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Protestors Call for Closure of Mohegan Pet Store

By Rick Pezzullo

Dozens of pet owners and animal rights activists joined together Saturday afternoon to call for the closing of a Mohegan Lake pet store whose owner is facing animal cruelty charges.

Standing on a sidewalk in front of the American Breeders store, located next to Subway, which only advertises itself as "Puppies," protestors peacefully demonstrated with signs that expressed such messages as, "No excuse for animal abuse," "How sick is that puppy in the window?" and "Puppy Mills Breed Misery."

Demonstrators didn't hold back with their messages.

Those in attendance stressed they were bringing attention to the alleged poor treatment animals receive at American Breeders from their owner, Richard Doyle, 55, of Mahopac, who has been arrested by the Dutchess County SPCA and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. In July, Doyle was charged with animal cruelty and the deaths of two animals for improper medical care. He pled not guilty and called the allegations false.

A Facebook page called "Puppies---Help Close Mohegan Store" has attracted nearly 2,400 followers and thousands have signed a petition to close American Breeders.

Karen Conlon of Millbrook, organizer

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS

Protestors gathered in Mohegan Lake Saturday on Route 6 sidewalk.

Grease Fire Causes Shut Down of McDonald's in Mohegan

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

McDonald's at Cortlandt Town Center was closed for four days last week.

By Rick Pezzullo

The popular McDonald's fast food restaurant in the Cortlandt Town Center in Mohegan Lake was expected to reopen Monday after a fire forced it to be closed for four days.

Cortlandt Code Enforcement Officer Ken Hoch said Monday morning town officials gave the restaurant the go-ahead to start serving customers again, but McDonald's still needed a green light from the Westchester County Health Department.

Hoch said McDonald's was required to replace a stove after grease in a fryer apparently caused a minor fire Wednesday night. Local fire departments responded to the scene and the interior of the eatery only suffered minor damage.

"They did the repairs quickly, replaced the stove and cleaned everything up," Hoch said.

Visitors to the 24-hour restaurant were greeted Thursday through Sunday with yellow tape wrapped around the building and an alarming sign posted on the front door from Holly Haight, Cortlandt's fire inspector, which stated, in part, "This building has been found to be a dangerous building by this department. This notice is to remain on this building until it is repaired, vacated or demolished in accordance with the notice…"

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of Saturday's protest, said opponents of American Breeders were successful in shutting down a store Doyle owned in Wappingers Falls.

"We're trying to spread awareness to the public," she said. "It's amazing how many people don't know about this. It's not just him. It's other shops that buy from puppy mills. For him it's just profit. He doesn't care. He's an awful man."

Stacy Ronga concurred, saying, "It's atrocious. It's horrible. It shows a pattern. The pets can't tell us. Do the right thing."

Elena Reitzberger said she purchased a dog from Doyle for $1,400 and four days later had to go to the veterinarian for medical problems, which eventually cost her about $7,000.

"I looked all over for a puppy. He even misrepresented the size of the dog," she said. "Mr. Doyle was very mean."

The Mohegan store was bustling Saturday with many customers cuddling with small animals. Employees welcomed in the media to take photos, but said Doyle was not working. A detailed email sent to Doyle seeking responses to the allegations of protestors was not answered.

A man who said he was friends with several of the employees at American Breeders in Mohegan confronted the protestors outside and defended the conditions of the store and the treatment of the animals.

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

A supporter of American Breeders confronts protest organizer Karen Conlon.

"I've never seen the man mistreat an animal in my life," said the man, who refused to identify himself. "He's not a decrepit business man. The man is not a terrible person. People are judging him on a few things."

George Ondek, an animal rights activist from Peekskill, said it was "outrageous" for a dog to be sold with a damaged eye as protestors alleged occurred with American Breeders.

"I'm for more humane treatment of our four-legged friends," Ondek said. "I think there should be more surveillance of the animals."

Doyle is next due in court at the end of March.

There is currently a bill pending in committee in the New York State Assembly that would restrict the breeding of dogs and set standards for the care of breeding dogs and their puppies.

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Q: At what age should I begin getting mammograms?

A: Once a woman turns 40, the American Cancer Society and most recognized medical authorities recommend she start getting yearly mammograms. But mammograms aren't uniformly sensitive in all women. Between 40 and 50 percent of women have dense breasts – fibrous tissue as opposed to mostly fatty tissue – and that density can obscure potential problems.

Many women aren't aware that breast density is an issue. New York State requires doctors to notify women, in a letter, when their mammogram reveals this is the case. Do not become alarmed if you get this letter. It simply means that you should have a conversation with your doctor about your overall breast cancer risk.

Q: Why is it important to know if I have dense breasts?

A: Dense breasts can make mammograms less sensitive, and they may also contribute to cancer risk. You'll need to speak with your doctor about your individual lifetime risk and thoroughly evaluate your risk factors. To determine your risk, your doctor will ask you about your family history of breast and ovarian cancer, your age when you had your first period, whether you have children, when you had your first child, and any history of chest irradiation, among other potential risk factors. The good news is that for many women with dense breasts, their risk won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

Q: What if I'm high risk?

A: Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20-25% lifetime risk) and who have dense breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram.

Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

A: There are many false positives with Breast MRI, which is why it is only recommended for women who are at high risk as they will derive the most benefit. Regardless of your breast density, make sure you get your yearly mammogram and discuss your risk factors for breast cancer with your physician.

Learn more about breast density and mammograms at www.nwhbreastinstitute.org

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Siegel, Town Officials Clash over Open Meetings Court Decision

By Rick Pezzullo

Former Yorktown Councilwoman Susan Siegel and town officials butted heads following a hearing in state Supreme Court initiated by Siegel over whether the Town Board was violating the Open Meetings Law.

Siegel, who left the board at the end of 2015 after losing her bid to be elected to a full four-year term, filed a petition on January 25 seeking a preliminary injunction requiring the board meet in open session on January 28, February 3, February 11 and February 17 when discussing staffing issues.

The board scheduled those extra meetings as closed executive sessions to supposedly review the employment histories of various town employees.

Throughout the hearing, which was attended by Siegel, Town Clerk Diana Quast and Town Attorney Michael McDermott, Supreme Court Justice Linda Jamieson said, according to Siegel, any discussions involving the creation of new positions or elimination of existing ones, changing part-time positions to full-time, or using in-house staff to do tasks currently done by consultants, must take place before the public's eyes.

"I'm pleased with the outcome of the hearing," Siegel said. "The Town Board has been put on notice by a justice of the Supreme Court that it can't discuss staffing issues behind closed doors. That was my goal. Now it's up to the town attorney to do his job and for the members of the Town Board to heed the advice of the town attorney and, more importantly the directive of the court."

However, McDermott and Supervisor Michael Grace saw the hearing much differently, maintaining Jamieson issued no warnings or orders to the town and gave no direction to the Town Board as to how it should proceed with work sessions.

"From the petition filed, it was not clear what relief Siegel was seeking," McDermott stated in a written release. "The Town Board and town clerk are fully aware of proper procedure and need not be instructed as to what subjects are appropriately discussed in executive sessions."

Grace, who unseated Siegel as supervisor four years ago and often clashed with her on the Town Board, said, "The scheduling of additional work sessions to review personnel performance speaks volume as to the eagerness of this board to move Yorktown forward."

"This whole matter was a complete waste of town staff time and resources," Grace remarked in a written release. "It seems Ms. Siegel cannot accept she is no longer on the Town Board. After years of pedantic criticisms which only served to drag matters out to an inch of their demise Siegel objects to additional work sessions to do the necessary work of the town."

"The Town Board looks forward to what should be a very productive 2016," he added. "There will always be the Siegels out there that that are never satisfied and always ready to throw stones. Notwithstanding, we will move forward."

Siegel took issue with Grace's remarks, responding, "This issue has nothing to do with whether or not I'm on the board. As a resident of Yorktown, I have a right to expect my elected officials to comply with the Open Meetings law. I want the work of the town to proceed efficiently, and lawfully."

Meanwhile, during last week's executive session, Councilman Vishnu Patel left in protest after two-and-a-half hours after he said he advised McDermott and the rest of the board they were breaking the law by discussing issues that should be in open session.

"For example, they discussed creating the new position of a deputy town engineer, a staffing issue Justice Jamieson specifically told the town attorney had to be conducted in open session. They also discussed the Depot Square project and how a deputy town engineer could work on the project," Patel said.

"I take my oath as an elected official to uphold the law seriously. There is no prohibition in law that prevents me from letting my constituents know that certain subjects were discussed by their elected officials behind closed doors in violation of the Open Meetings law," Patel added. "For a discussion to be considered 'confidential,' it must specifically be exempted from public disclosure by state or federal statute."

Feds Reject Reopening Hearing on Gas Pipeline Expansion

By Rick Pezzullo

Nine months after several municipalities, grassroots groups and individuals from four states affected by Spectra Energy's expansion of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline filed a Request for Rehearing, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) officially rejected the motion.

The action by FERC, handed down last Thursday in a xxxx-page decision, came as no surprise since work on the pipeline has taken place in the region, namely on Route 202 near the Cortlandt Farm Market, on Stoney Street, Lexington Avenue and in Montrose, in recent months and was permitted as part of FERC's March 3, 2015 approval of the controversial project.

"I'm very disappointed on behalf of my community," Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said Monday. Cortlandt spent about $300,000 opposing the pipeline. "They basically disregarded all of our concerns and all of our issues, and once again, rubberstamped the approval of this large expansion of a natural gas pipeline that goes through our town, through Northern Westchester, going up Northeast, and it really doesn't benefit anybody in our community. It just devastates a lot of our land."

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi

Many local officials and organizations had expressed their mutual frustration with FERC dismissing virtually of all the concerns raised during a slew of public hearings and siding with Spectra.

Spectra Energy's project runs from Stony Point, under the Hudson River, through Peekskill, Cortlandt, portions of Yorktown and into Southeast, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The project involves the removal of an existing 26-inch gas pipeline and replaces it with a 42-inch one. The gas pressure will also increase by 25%.

Opponents of the pipeline presented FERC with a petition containing more than 26,000 signatures at a public hearing in 2014 in Cortlandt. Many raised concerns about the pipeline, which has been located in the area for more than 50 years without incident, sitting 1,500 feet away from the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.

