Devils -- winners of five-straight Section 1 titles from 2005-09 -- figure things out again after Red Devil F Joe Dabbs (3) and company suffered a 57-49 loss to Mahopac's Aidan Hynes (L) and Zac Carlin (R) in the 9th annual Putnam Challenge (IAABO 161) at Carmel High School last Saturday... see Boys' Hoops Notebook



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Peekskill sophomore F Charles Redd is a beacon of light at the end of the Red Devil tunnel.

knew we had a shot,” Train said. “We’ve really come together these last four games. We’ve found our roles as individuals and it’s helped us. We went with the game plan and we played with confidence. We played great defense and we kept control of the tempo. We moved the ball well and took shots.”

And now the Rams believe they have a legit shot at the League I-A title; though pre-season favorite Our Lady of Lourdes will be tough to deal with.

Haldane, Carmel and Mahopac all represented Putnam County in the challenge and all three came away winners.

NWE/PUTNAM FAB FIVE POLL

(Section 1 teams only)

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach

McDonnell’s confident Class B Tigers (9-1) knocked off a pretty tough Class A Harrison club Sunday, 45-39, and this state-ranked (No.12) unit will now look to send No.6 Briarcliff a message on Jan.7 (4:15 p.m. start). Should come as no shock that I like the Tigers to win on the road, so long as the @PV_SUPERFANS show up in force and Tigers bring the A-game.

No.2 CARMEL – Remember back in Week 1 when I said this team was better than we thought? I tweeted on Dec. 5: “Let me b 1st to admit I sorely underestimated Carmel”. Well, the win over Spring Valley should put us all on notice once and for all, provided the Rams (5-4) can build upon it.

No.3 YORKTOWN – Coach Downes’ Huskers (5-2) hit the turn with a three-game winning streak in tow and a monster matchup with Fox Lane Thursday. Husker hotshot Nick DeGennaro (18 points, 5 assists, 4 steals) was dealing, Jesse Bambach (12 points, 12 rebounds and 5 blocks) did a double-double and Glen O’Loughlin (11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocks) impressed in a 53-44 win over Section 9’s Spackenkill. Yorktown’s two losses were against Class A runner-up Byram and Class A champion Spring Valley, which has also knocked off defending AA champion Mount Vernon, so the Huskers are surely battle tested and ready to give Fox Lane a go.

No.4 HEN HUD – Coach Hirsch’s Sailors (6-3) defeated Bathgate (of the

Bronx), 62-39, and saw juniors Jack Attinelly (12 points, 5 boards, 3 assists, 3 steals) and Ray Morris (11 points, 4 boards, 4 steals, 2 assists) really distinguish themselves as viable contributors as we turn our attention to the League I-B race. Jesse Breeding (8 points, 9 caroms) was his steady self in the win.

No.5 PANAS – Coach Sully’s Panthers (5-2) have the two wins over Class AA Mahopac and another over Lakeland to list among their impressive W’s and they can make some serious hay this week against Hen Hud (today), Peekskill and Brewster. If the Panthers are truly legit, they take 2 of 3.

HM BREWSTER – Coach Nelly’s Bears (4-3) have been a pleasant surprise the first month of the season, and we’d like to see them get to 6-3 with victories over Greeley and Somers before Saturday’s tip against visiting Panas (2:00pm), which could be one of those low-scoring, last-possession type games given the similar styles of play between these two well-coached outfits.

HM MAHOPAC – Wins in 3 of last 4 fuels hope that rookie Coach Simone is finding the right rotations as we turn toward League I-A action. Indians should be able to compete against most I-A foes.

HM OSSINING – Coach Casey’s Pride (4-2) can make their move this week if indeed they are legit.

HM LAKELAND – Win over Nyack could get Coach Fallo’s Hornet (3-4) unit believing again.

Ossining Takes Its Act South; Peekskill Wins Slam

By Tony Pinciario

While other teams enjoyed the holiday break, Ossining kept very busy with five games in six days.