In its initial decision, FERC appeared satisfied with the measures Spectra proposed for the pipeline near Indian Point in its FEIS, stating, "The NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) concluded that a breach and explosion of the proposed 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline would not adversely impact the safe operation of the Indian Point facility."

Last week, FERC stood by its March 3 ruling, stating, in part, "As a rule, we reject novel arguments raised on rehearing, unless we find that the argument could not have been previously presented, e.g., claims based on information that only recently became available or concerns prompted by a change in material circumstances. We do so because our regulations preclude other parties from responding to a request for rehearing and "such behavior is disruptive to the administrative process because it has the effect of moving the target for parties seeking a final administrative decision."

"Rehearing applicants do not explain why they or any of their joining members could not have raised these new arguments earlier, and we find no reason that these arguments could not have been raised before we issued our March 3 Order. Therefore, we will not entertain these new arguments," FERC stated.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, there were 119 incidents in gas transmission pipelines in 2014.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, the trial of "the Montrose Nine," nine individuals who were charged a few months ago with disorderly conduct for protesting the construction of the pipeline and blocking the entrance to Spectra's parking lot on Route 9A, is scheduled to resume in Cortlandt Town Court at 9 a.m. The nine defendants have all plead not guilty.

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Suspects Sought in Chase Bank Robbery in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

Two male suspects are being sought in connection with the January 29 robbery of the JP Morgan Chase bank branch on Route 202 in Yorktown.

According to Yorktown Police, bank customers and employees reported two males entered the bank at about 2:30 p.m., announced a robbery and told customers to look away. Police said one robber faced the customers, while the second robber approached a bank teller, implied he had a gun and demanded money.

An undisclosed amount of money was given to the suspect and both individuals fled the bank and entered a waiting Dodge Charger four-door, white sedan that may have been occupied by a third person.

One of the suspects was described as a black male, about six-feet tall, 30 to 40 years old, medium build, wearing a dark hoodie and sunglasses. The second suspect was described as an Hispanic male, about 5'8", chubby build, stubby beard, very round head, wearing a dark hoodie and sweat pants.

Police are asking anyone that was in the area of Route 202 near BJ's Wholesale Club on Friday between 2 and 3 p.m. that may have witnessed anything to call the Yorktown Police Detective Unit at (914) 962-3856.

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Yorktown Police

January 19 - 9:27 p.m. – Police made two arrests for assault in connection with a past altercation. An investigation revealed that Michael Guidice, 19, of Mahopac, and Louis Prokos, 24, of Mahopac, along with three other males, assaulted a victim, causing a cut to his forehead, an injury to his right eye and pain to his neck. It is also alleged that Guidice possessed a tire iron during the altercation. Guidice was charged with assault, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing. Prokos was charged with assault. Yorktown Town Justice Sal Lagonia set bail for $1,000 cash for Prokos and $500 cash for Guidice and issued a temporary order of protection on behalf of the victim.

January 20 - 6:15 p.m. – Police made two additional arrests in connection with the January 19 altercation. Blaid Terhune, 22, and an unidentified 16-year-old male, both from Mahopac, were charged with assault after turning themselves in at police headquarters.

10:06 p.m. – An unidentified 17-year-old male from Mahopac was also charged with assault after being arrested by Yorktown and Carmel police in connection with the January 19 altercation.

January 22- 12:14 p.m. – An unidentified 17-year-old male from Tarrytown was charged with attempted assault after allegedly punching a school administrator in the face at the BOCES Fox Meadow Road campus.

January 23 - 12:40 p.m. – Thomas Schupp II, 25, of Carmel, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs

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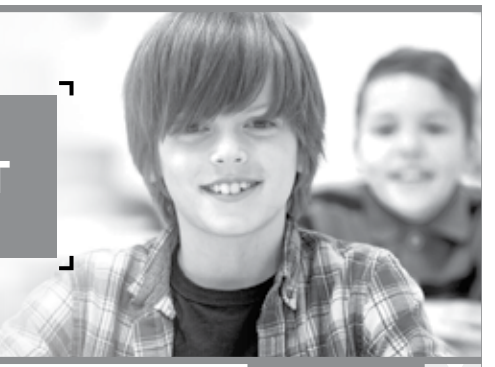

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Letters

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To the Editor,

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Lauren & Cait Brady

Super Bowl 50 Culinary Match Ups of the Rival Cities

We're in the middle of that period of football wasteland. No home team to root for in the post-season and no built-in reason to quaff our favorite wine or beer as we veg-out in our favorite reclining chair.

Super Bowl 50 is as anticipated for its off-the-field festivities as it is for its on-field combat. The season has come down to a single game and the glory and esteem it will bestow on one team.

By Nick Antonaccio

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

As I pondered this week's column, I thought of the rivalry on the gridiron and began transposing it to the bars and living rooms across the country. Super Bowl Sunday brings together friends and family to indulge in the biggest junk food day of the year. Once a year we indulge guilt-free in those waist-widening, artery-clogging foods and drinks we try to fastidiously avoid all year.

So, what to consume on this traditional National Junk Food Day?

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday from the National Restaurant Association: 48 million Americans will order takeout food. What else will we be eating? 69 percent will be noshing on salsa, chips and dips and 63 percent will be inhaling chicken wings. In fact, according to the National Chicken Council, 1.25 billion chicken wings will be devoured. They calculate that is enough to put 572 wings on every seat in all 32 NFL stadiums.

Here's a Super Bowl Challenge for the best food, wine and beer produced in the two rival football regions, North Carolina and Denver.

FOOD: As flamboyant, and talented, as Carolina quarterback Cam Newton has been this season, the cuisine of North Carolina seems a polar opposite. It's Southern-rooted dishes are comfort food at its best. Who can resist righteous pulled pork barbecue, topped with Texas Pete's sauce, or mouth-watering fried buttermilk chicken served in the finest restaurants in Charlotte or the Outer Banks?

In Denver, local wild game is par excellence. I've enjoyed Bison sliders and Denver green pepper chili, followed by a roast of wild boar and elk. No Rocky Mountain Oysters for this columnist.

The winner? This decision is as close as I expect the game to be; my nod goes to Denver.

WINE: This is not an easy category. Neither state is particularly famous for its wines. Yet there are a number of gems that will satisfy the discriminating palate.

The wine industry in Colorado is over 100 years; there are nearly 100 active wineries. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling dominate production. Top wineries include Balistreri and Zephyr, whose wines are predominantly sold in the local area.

North Carolina likewise has an active, yet unheralded, wine industry. Over 100 wineries produce award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Scuppernong (a local white). Seek out Raylen, McRitchie and Raffaldini wines.

The wines of each state are similar to the two teams. Each will seek to take advantage of the other's weaknesses. Viewers can do likewise with a small-production winery that sneaks up on your palate and packs an unexpected wallop. This category is even-up; the game outcome may be decided on the unexpected.

BEER: This is the most difficult category. Each city overflows with craft breweries – over 150 each, several with national reputations. Just as the craft beer industry is evolving, so too the two teams. Carolina is relying on a new wave of players with self-assured cockiness – just like the surge of up-and-coming brash breweries in Charlotte and Asheville. Denver has the benefit of an established beer base, while providing fertile ground for building a strong foundation for future success.

Here's a line-up of the most popular beers: Denver: New Belgium, Great Divide and Left Hand; North Carolina: Omega point, The Event Horizon and Pernicious IPA.

The winner? It's like the quarterbacks: Payton Manning has a long-term reputation for excellence, backed by a Super Bowl ring, vs. Cam Newton, representing the next generation, redefining excellence and popularity, making his big game debut. I have to go with bold and brash.

Whatever your plans are for the Big Day, relax with your favorite junk food, your beverage of choice and enjoy the game.

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2016 Wine & Food Festival Tickets Available

By Jerry Eimbinder

Tickets for the 2016 Food & Wine Festival, to be held on June 9-11, 2016 in White Plains and Valhalla, are now on sale on the internet.

The three-event program includes a "Burger & Beer Blast" on June 9 at the Kensico Dam Plaza, "An Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers" on June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains, and a "Grand Tasting Village" on June 11 at the Kensico Dam Plaza.

At the "Burger & Beer Blast," conducted from 6 to 10 p.m. on June 9, attendees will vote to see which local restaurant out of about 30 participating takes home the grand prize and is named "Burger and Beer Blast Champion!"

The food to be served includes beef burgers, lamb burgers and cheeseburgers; beer, wine and spirits can be paired with the burgers and music is available for dancing. Individual tickets cost $75 and a 10-ticket pack sells for $700.

Fifteen Westchester County chefs will team up to prepare food for an "Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers" from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on June 10. Dishes will be paired with wine and spirits. Ticket cost is $125 (general) and $175 (VIP status which includes 5:30 p.m. entry).

An assortment of wines and food samples from 60 restaurants will be offered at the "Grand Tasting Village" from noon to 5 p.m. on June 11. The ticket cost is $75. Chef demonstrations will be held at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.

The festival is conducted by Westchester Magazine; a portion of the recipes will be donated to Friends of Westchester County Parks and the Food Bank for Westchester.

To purchase tickets, go to https://www.showclix.com/event/wineandfoodfestival2016.

Grammy Award Winner Tom Chapin to Perform at EagleFest

Teatown Lake Reservation, a not-for-profit environmental education center and nature preserve, is thrilled to announce that Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Tom Chapin will perform at this year's highly anticipated Hudson River EagleFest on Saturday, February 6, from 11:15 a.m. to noon at Croton Point Park. Discounted pre-sale tickets for this unique celebration of the resurgence of the U.S.'s national bird, are on sale for $13/adults (12+), $8/children (6-11) and free for children ages five and under. Visit www.teatown.org.

Tom Chapin is a New York native and current Rockland County resident. In addition to his successful career in music, he is a tireless advocate on behalf of a variety of environmental charitable organizations, making him the quintessential artist to headline the musical entertainment at the 12th Annual Hudson River EagleFest. Once on the endangered species list, today, biologists estimate that approximately 150 bald eagles spend the winter in the lower Hudson Valley, affirming the continued health of the Hudson River and nearby habitats for wildlife and people.

"It's an amazing thing to see bald eagles back in the Hudson Valley. I am delighted to be part of this celebration," said Chapin.

Visitors can get up close and personal with bald eagles Saturday at EagleFest.

In a career that spans five decades, 24 albums and three Grammy Awards, the Hudson Valley's own troubadour Chapin has covered an incredible amount of creative ground. In addition to his work as a recording artist and concert performer, Chapin has acted on Broadway, as well as worked extensively in television, radio and film.

As a music-maker, Chapin has maintained two long and productive parallel careers, both as a respected contemporary folk artist and as a pioneer in the field of children's music. In the former role, the multi-talented singer-songwriter-guitarist has established a reputation for insightful, heartfelt songcraft and effortlessly charismatic live performances. In the latter role, he engages the hearts, minds and imaginations of young listeners with songs delivered in a sophisticated array of musical styles. His witty, life-affirming original songs convey positive messages about family, good food and the green earth.

EagleFest is expected to attract more than 3,000 attendees and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional local talent with musical performances will include: Annie DiRusso a Singer Songwriter from Croton; Daisy Jopling a classical rock violinist; Joe Duraes, an electrified acoustic alt-rock group from Montrose and more. Live music will take place in the Eaglet Stage under heated tents at Croton Point Park in Croton-On-Hudson.

The event promises: fun and unique educational opportunities with eagles and other majestic birds; guided and independent eagle viewing; live raptor shows; bus tours and bird walks; children's activities; displays from 25 local environmental organizations and others! In 2015 more than 36 eagles were seen at one viewing location along the river.

This year, award-winning RiverMarket

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Obituaries

Sally Dow

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Sally R. Dow, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson for more than 50 years, died January 28. She was 80.

She was born on November 11, 1935 in Lynn, Massachusetts to John M. Read and Catharine H. Mayo. She was a graduate of the Walnut Hill School, Connecticut College, and Simmons College, where she received her Master of Library Science.

Mrs. Dow worked as a librarian at Harvard University and the New York Public Library before moving to Croton with her husband Bryden M. Dow in 1963. She retired as Head of the Children's Room at the Ossining Public Library in 2012 after 40+ years of public service. Among her many contributions, she helped select the winner of the annual Caldecott Medal for children's books.

Locally, she served as a trustee of the Saw Mill River Chapter of the Audubon Society and was a member of many other organizations including the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was a longtime member of the Asbury United Methodist Church where she played in the handbell choir. She loved to play bridge, and was a devoted attendee of area concerts, recitals, plays and discussion groups. She was also an active participant in folk-dancing and Tai Chi, and an enthusiastic world-traveler.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bryden M. Dow, her three children, Gregory R. Dow of Briarcliff Manor, New York, Elizabeth Dow of Rye, New York, and William H. Dow of Moraga, California, and nine grandchildren.

Dolores Laureti

Dolores Surak Laureti, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died January 26. She was 81.

She was born on November 3, 1934 to Michael and Mary (Mikulak) Surak in Peekskill. She was predeceased by her husband Raymond Laureti, Jr. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Andrew and Nicole Laureti, as well as her grandchildren Vincent and Cassandra Laureti.

She was co-president of the Auxiliary of Hudson Valley Hospital Center as well as chaplain. She volunteered and was a Eucharistic minister at St. Christopher's Church in Buchanan. She also managed the White Elephant Thrift Store.

Yolanda Marcheggiani

Yolanda Marcheggiani, a resident of Peekskill, died January 29. She was 90.

A homemaker, she was born on June 1, 1925 in Tuckahoe, NY to Frank and Grace (Fagnani) Mazzochetti. She was a member of the Ossining Senior Citizens and the Golden Ages Club. She was also an avid bingo and card player.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Orlando) Aquino of Peekskill and a granddaughter, Dominique Lucian of Peekskill. Also survived by a brother, Carmine "Sonny" (Connie) Mazzochetti of Rockland County and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, nephews and great-grand nieces and nephews. She was She was predeceased by her husband Anthony Marcheggiani, two sisters; Theresa (Peter) Ramuno and Josephine (Angelo) Trapasso and a brother, Dominic Mazzochetti.

William "Billy" Sellick

William (Billy) Sellick, a resident of Putnam Valley, died peacefully January 26 at his residence. He was 64.

He was born to Robert and Betty Sellick and has been a lifelong resident of the Peekskill and Putnam Valley area. He graduated Lakeland High School and recently retired as a Correctional Officer at the Downstate facility in Beacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Bruce Sellick. He is survived by his brothers Bobby (Kathy), Brian (June) of Wappingers Falls, Barry (Cheryl) of Stuart, FL, Brad (Beth) of Palm City, FL, sisters Betty (Wesley) of Clemmons, NC and Robin Monigan. His loving Aunt Jean Shaw, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, cousins and many awesome friends also survive. With Billy's passion for making children smile, the family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital or a charity of your choice .

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A Roundup of Westerns Coming to the Jacob Burns Film Center

By Neal Rentz

Westerns were an introduction to film and television for a young Jonathan Demme.

Now the acclaimed filmmaker's passion for the genre is being showcased at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

"Saddle Up Saturdays With Jonathan Demme" will be held every Saturday from Feb. 6 through June 11. Each week's screening begins at noon.

Demme, who won the Academy Award for best director in 1991 for "The Silence of the Lambs," is a former member of the Burns' Board of Directors and is the host of the ongoing "Rarely Seen Cinema" series at the film center.

"Westerns were my first window into movies, an art form that quickly gobbled up my imagination and put me on the road that led to a life of making movies as well as watching them," Demme wrote on his Jacob Burns Film Center blog.

His affinity for westerns deepened as a teenager, and by his early twenties, Demme was thrilled to see how many of the directors that he admired had introduced him to film, including Sam Fuller, Anthony Mann, John Sturges, Delmer Daves and Sydney Pollock.

"(They were) my heroes, these makers of the finest of westerns, the noblest of genres," Demme stated.

Classic traditional westerns will be shown featuring superstars like John Wayne and Gary Cooper to more recent films, including the 2007 remake of "3:10 to Yuma" directed by James Mangold and starring Christian Bale and Russell Crowe.

While Demme chose the 18 films for his series, the arrangements to obtain the movies was the responsibility of Jacob Burns programmer Andrew Jupin.

Screening the westerns on Saturday afternoons is a throwback to decades ago when moviegoers would often spend a day at the movies watching double features, he said.

Jupin said so many respected directors made westerns because they were popular in the past and were "a place where people got their start" as filmmakers.

The series opens this Saturday, Feb. 6 with Sam Peckinpah's "Major Dundee," which was originally released in 1965. Charlton Heston portrays the title character, a former Union cavalry officer who oversees a prisoner of war camp in New Mexico.

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

Charlton Heston stars in Sam Peckinpah's "Major Dundee." The 1965 film will open the "Saddle Up Saturdays With Jonathan Demme" western film series on Feb. 6 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

Another Peckinpah film, "Ride the High Country" (1962), starring western veteran genre stars Joel McCrea and Randolph Scott, concludes the series on June 11.

Jupin said one of his favorite films in the upcoming series is "Johnny Guitar," the 1954 film directed by Nicholas Ray that stars Joan Crawford and Sterling Hayden, scheduled for March 5. The color film was recently digitally restored.

"That's a fantastic movie," Jupin remarked.

Jupin said he particularly admires the movies included for the only double feature of the series, two 1966 films directed by Monte Hellman and starring a young Jack Nicholson – "The Shooting" and "Ride in the Whirlwind." Nicholson wrote the screenplay for the latter.

Despite oversized home television screens, Jupin said westerns are best viewed on a theater's big screen to fully appreciate them.

Several movies in the series are on 35-millimeter film, which brings a more natural and realistic feel as opposed to digital movies, he said.

Joan Crawford stars in Nicholas Ray's "Johnny Guitar, which will be screened next month as part of a new western film series at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information, including ticket prices and schedules, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

n is at www.teatown.org.

Dance Show to Benefit Support Connection

Street Beatz Dance Studio of Cortlandt will be hosting a benefit performance on February 19, beginning at 7 p.m. at Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers. The benefit will feature performances by Street Beatz, Dance Expression, Spotlight Studios of Performing Arts and Star Struck. All proceeds will be donated to Support Connection, an organization that provides counseling and support for women with breast and/or ovarian cancer.

After seeing so many loved ones affected by cancer, Alexis Menendez, owner of Street Beatz, decided to do something to help those going through it. Without hesitation DE, Spotlight and Star Struck jumped right on board. "What a beautiful lesson for our young dancers to see four local studios join together for a wonderful cause," said Menendez of Street Beatz Dance Studio.

Alison Repetto, a breast cancer survivor from Cortlandt, stated, "I feel it is important to raise money to donate to Support Connection to ensure that women and their families receive all the support services needed to empower us to heal and move on with our lives."

Come out to see a great show for a great cause! Tickets are now on sale by emailing Menendez at StreetBeatzFundraisers@gmail.com and will also be on sale at the door.

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Somers Resident Kicks Off Congressional Campaign

Joined by more than 100 supporters at Four Brothers Restaurant in Mahopac, Somers resident Phil Oliva officially kicked off his congressional campaign for the 18th District over the weekend, saying that the "country is heading in the wrong direction, Washington is broken and that only strong, principled leadership will help get the country back on the right track."

"We have a $19 trillion national debt, 94 million Americans are out of the workforce, we're under attack by terrorists, our allies no longer trust us and our enemies no longer fear us and Washington keeps kicking the can down the road," said Oliva. "I'm not looking to go to Washington and join the 'go-along-to-get-along' crowd. I'm looking to break up the status quo and get us back to a smarter, more limited form of government that's focused on a strong national defense, free enterprise economy that expands job creation and income growth, and securing the borders once and for all."

Oliva also mentioned the local heroin epidemic, regional infrastructure needs and the needs of veterans as areas he would focus on as Congressman. He criticized the current congressman, Sean Patrick Maloney (D-Cold Spring), for being "out-of-touch."

Phil Oliva officially announced his candidacy for Congress over the weekend.

"He said nothing about Iran capturing 10 of our sailors and holding them at gunpoint, but the same week he starts a petition to rename Donald J. Trump Park in Putnam? We have more important issues and we don't have time for these silly political games," said Oliva.

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, were among several local officials on hand to support Oliva.

"I'm proud to enthusiastically support Phil's campaign because he is grounded and principled. Washington won't change Phil. We can count on Phil to change Washington," said Astorino.