The Pride opened its vacation by winning the Sam Dunk tournament with victories over Grand Street Campus (Brooklyn) and Albertus Magnus. Following a one-day rest, Ossining boarded a plane for Orlando, Fla., and the KSA Holiday Tournament. The Pride opened with a victory over St. Thomas More (La.) before dropping its last two games – Liberty (Mo.) and St. John-Vianney (Holmdel, N.J.).

Despite the two losses, the young Pride closed out December with a 7-2 record, which has veteran Ossining coach Dan Ricci quite pleased.

“The Slam Dunk was very good for us, playing against two completely different teams,” Ricci said. “Grand Street was very big and athletic and Magnus was very disciplined, and strong 3-point shooting team.

“Playing five games in six days was as

much a mental test as a physical test for our kids. We have a ways to go, as a team, as far as chemistry goes and I would like to think that this experience will help.”

Ossining opened the KSA Tournament with a 79-39 thumping of St. Thomas More. Freshman Aubrey Griffin led a balanced scoring attack with 18 points. Shadeen Samuels added 16, Kelsey Quain chipped in with 12, Jaida Strippoli contributed 11 and Alexis Bernardo finished with eight.

Liberty got the better of Ossining, 61-54, as the Missouri-based school outscored the Pride by 10 points in the second and third quarters, combined. This allowed Liberty to own a 52-40 lead through three quarters.

Samuels finished with a game-high 24 points and also had seven rebounds, four assists and five steals. Griffin finished with 14 points and Kialah Harris led Ossining with eight rebounds.

St. John-Vianney defeated Ossining, 84-74, but the final score was not indicative of how close the game was. Ricci pointed out that St. John-Vianney has five seniors already signed to play in college.

“We played them evenly and actually held a five-point lead midway through the third quarter,” said Ricci of the St. John-Vianney game. “I was much happier with our intensity and sense of urgency vs. St. John-Vianney.

“The first loss in Disney, although it was against a very good team from Missouri, was one we definitely could of won if we played as well as we did in our final game.”

Samuels paced Ossining with 21 points and also added seven rebounds and nine assists. Quain netted 18 points and Harris finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Ossining returns to school and a busy week as the Pride play Lakeland, Hen Hud and Rye.

CARMEL joined Ossining at the KSA Tournament. The Rams lost to Northern Collegiate of Ontario (Canada), Loentangy (Ohio) and Liverpool (N.Y.) of Section 3.

Northern Collegiate defeated the Rams, 53-29 as Hana Riddle led Carmel with seven points and Khadijah Johnson finished with six points. Olentangy beat Carmel by 29 points and Liverpool was

10 points better, 51-41. Riddle finished with a game-high 21 points and Claire Cody added 13 points and had six assists. Riddle was named Carmel’s MVP for the tournament.

“We had too many turnovers and it was difficult to overcome a Canadian team who starts their season in the fall and was playing their 32nd game,” Carmel coach Dane O’Hare said. “Olentangy was too big, too strong and too fast and we committed too many turnovers.

“We were much-improved with our free-throw shooting (19 for 23) and we had fewer turnovers against Liverpool. The girls played with much greater intensity energy than in the first two games.

“Our young team learned a number of much-needed lessons concerning what it takes to become a successful, cohesive unit.”

PEEKSKILL won its bracket in the Slam Dunk tournament behind an MVP performance from All-NYS senior Lanay Rodney, who netted 65 points in the two wins.

At 9-1, Surging Brewster Still Can't Get No Respect

Bears Sweep Yorktown, Beat Mahopac, Win 9th in Row

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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The Brewster Bears are 9-1 overall and yet they haven't received much love around state and local pollsters. There's no mention of the Bears in the NYS Sportswriters Assoc. Poll and the Bears can't crack the Top 5 in the Lohud or MSG hockey polls, despite having torn up the opposition by a combined 47-14 count in their nine wins, and the one loss was a 1-0 setback to John Jay CR on opening day.