Oliva is a top advisor for Astorino. He is also the President of Gipper Communications, LLC, a New York-based consulting firm. During Astorino's 2014 race for governor, Oliva co-authored an economic plan that was called "A Plan for New York Revival" by the Wall Street Journal, adding that it would "lift the state's flagging economy" if enacted.

Oliva has more than 20 years' experience in the public and private sectors, working in the healthcare industry and at various levels of government including time as a speechwriter for former New York governor George Pataki.

Oliva earned an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BA from Siena College where he also played Division I baseball and Division I-AA football. He and his wife Jessica are the proud parents of Philip (4) and Daniela (2). They are expecting a third child in February.

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DiFiore Confirmed as Chief Judge; McCarty Named Acting D.A.

Janet DiFiore was confirmed last week by the New York State Senate as the new chief judge of the state's Court of Appeals.

Upon her confirmation, DiFiore resigned her position as Westchester County district attorney. First Deputy District Attorney James McCarty is now the acting district attorney.

DiFiore, 60, served for 10 years as an assistant district attorney before succeeding Jeanine Pirro in the top spot 10 years ago. She replaces Jonathan Lippman as the chief judge after he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70.

"Now, having been officially confirmed by the New York State Senate, I want to again thank the governor and the Commission on Judicial Nomination for their faith in my ability and for recognizing my experience, qualifications and fitness to become chief judge," DiFiore said in a Jan. 21 statement. "I also want to recognize all the members of the Westchester County district attorney's office, prosecutors, investigators and support staff who I have worked with for two decades for their continued dedication and professionalism."

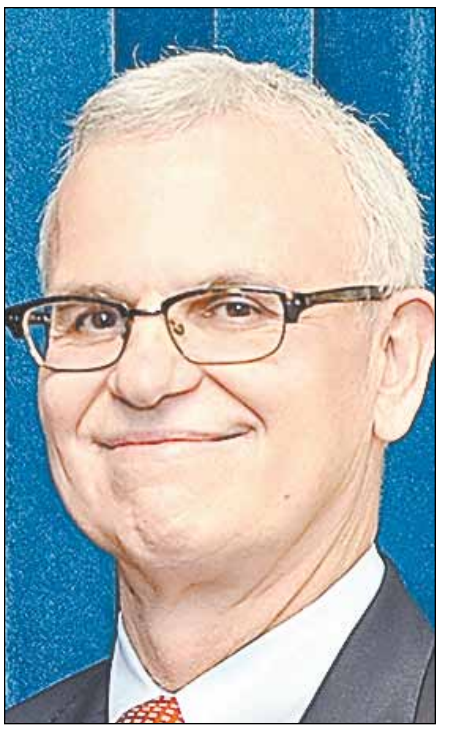
A special election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to elect a new district attorney.

McCarty is a graduate of the University of Rochester and Albany Law School.

"It has been an absolute honor to serve under Janet DiFiore during her tenure as the Westchester County District Attorney," he said. "There is no one serving in the public sector that I hold in higher esteem. I look forward to leading the excellent staff she has assembled over the coming year."

Before becoming acting district attorney, McCarty served as the chief of trial operations directly overseeing all trials in the superior and local courts in the county, and as an assistant district attorney since 1980. McCarty was the deputy division chief of the Superior Court Trial Division for the previous six years.

He has tried over 100 cases, including the successful prosecutions of Carolyn Warmus in the "Fatal Attraction Murder Case" and serial killer Patrick Baxter.



Janet DiFiore, who served as Westchester County district attorney for the past decade, was confirmed by the state Senate last week to become the new chief judge of the state's Court of Appeals. Longtime prosecutor James McCarty has been named as the acting district attorney.

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Businesses of the Week

WeatherBrush,
Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Yorktown natives and sisters, (from left), Gabrielle, Amanda and Jacqueline Gonin, are co-founders of the WeatherBrush App.

"I'm having a bad hair day" is a common complaint.

But three sisters, who are Yorktown natives, Gabrielle, Amanda and Jacqueline Gonin, have created a new App that can be used to do something to deal with bad hair days.

Jacqueline Gonin, who still lives in Yorktown while her sisters reside in New York City, discussed their WeatherBrush App, which can be purchased on iTunes, last week.

"My sisters and I, as do most women, spend a lot of time getting our hair just right for the day," Gonin explained. "We used to always complain about how a change in the weather could completely ruin our hair. We thought it would be awesome if there was a tool out there that would allow us to check the weather while also keeping a log of how your hair looks like each day. WeatherBrush is the solution to that problem, and allows women to always have a good hair day."

On its website WeatherBrush LLC has the tag line: "no more bad hair days" that are blamed on the weather.

Gonin said persons who use the product check the current weather conditions and the forecast for the next seven days on their IPhone. Then you take a selfie photo of yourself, add tags and comments, and write what the type of hair you are having at the time to being to create a hair condition diary, she said.

The App allows the user to search for their best hair look based on similar weather on particular days. The product's website states the purpose of WeatherBrush is to "beat the weather," which can be accomplished by keeping daily hair diary entries "to ensure you never have a bad hair day."

The product was introduced last August and it has been exciting for Gonin and her sisters to see the products being promoted and sold..

Gonin said to promote WeatherBrush "we do a lot of marketing on social media," including Tumblr. About 2,000 of the new Apps have been sold, she said.

For more information about WeatherBrush visit WeatherBrush.com. The App can be purchased at itunesapple.com.

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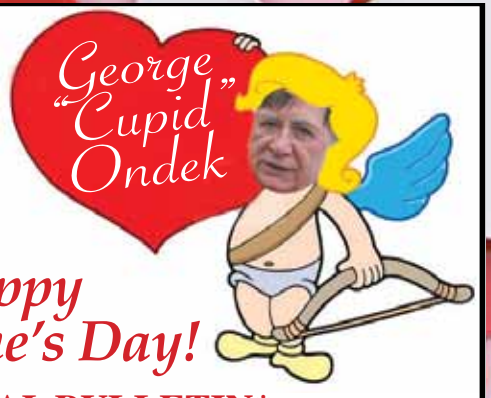

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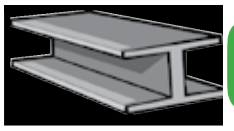

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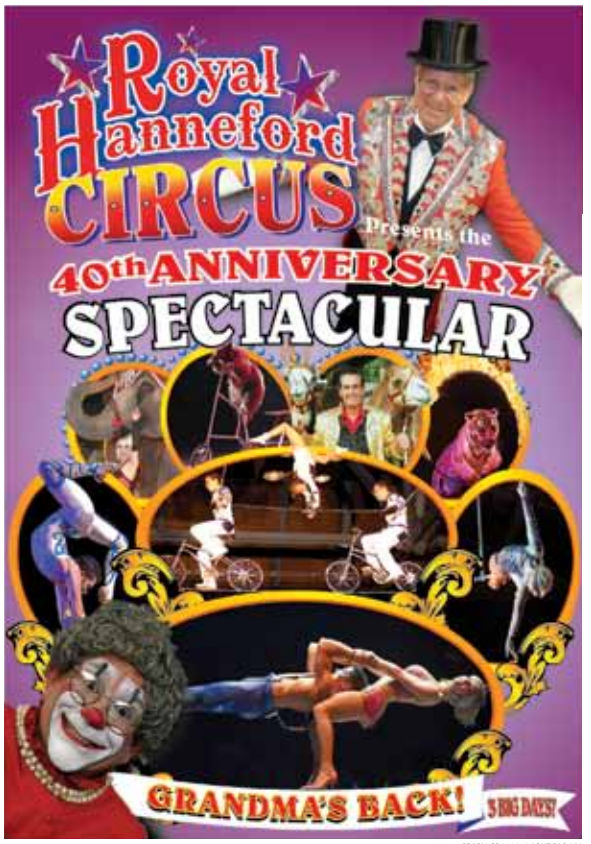

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On Sunday February 14 from 1-4 p.m. the Cortlandt School of Performing Arts presents a live music & cocktail party to benefit the Gullotta House at The Briarcliff Manor, 25 Studio Hill Road in Briarcliff Manor. This Valentine's Day gala will feature music from "Ob-LA-Di", the definitive Beatles Tribute Band. Lavish hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, drink specials, raffles, prizes and a silent auction in an elegant mansion.

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The Allure of Red However or Wherever Used

The Home Guru

By Bill Primavera

It never occurred to me as a 16-year-old that I was making a strong statement. Given the first opportunity to decorate my own room, I chose a really bright red for the walls.

My mother waited until I was in my 30s to finally tell me that she always knew I was "different," so she would make allowances for me, no matter what I wanted to do. Also, it gave her a good story to tell for many years about how, when that house was put up for sale, prospective buyers in that conservative little southern town would enter the room and say, "Wow!"

But let's face it, red elicits a dramatic response, no matter where or how it is used, from lipstick to a power tie. Remember the dress Scarlett O'Hara wore in "Gone with the Wind" after the scandal broke of her indiscretion with Ashley Wilkes? Or the color of the flocked walls in Belle Watling's bordello? Always red, right? Even the names of various shades of red evoke drama, some even bordering on immoral: Scarlet, Lust, Flame, Crimson, Wine, Oxblood.

Because red is so bold and captivating, it must be considered carefully and sometimes it is not always the best choice for a room. I once owned a contemporary home in Putnam County with an open floor plan that flowed beautifully. The walls of the entry, living room, dining room and kitchen were originally painted off-white with a pinkish cast to it. When I sold that property, the new owners decided to add dramatic color to the living room, which they painted a Tuscan gold, and the dining room a bright red.

When I visited them, I found that visually the space seemed to have been reduced to half its size because both those colors can tend to draw a room in. But because the eye is drawn to red, painting the wall at the end of a long hallway in red can be a good idea.

Benjamin Moore tells us that its Facebook fans pick bedrooms and bathrooms as their favorite rooms to paint red. That surprised me. I would have expected to find dining rooms and kitchens on the list since the color is said to both grab one's focus (think stop signs and fire engines) and stimulate the appetite.

Research conducted at the University of Rochester by psychologists Andrew Elliot and Daniela Niesta concluded that the color red makes men feel more amorous toward women. Is it any wonder that the color has been adopted through the ages for Valentine's Day and lustfully for red-light districts?

When it came time to redo the saltbox wing in my historic home, the flooring that had replaced the originally wide planked flooring probably sometime in the late 19th century was very lackluster. Rather than refinish it, I decided to paint it a glossy bright barnyard red and it transformed the room dynamically.

If you're more conservative and not ready to commit wholly to red, it can be used effectively as an accent, pulling it in through draperies or furniture. Because red is so visually arresting, even one small red piece can transform a room. It can be used in playful ways, such as on stair risers, the interior of a bookcase or china cabinet or the legs of a table.

It's not just the primary color but there are literally hundreds of reds, from high-octane orange tinted tones to subtler old-fashioned purplish shades like burgundy, maroon and brick that can evoke more traditional environments.

I once had a small, nondescript mudroom that came with green patterned wallpaper when I bought the house, but was transformed when I stripped the paper and painted the walls with a bright brick red paint. In my basic black and white kitchen, the perfect touch was added when I painted the kitchen counter stools Chinese red.

In several instances, I have taken red outdoors. For many years, I've been recommending that every front door should be painted red for its feng shui attributes and have gone so far as to recommend a particular shade: Benjamin Moore Burgundy. And, on my back patio, one cast iron side table provides a nice focus to all the other pieces by standing out in red.

There is a local story I love to tell that's connected to the reason that barns across America are painted red. I recently was involved in the sale of what I call the Crayola Building in Peekskill. It was there in the latter 19th century that Binney & Smith, the company that first made Crayola crayons, mixed the iron oxide pigments for the red paint that proved to be a good preservative.

It makes you want to find out why people go out and paint the town red, rather than some other color.

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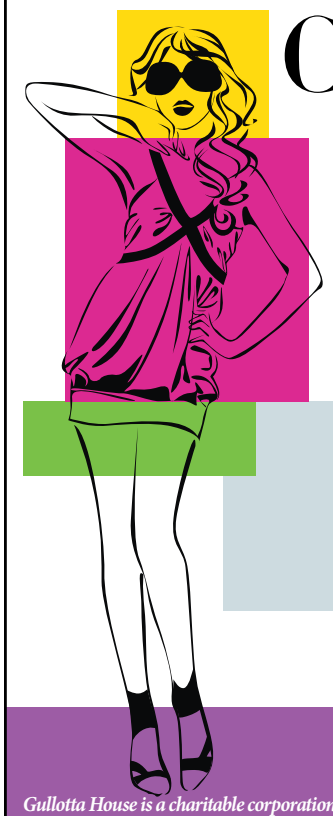

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Joe Duraes & The Skills to Open for Gin Blossoms at Paramount

Joe Duraes (www.joeduraes.com), an independent musician from the Hudson Valley, is proud to announce that his band, Peekskill's own, "Joe Duraes & The Skills" will open for Gin Blossoms at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, at 8 p.m. This comes on the heels of Duraes' successful debut performance at the Paramount's Open-Mic Night last November, which he headlined with a 45-minute set of his original songs.

The historic theater supports local bands, like Joe Duraes & The Skills, and books them as openers for larger visiting acts. "I am thrilled that the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater asked us to open for Gin Blossoms," Duraes said. "We're big fans of their music and we look forward to supporting them with ours."

Ticket prices are $35 (Tier 2) and $45 (Tier 1). Tickets can be purchased, in advance or day-of -show, at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater's box office and online at http://paramounthudsonvalley.com/events/gin-blossoms/

Duraes released his debut album "Ebb and Flow" on November 26, 2013. He released a single on September 1, 2015 with The Skills, "Pleasant Valley Sunday, originally written by Carol King and Gerry Goffin in 1966 and made famous by The Monkees in 1967. Duraes and his band currently perform live as "Joe Duraes & The Skills," honoring their home-base in Peekskill. Duraes plans to return to the studio in 2016 with The Skills to record the follow up to "Ebb and Flow." His official band website: www.joeduraes.com.

Originally built as a 1,500-seat movie palace, the 'Peekskill Paramount Theater' first opened its doors with great fanfare in 1930. Today, Paramount Hudson Valley Theater is managed and operated by Red House Entertainment with a goal to making this landmark theater a destination for the very best of live music and performing arts. The theater has been designated a Westchester County Landmark and is on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. Paramount Hudson Valley Theater is located at 1008 Brown Street, Peekskill, NY 10566. General Inquiries: 914-739-0039.

Joe Duraes and The Skills will be in Peekskill on Valentine's Day.

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14 PC hookup
15 Peaceful relations between nations
17 Before, once
20 Belonging to middleweight boxer or JV Mall jeweler
21 Cowell, Simple, or JV Mall property group
23 Pliable leather
24 Puget Sound capital
26 Degree in business
27 Trapper's prize
28 Columbus native
31 Lake next to Cleveland
32 Sound quality
33 Put on
34 Recipe measurement, for short
35 Unit of work

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2 Frozen dessert
3 Drop
4 There was much about nothing in Shakespeare
5 Liveliness
6 Rescue squad
8 Off
9 Harsh and metallic
10 Noun-forming suffix
11 Astound
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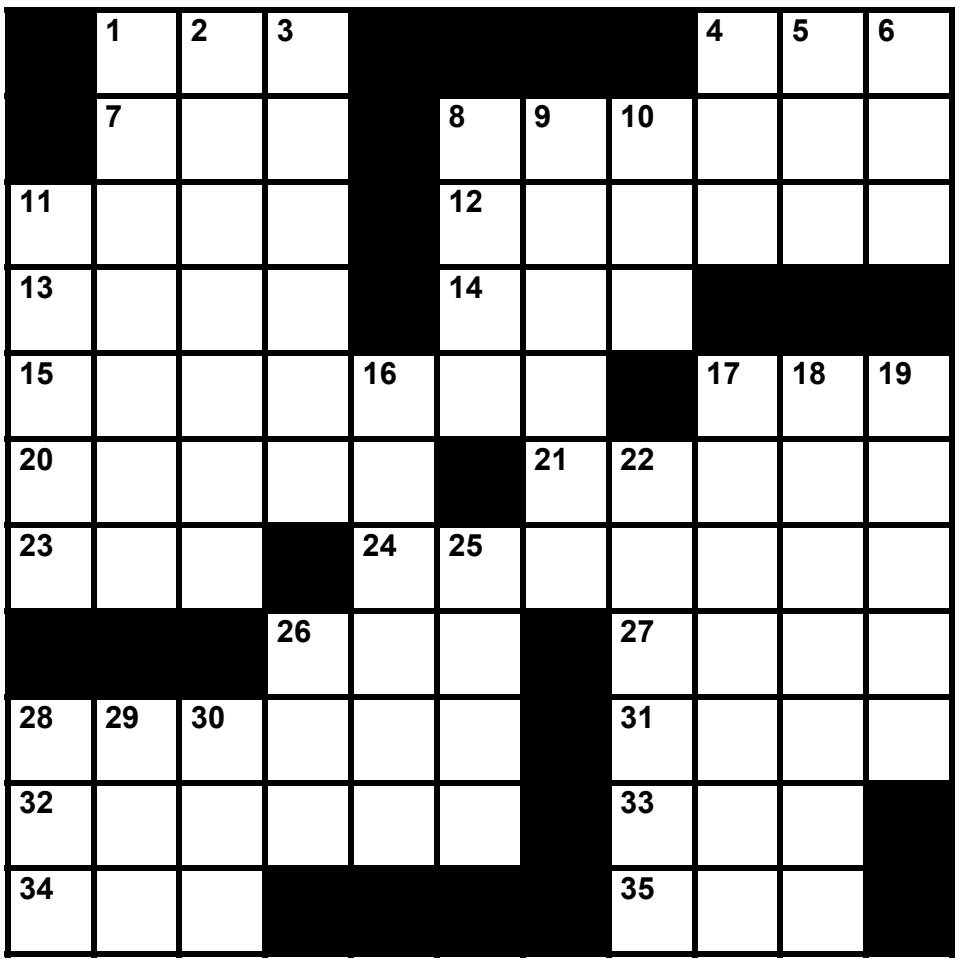

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Happenings

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Tuesday, Feb. 2

Yoga Program: Support Connection, which provides free programs and services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, announces a free program: "Yoga-A Path toward Wellness." It is offered on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Club Fit, 600 Bank Rd., Jefferson Valley. The program is open to women with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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).

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

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.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 3

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.

Fitness Program The POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a. m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for $2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of $1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 of www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, Feb. 4

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.

Cancer Support: A Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. in the Yorktown offices of Support Connection. 40 Triangle Center, Suite100, Yorktown. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.supportconnection.org

Color With Us: Support Connection. Announces a free program: "Color with Us! Mandalas" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at its Yorktown offices, 40 Triangle Center. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Friday, Feb. 5

Hebrew Congregation Programs: A pot luck dinner and a Shabbat service will be held on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hebrew Congregation of Somers, located at Cypress Lane and Mervin Drive. An adult education program will be conducted on Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Info: 914-248-9532.

Coloring Book Club: A Coloring Book Club for Adults is being held every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Somers Library. It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club. Relax, color, and socialize, all for free. Materials are provided, or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Meetings will be held in the conference room and registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717 or somersslibrary.org.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize all under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher .Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Teen Programs for January 2016 – at the Somers library Teen Creative Writer's Workshop: Spring 2016 / See dates below - from 3:30 to 5 pm. Work on developing your creative writing in a fun & encouraging environment! Join the Teen Writers Workshop on Thursdays on the following dates: 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28 & 5/12. This program is for students in 8th grade and up. Registration is required. Sign-up on our website at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717 to register. Partial funding for this workshop was received from the Friends of the Somers Library Meeting Dates: 1/22, 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 4/15, & 4/29. This six session workshop will teach the budding fashion designer to design concept/ inspiration boards, design garments and "looks" inspired from the boards and design wearable garments from oversized t-shirts by cutting, hand sewing, and embellishing, the shirts. This class is for teens in grades 6 & up! There is a minimal supply list for this class. Funding provided by The Friends of the Somers Library. Registration is required. Please call or email the library at somers@wlsmail.org ~ 914-232-5717.

Teen Fashion Design: Teen Fashion Design will be held at the Somers Library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Feb.5, March 4, April1, 15, and 29, and May 13.This six session workshop will teach the budding fashion designer how to design concept/ inspiration boards, design garments and "looks" inspired from the boards and design wearable garments from oversized t-shirts by cutting, hand sewing, and embellishing, the shirts. The program is for teens in grades six and up. There is a minimal supply list for this class. Info: 914 232 5717 or somersslibrary.org.