Since then, the Division II Bears have been on the kind of grind that might draw the attention of local pollsters should they continue to do so, but the rise of hockey in Section 1, right or wrong, has kept the Bears off the grid. Teams like state-ranked (No.4) Pelham, Mt. Pleasant, Rye, Rye Town/Harrison and John Jay are the favorites to battle it out in the D-II Final 4, but why not Brewster? The Bears have yet to face a quality opponent outside of

Mahopac, which can't crack the Top 5 in polls either, nor can Somers/North Salem, which finds itself at 5-3-1.

The Dineen brothers are doing their part to put the Bears back on the map. Colin Dineen (2G, 2A) and Kyle Dineen (2G, 1A) led the Bears to a 6-2 win over Yorktown back on December 27th for their seventh-straight win, and they went to work again last Saturday (Jan.2) at the Brewster Ice Arena where the Bears posted a 2-1 win over Yorktown when Kyle set up Colin for the game-tying goal.

So after another big win, the streaking Bears – winners of nine in a row – are still on the outside looking in when it comes to R-E-S-P-E-C-T even though Colin Dineen (8G, 6A), Kyle Dineen (7G, 8A), Antonio Barone (4G, 6A),

Joe Rodriguez (6G, 3A), Kevin Moroney (2G, 5A) and Aaron Treiling (7G, 2A) – who recorded a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Mahopac – have each scored or set up five goals or more. Rodriguez scored the game-winner against Yorktown with a shade over 2:00 left.

Brewster G Stephen Fischer, a good looking freshman, came up with 39 saves in the win over Mahopac, Brewster's first in at least four years, and then made 35 in the win over Yorktown Saturday. Still, the Bears get no respect.

"We need to win our next few games; that'd be big toward getting some (respect)," Colin Dineen said. "We just need to keep playing our game and winning."

Shaun Benson (11G, 6A) has been a sparkplug for YORKTOWN, along with Mr. Reliable, Liam

Donnelly (9G, 13A), who has emerged as one of the better playmakers in the region. The Huskers (4-5) had won three of their last four – including wins over Greeley, Carmel and Hen Hud -- before running into Brewster.

HEN HUD has lost three of the last 4, including a recent 5-2 loss to Jay. Young Brett Hanson (6G, 8A) and Tommy Cascone (6G, 7A) are still filling the nets for the Sailors (4-5), who, if they are really any good, should get on a roll with Fox Lane, Pawling and winless Lakeland/Panas due up before what should be a disclosing home-and-home series against Brewster (1/23, 1/29).

Brewster isn't the only team with a set of excelling brothers; SOMERS/NORTH SALEM (5-3-1) has seen a surge out of the LaSpina boys, RJ (10G, 5A) and Brandon (6G, 5A), who have accounted for nearly half of the Sabers' 31 goals, including four in a recent 7-5 win over youthful CARMEL (2-6), which has taken some lumps this season as they build for the future. Ram F Nick Smith (11G, 5A) has filled the nets.

MAHOPAC (4-3) started out strong with

three-straight wins but as the competition stiffened the Indians have struggled against North Rockland (losing 4-1), John Jay CR (losing 3-2) and Brewster; scoring just five goals in the last three games. Indian F John Dignam has led the way with six goals this season, along with Owen Nolan (3G, 3A), but the Indians, by their own admittance, need to finish better. The Indians started to do better in Sunday's 4-1 win over Yorktown when Nolan, Chris Bednar and Brian O'Shea all scored.



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Brewster F Chris Froessel is denied by Yorktown G Dylan Tobert in 2-1 Bears' win over Huskers Saturday at BIA.



Brewster's Colin Dineen (L) and Aaron Treiling celebrate Dineen's game-tying goal in 2-1 win over Yorktown Saturday.



Brewster's Antonio Barone has shined for the Bears this season, including an assist in 2-1 win over Yorktown Saturday.



Yorktown captain Liam Donnelly leads the Huskers with 9 goals and 13 assists this season.



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Brewster Turns Back Yorktown, 2-1

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Yorktown captain Liam Donnelly tries in vain to solve Brewster G Stephen Fischer (35 saves) in the Huskers' 2-1 loss to the surging Bears, who won for the ninth-straight time and swept Yorktown last Saturday at the Brewster Ice Arena... see Hockey Notebook

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