Jewish Center Programs: Three programs have been scheduled for this weekend at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Join us for a Men's Club Shabbat on February 5. Services will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner. Reservations are necessary, so please RSVP to the Center (see info below).On Feb. 6 at 9:15 a.m., the Men's Club will lead Sabbath services, followed by a kiddush. On Feb. 7 at 9 a.m., a World Wide Wrap will follow services. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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Saturday, Feb. 6

EagleFest: Eagle Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Croton Point Park, located on Croton Point Avenue. The event is a celebration of eagles along the Hudson River with guided walks, informational exhibits, live birds of prey demonstrations, arts and crafts and more. For information about admission and fees go towww.teatown.org.

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Four Chaplains Service: The Yorktown American Legion Post # 1009 will hold their annual Four Chaplains Service at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 235 Veterans Rd., Yorktown. The service commemorates the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others in 1943. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Young Artists 2016: A reception for the 33rd annual Young Artists exhibition will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. The Young Artists 2016 exhibition, which runs through Feb. 21 features over 400 artworks by high school students from Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, and Fairfield counties. Parents, teachers and friends are invited to join us for the opening reception to celebrate the artistic talent emerging from our local high schools. The museum is open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5p.m. and Sunday noon – 5 p.m. You can pay what you wish to enter the museum. Info: 914-232-9555 Ext. 0 or katonahmuseum.org.

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Doctor Visits Discussion: Support Connection announces a national toll-free discussion: "Make the Most of Your Doctor Visits." The program will be offered on Feb. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. OR Feb. 24, from 12:30-2 p.m. It is open to people nationwide who living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Grammy Award Winner Tom Chapin to Perform at EagleFest

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Attendees coming from Manhattan or Poughkeepsie can take Metro-North trains to Croton-Harmon Train Station. Special Eagle Train Cars at 9:47 am from Grand Central and 10 am from Poughkeepsie will run that day to Croton-Harmon. Along the way, birds can be viewed with guest naturalists sponsored by Wave Hill. Free shuttle buses will bring attendees to/from the Croton-Harmon Train Station to Croton Point Park throughout the day. To participate in this event, guests must purchase a regular train ticket from Metro North. For details visit: www.teatown.org.

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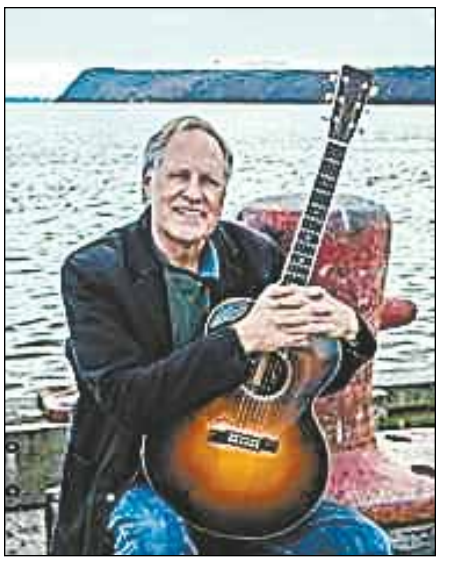

Legendary musician Tom Chapin.

Obituaries

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Guido Antonecchia

Guido S. Antonecchia, a resident of Somers, formerly of Yonkers, died January 27. He was 77.

He was born in New York City on February 20, 1938 to Vincenzo and Vita Antonecchia. He is survived by his devoted wife: Barbara (Cannon) Antonecchia; his loving children: Christine Amanna (Gary) and Vincent (Michelle) and the late Lisa. Guido's greatest joy was his three beloved grandchildren: Vincent, Diana and Natalia. He is also survived by his cherished sister: Angela Rizzo and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Police Blotter

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and criminal possession of a controlled substance after police were called about an unconscious motorist in a 1993 Jeep Cherokee on East Main Street in the area of Hill Boulevard. Schupp was found to be in possession of heroin. The charge was upgraded to a felony since it was discovered Schupp had a previous conviction of operating a motor vehicle with ability impaired by drugs within the last 10 years. Schupp was transported to Hudson Valley Hospital Center for treatment and was released on $200 cash bail to a family member.

January 25 - 8:25 p.m. – Sidney Russ, 44, of Yorktown, was charged with consuming an alcoholic beverage in a public place at 1974 Commerce Street.

January 30 - 9:11 p.m. – Cristina Baraff, 28, of Mahopac, was charged with unlawful possession of 4.4 grams of marijuana after police investigated a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the Triangle Shopping Center.

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Pulice Harassment!

Somers Slaps Cuffs on Mahopac in 4-3 Win

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac's Gianfranco Pulice is harassed by Somers/North Salem's Michael Garrity in the Sabers' 4-3 win over the Indians last Wednesday when the Sabers gained temporary hold atop the League I-A standings after Sabers captain RJ LaSpina scored twice in the third period... see Hockey Notebook

Somers vs. Brewster Has Produced High-Level Hoops

But Making Class A Final 4 is Arduous Task as Catholic Powers Flood Field

By Ray Gallagher
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For the second time this season, they needed an extra session to determine the victor of League I-D's toughest outs: And Brewster vs. Somers last Wednesday was every bit as epic as it was back on January 7th. Only this time host Somers found the outcome more to its liking, posting 43-39 overtime win over the Bears.

Tusker G Gabby Rosenzsweig, an All-Section-choice-in-waiting, delivered the good, scoring a game-high 27 points, despite fouling out late in the fourth quarter. Brewster's dynamic duo of Dayja Medina (22 points, 4 steals) and Frannie Merkel (10 points, 17 rebounds) did all they could do but came up short when the Tuskers held the Bears (14-4) to just one point in OT.

Somers Coach Kristi Dini thought the state-ranked (No.18) Tuskers did a superb job defensively for much of the game, but was super impressed with how the Tuskers (15-2) buckled down in OT.

"The series with Brewster was great and just really exciting basketball; both teams played hard and it was a battle start to finish.," Dini said. "Those are the games you love and the games that make you tougher. Both games we played with phenomenal defense."

Dini had to find a way to erase Somers' horrific start, which led Brewster racing out to a 19-6 lead; the six points not sitting well with the coach.

"That should never happen on a varsity level and we got good looks but they weren't falling," Dini said. "Even in the second half everything was inside and attacking the rim, we finished the game with one three and minimal perimeter scoring. We also settled for way too much on the perimeter. We like to score in the paint, but we also have shooters so we know when the shots aren't falling we have to adjust and get to the rim more, which we did down 17 in the third and ended up tying the game."

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS
Somers F Megan McHugh defends Brewster's Dayja Medina in Tuskers' overtime win.

Somers F Megan McHugh attempts to hunt down Brewster's Katie DePaoli in Tuskers' OT win over Bears.

Up two in overtime with 2.4 seconds left, Medina hit a nearly impossible shot to tie and force OT.

"She made a big play and finish," Dini said. "We're known for our man (defense) and we put a lot of time into our defensive system. Our goal is keep the team were playing under 10 points each quarter and we did that. The defense was phenomenal."

Merkel, one of the toughest players in Section 1, put her body on the line and got after every loose ball and rebound; this on the heels of being named Con Ed award winner for academic and athletic excellence.

"We held her to eight points the first game and 10 tonight, which is around what we wanted but her presence on the court, defense, and her rebounding is huge for them," Dini said. "Dayja had a huge night offensively, but I thought we made it difficult for her. We defended her deep because of her range and her shots were contested, but she's such a great shooter and got it done for her team."

Somers held Medina to only six points in the second half and gave one of its best defensive efforts this season. Somers got two huge stops down a point to get the ball back with seven seconds left and Jackie Penzo makes a huge play out of the timeout to hit one of two free throws in overtime.

"The defense for the last two minutes of the fourth and the overtime was the best defense I've seen all year from this team," Dini said.

Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo, though less than pleased with the outcome, admitted the Tuskers are going to be a tough team to contend with in the post season.

"These two games against Somers have been great games with two teams who really go after it," Castaldo sad. "Somers is a blue-collar team that does all the little things right and they have a great coach who gets everything out of her kids. Their defense is always solid and Gabby is an unbelievable player. I think we match up well against each other and that's why the games have been so tight. Frannie and Dayja have done an amazing job for us on both ends of the floor. With Frannie's inside presence and Dayjas ability to hit NBA 3's, we're a tough draw for anyone. It would be great if these two public schools could make it to the County Center, both teams have had a great season."

Since he brought it up: Unfortunately, one, or both, may not get the opportunity, as Section 1, in its infinite wisdom, has inexplicably moved former Class AA powerhouse Ursuline – a Catholic school – down to Class A this season after nearly a decade in Class AA (due to prior dominance in Class A). Albertus Magnus, another perennial Catholic powerhouse, will also compete in the NYSPHSAA Section 1 Class A public school tournament this year. Both reigning Section 1 champion Magnus (No.4 in NYS) and Ursuline (No.3), who should be competing in the CHSAA playoffs, are expected to make a strong run in the public school tournament; meaning Somers or Brewster, or even state-ranked (No.5) Peekskill and/or No.8 Rye could be out of the mix because neither Section 1, nor the powers that be in at the NYSPHSAA, have the gumption to take a stand against Catholic schools competing in the public school tournament #Travesty!

Maybe the poop finally hits the fan this year because at least two publics could be sent packing early on account of losses to Catholics…

OSSINING continued to paste League I-B foes to the point where Section 1 needs to consider some sort of power league if the reigning three-time NYS champion Pride are not going to be tested. Ossining's 100-36 triumph of **HEN HUD** last Wednesday was the third time in the last four league games in which the Pride (16-2) have scored more than 100 points. Additionally, they are beating all league opponents by an average of 40 points through the first seven games, and that's without putting the pedal to the medal in each.

Against Hen Hud, freshman G Jaida Strippoli dropped a career-high 25 points (including 4 3s) in little more than a half of action while dishing eight assists. She added three steals and saw All-NYS teammate Shadeen Samuels chip in with 22 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Aubrey Griffin knocked down15 points and snagged eight boards while Alexis Bernardo went for 10 for the Pride. Kelsey Quain added nine points on three 3s.

PANAS (11-6) showed great grit but **PEEKSKILL** (14-4) proved too much in a 78-56 Red Devil win. All-NYS G Lanay Rodney went for a game-high 24 points for the surging Red Devils, who will visit Ossining today in a rematch of their 104-90 loss to the Pride; a game in which Peekskill proved it could play with any team in the NYSPHSAA field. Red Devil Nyrie Holliman had 15 points while Danielle Merante led Panas with 21 points and 10 boards, as she continues what looks like a potential All-League season. Panas also beat North Salem, 53-29 when Merante hit for 14 points and nine rebounds in limited action.

LAKELAND (5-12) defeated Class C **HALDANE** (9-8), 68-43. Alexa Cole led the Hornets with 20 points while Colleen Walsh added 15. Hannah Monteleone (13 points) and Missy Lisikatos (12 points) led Haldane.

PUTNAM VALLEY improved to 11-6 and has a shot to host its first home playoff game in nearly a decade. Junior varsity call-up Kelly Venezia, and 8th-grader, is expected to provide some depth and spark off the bench to a veteran unit that is poised to win a playoff game as a potential 7-seed.

LaSpina Brothers Leads Somers/NS Past Mahopac, 4-3

By Ray Gallagher
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Somers/North Salem trailed 3-2 heading into the final period of its League I-A clash with then-league front-running Mahopac, but the Sabers' power play kicked in the final stanza when All-Section-in-waiting senior forward R.J. LaSpina returned from injury and struck twice, securing a 4-3 triumph for the Sabers.

Mahopac's Jon Mastrocola (L), Chris Bednar and Andrew Varrone (R) share a short-lived celly during a 4-3 loss to Somers-North Salem last Wednesday at BIA.

LaSpina season flashed before his eyes when he was shoved headfirst into the boards with 9:10 left in the third period of last Wednesday's epic stare-down with neighboring Mahopac. With the Sabers' league-title hopes on the line, the fiery captain returned with twine-tickling perception. He struck for back-to-back power-play goals in a shade over two minutes, lifting the Sabers (10-4-2 overall, 8-2-2 in league) over the Indians (9-7, 9-3).

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers G Tim Henning tries to look past Sabers D Jonathan Henning and Mahopac's Joe Mastrocola in 4-3 Sabers win.

Special teams were the order of the day with a total of 20 penalties called, leaving both power-play and kill-units spent. Mahopac was called for 11 penalties, including two game misconducts. With 20 minutes of penalties call on them in the third period alone, the Indians put themselves in dire straits, allowing Somers/North Salem to forge the epic comeback.

With extra space to do his thing, LaSpina cashed in, dumping home the game-tying goal with 7:45 left. He notched the game-winner at 5:42, slapping a one-timer from his younger brother, Brandon LaSpina, past the glove on Mahopac G Peter Siolas (28 saves). The likeable LaSpina brothers departed the game having combined for 56 points: RJ with 31 (15 G, 16 A), Brandon 25 (15G, 10 A). Sabers G Tim Henning (31 saves) was tested often but stood tall between the pipes.

Mahopac built its lead on the strength of goals by John Dignam (from Joe Mastrocola and Brian O'Shea), Owen Nolan (from Chris Bednar and Jon Mastrocola) and Bednar (from Jon Mastrocola).

Somers F RJ LaSpina cruises the ice in a 4-3 win over Mahopac, in which he scored the tying and winning goals.

The Sabers tied the game at 1-all on a first-period snipe by Brandon LaSpina (from RJ LaSpina and Henning). Saber F Will Wiegelman (from RJ LaSpina and Michael Dutt) trimmed a two-goal deficit to one just before the end of the second. Brandon LaSpina (3G, 1A) added a hat trick in Sunday's 5-2 win over Mount Pleasant.

Somers' RJ LaSpina greets Mahopac's Matt Stefunek in Sabers' 4-3 win over Indians at BIA last Wednesday.

Mahopac bounced back the next night in a 10-2 rout of Greeley when Gianfranco Pulice had a career-high five goals. Andrew Varrone had the game-winning goal with 14:05 left in regulation in Sunday's 5-3 win over the Quakers to complete the sweep.

BREWSTER, despite having gone 15 game in a row without loss prior to Saturday, did not fare as well in its quest for a league title when the Bears (14-2-1, 11-2) had their streak snapped in a 2-1 loss to John Jay CR. Aaron Treiling (from Connor Henderson and Kyle Dineen) scored the Bears' lone goal in the setback, the first for Brewster since an opening-day loss to John Jay (12-3-2, 9-1-2), which now sits atop the League I-B standings. The youthful Indians appear poised to make some noise in the D-II playoffs; if not this season then certainly over the course of the next two years when they enter 2016-17 as the team to beat among the Brewster Ice Arena clubs.

"John Jay's defense was solid, and we didn't get enough quality shots that could've went in," Bears F Colin Dineen admitted. "It was a bit of an off night. We were all expecting to come out with the win."

Bears G Stephen Fischer (19 saves) entered the night with a paltry 1.625 GAA and a whopping 380 saves as he's played every single minute of the season between the pipes. The Bears may need some help to win the league title now, but it's still been a stupendous season, one in which they hope to win at least two playoff games and sneak into a jam-packed Final 4. Kyle Dineen (30 points), Treiling (20 points, 16 G) and Conor Dineen (19 points) have supplied ample scoring opportunities for the Bears to make a run but D-II is stacked to the gills with great teams this season.

Treiling popped three goals Brewster 7-1 win over Hen Hud earlier in the week. Antonio Barone, Kevin Moroney and Colin Dineen each had a goal and assist while Fischer posted 32 saves.

YORKTOWN (9-9-1) crushed winless Lakeland/Panas 8-2 on a night when sniper Liam Donnelly bagged a hat trick and notched his 100th assist #Playmaker.

Sports

Boys Hoops Notebook

Kennedy Catholic Fights Adversity, Remains atop League

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Admittedly, those of who cover Section 1 sports for a living don't get out to see defending CHSAA City champion **KENNEDY CATHOLIC** as much as we should. But our ignorance of this story of resilience can only go on for so long before it slaps one like a mule kick to the chops and wakes you straight up.

Kennedy improved to 17-2 overall and 11-0 in league play last week. Ranked No.5 in the New York State Class A rankings, the surging Gael's saw Jordan Wright drop 15 points while teammates Kevin Buron and Malachi de Sousa each contributed 11 and guard Alex Benson scored an important 10 points down the stretch to hold off a stingy St. Edmond's squad in overtime, 67-62.

Kennedy Catholic returned home Sunday to host Scanlon in a battle of the undefeated league powers among CHSAA

Brewster's Jon Palmieri had quite the game against Lakeland and Tim Fallo.

Class A clubs, and after an 86-82 triumph of Scanlon the Gaels proved what Coach Al Morales has known all along; that Kennedy, despite a ton of hardship, is still a major player in the league and a strong bidder for yet another CHSAA city title.

Against Scanlon, de Sousa led the way with 28 points, 11 rebounds and a pair of blocks; adding to what has been a tremendous season for the budding junior from Beacon. Alex Benson scored 19, Henry O' Reilly added 14 points while Kevin Buron hit for a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds) and Jordan Wright did some heavy orchestrating with 11 points and seven assists.

"How do you not fall in love with a bunch of young ballers from different areas who show up in a little town and just play," Kennedy boss Morales asked Twitterverse last Sunday night?

Kennedy's Malachi de Sousa has next-level ability.

It hasn't been an easy road to success for the dogged Gaels, who lost their best player (Elijah Hughes) to prep school and another starter (Dom Cristiano) to another prep school. Mentally, the Gaels were prepared for those devastating blows, but then, after just six games in to the season, Kennedy lost starting shooting

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Harrison Deegan and Haldane Blaine Fitzgerald will vie for league bragging rights today.

guard, AJ Morales, a sensational soph who was leading the league in 3's at the time while averaging 11.0 PPG, to a torn MCL.

"And yet these boys have continued to work very hard and still win after another setback," Morales said of his son's loss.

A major reason is the fact that the unit have been playing together for a number of years at the Brewster Sports Center under the Lightning and Playmaker Academy.

The 6'6" de Sousa, who is the league's second leading scorer with 19.0 PPG has stepped up and is suddenly getting looks from Iona, St. Joe's, Hofstra, Monmouth and Fairfield. One of them is going to

Panas G Brandon Hodge is hounded by Lakeland's Nick Jarosz in Hornets' win over Panthers in Saturday's Giglio Games.

get a diamond in the rough should they continue their pursuit.

Buron, 6'8" senior, is averaging 13 PPG and Wright, the floor leader, is averaging 8.0 PPG.

"We have a very good chance to repeat but teams such as Msgr. Scanlon, Msgr. Farrell, Xavier and one or two others who are well coached and have some talented players are standing in our way," Morales said. "It's a very tough league with a great deal of talent so every day is a battle. Our short term goal is to win our league and allow our defense to be our best offense. Nobody thought we would be good without the play of ECU commit Elijah Hughes. We lost a great deal with him but we still have a good group of talented players that bring it six days a week."

HOOPS for HEROES A ROUSING SUCCESS

Two of the six local teams competing in the 2nd annual Hoops for Heroes event at Croton High came away victorious, including Mahopac and state-ranked (No.12) Putnam Valley, but the results were not so fruitful for Carmel, Somers, Haldane and host Croton. But this event wasn't so much about wins and losses as it was honoring the veterans of the region, including many of those warriors who were wounded in action.

The cause is near and dear to Croton Coach Bill Thom, the NYS Hall of Fame coach who takes this event as serious as he has anything during his superb 33-year career at Croton. Thom said he had an endless list of folks to thank, people who donated time and money, people he won't soon forget for their tireless efforts.

Mahopac defeated Suffern, 53-48, while Putnam Valley held off a resilient Croton team, 60-48, behind 19 points from Anders Spittal while Harrison Deegan (15 points) and Kevin Gallagher (10 points) also chipped in. Garrett Lynch led the Tigers with 11 points and nine boards.

"Man, did Croton come to play tonight," Gallagher said after the Tigers won for the 15th time in 17 games and appear to have the No.2 seed all but locked up in the upcoming Class B tournament. "They had us down at the half and we weren't even playing badly, they were just hitting some tough shots. It was a great event, though, all for the veterans. I really liked that aspect of it."

Pearl River defeated Somers, 59-43. Nanuet knocked off Carmel, 58-43. Bronxville beat Haldane, 48-42.

NWE/PUTNAM FAB FIVE POLL
(Section 1 teams only)

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's state-ranked (No.12) Class B Tigers (15-2) are looking to reclaim League I-C title from Haldane today. Love to see them scrimmage Yorktown or Ossining in order to better prepare for a strong post-season run and second title-tilt appearance in three years #Can'tBelieveITypedThat.

No.2 YORKTOWN – Coach Downes' Class AA Huskers (11-6) watched star G Nick DeGennaro absolutely blow up this week with 18 points in the 50-46 win over Mam'neck after going for 31 points, 7 steals, 5 rebounds, 5 assists in a 63-59 win over Greeley #Sniper.

No.3 OSSINING – Coach Casey's Class AA Pride (11-4) saw Obie Toppin (27 points, 6 rebounds), Alan Griffin (18 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists) and AJ Stokeley (7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 3 blocks) dominate in a 59-55 win over Beacon, thrusting the Price back into League I-B title chase at 7-1 #YearnForTitle.

No.4 HEN HUD – Coach Hirsch's Class A Sailors (11-6) got another monster double-double from star swingman Jesse Breeding who went for 34 points 13 rebounds in the 86-70 win over Peekskill while G Dylan Fraser dropped 27, including the 7 3's that tied the school record set by Mike Smith earlier in the year.

No.5A BREWSTER – Coach Nelly's streaky Class A Bears (9-9) had won three in a row before a second-half collapse against a quality Fox Lane club.

HM CARMEL – Coach Venditto's Class AA Rams (10-8) have to take a considerable hit for losing to Class B Nanuet and scoring just 27 in a loss to John Jay EF.

HM MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (8-9) have won two in a row and patiently await the rematch with visiting Carmel this Thursday (4:00 p.m.) in an effort to wash the disgraceful taste of that 81-57 beat-down previously suffered against the Rams #CallingAllManiacs!

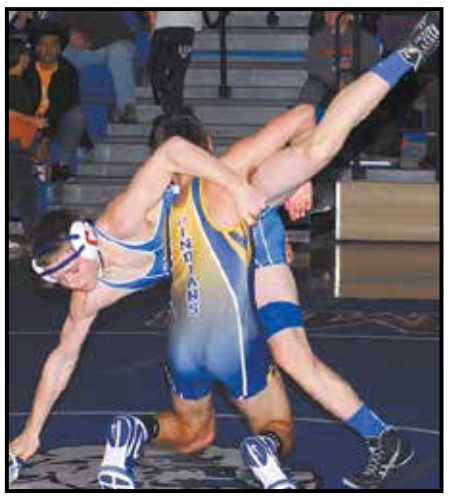
Carmel Nips Mahopac on Controversial Call, 37-36

Ram Senior Knox Sets School Record for Wins, 156

By Tony Pinciaro

Carmel walked away from its annual match with archrival Mahopac sporting two accomplishments. The Rams defeated Mahopac, 37-36, and, in doing so, had Kevin Knox become the program's career-wins leader with 156. Knox, a 2015 Section 1 Division I champion, surpassed Kevin Davidson.

"The win against Mahopac was a nice way for our program to end the regular season," Carmel coach Seth Harrison said. "Previously, in the past two years the Mahopac-Carmel match has decided the league championship. Though a title was not on the line this season, we were happy to have a win over a quality opponent like Mahopac. They have a great program that is well-coached with solid athletes."

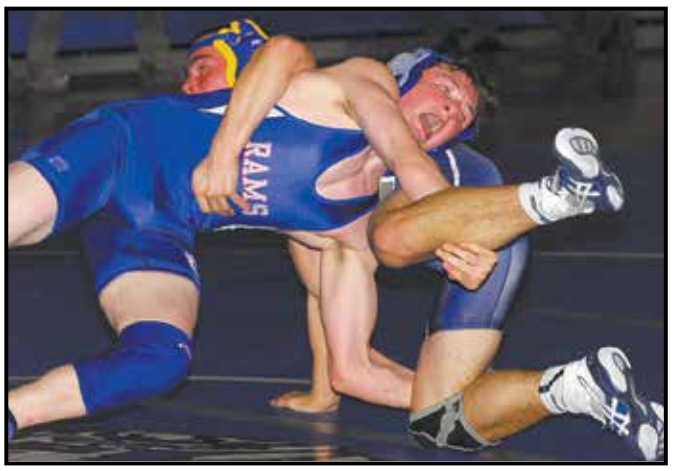


Mahopac's Mike Muldoon has the edge on Carmel's Dorian McMath in 11-6 win for Indians.

Harrison has watched Knox work his way through the program and progress to become one of Section 1's finest.

"Kevin becoming the winningest wrestler in Carmel history certainly isn't a surprise to anyone who has been around our program or that knows Kevin," Harrison said. "He has a relentless work ethic and a tremendous commitment to the sport. His record, career wins and other accolades within wrestling have been a direct result of his focus and determination. It's been great to watch him develop and further his success."

Knox registered his new-program standard with a second-period pin in the 132-pound bout. Carmel held a 37-19 lead going into the final three matches, but Mahopac's Mike DiNardo (195 pounds), Joe Harney (220) and Michael Delahanty (285) all won by pin, evening the score at 37-37. However, Mahopac was penalized one team for unsportsmanlike conduct, according to Mahopac coach Dennis DiSanto.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel's Matt Purdy shoots leg on Mahopac's Joe Porecelli en route to key 10-8 win in OT.

"We were down by 18 points going into the last three matches and if my last three guys won by pin we would tie the match 37-37, but we would win because we won eight of the 15 weight classes," DiSanto explained. "We were able to get the three pins needed, but the official took a team point away from us because one of my wrestlers was standing on the mat, literally seconds after he wrestled, putting his warm-ups on. When I questioned the official he said he had warned the wrestler to get off the mat previously. The thing is, the official never warned me, which is the normal procedure. When we were hit with the unsportsmanlike conduct, no one knew what we did unsportsmanlike, not even the opposing team. It was an intense, hard-fought match between two rival teams that actually get along very well off the mat. It's a shame that it had to end that way."

Mahopac had to rebound quick because it was hosting the annual Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament, to honor the former Mahopac wrestler who passed away in 2011.

The Indians showed resiliency and walked away with numerous placefinishers, highlighted by champions Garrett Semenetz (106 pounds) and DiNardo (195).

Semenetz pitched a shutout in the final, 7-0 over Aidan Cullen of Greenvale (Section 2) and DiNardo pinned Arlington's Tanner Nielsen at 3:06.

Mike Muldoon (126) was a runner-up, Joe Porcelli (152) and Delahanty (285) each finished fourth, Alex Rainowitz (120) and Harney (220) placed fifth and Mike Nathanson (220) finished sixth.

"We had 16 schools from all over New York State, which made it a very competitive tournament," DiSanto said. "It's a great tune-up going into the postseason.

"Both Mike and Garrett should be top seeds in the section, so it was a good test for them. Mike Muldoon lost a heart breaker in the finals seconds, but he wrestled tough and he should do very well in the postseason."

PUTNAM VALLEY coach Will Carano, a Section 1 wrestling champ during his Mahopac days, was very impressed with his team as the two-time defending Section 1 Division II champions prepare for a three-peat.

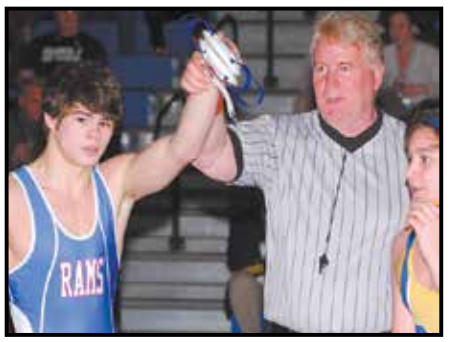
The Section 1 Division II Championships are scheduled for Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at Pearl River.

The Tigers had six of its nine wrestlers placed, led by a trio of champions in Kyle Sams (113), Satoshi Abe (120) and Noah Kelvas (126). Jared Eliopolous (132) placed second and Will Carano (99) and Robbie Velichko (160) both were sixth.

"With only nine guys competing, the goal was for us to wrestle well enough to get third as a team and crown four champs," Carano said. "Our athletes that were champs won because they won the battle of better position in all of their matches."

One thing Carano has never been bashful about is scheduling high-caliber competition for his team.

"It's about progress," said the 1986 Section 1 167-pound champion. "You select a season schedule that will constantly take them out of their comfort zones and challenge them to troubleshoot and fix their weaknesses.



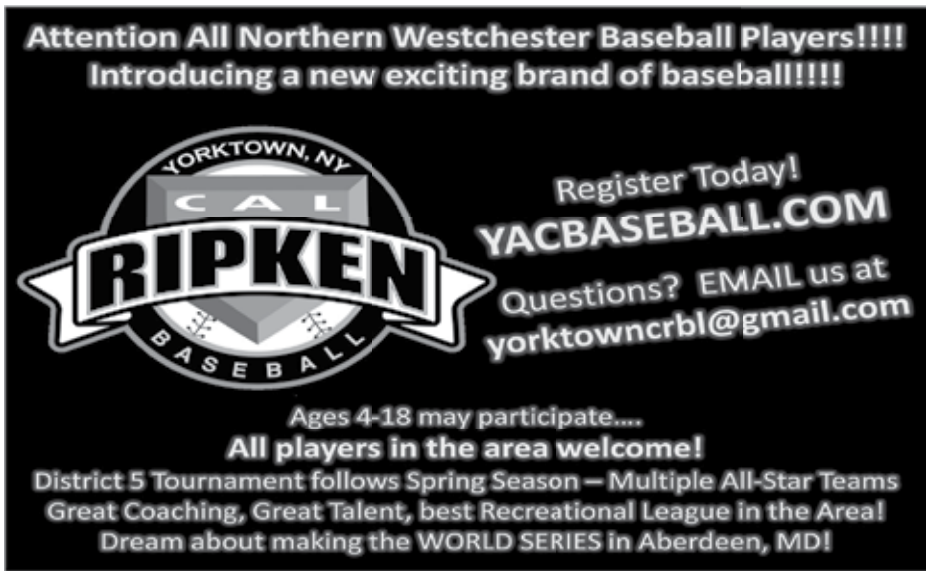
Carmel's 132-pound senior Kevin Knox has his arm raised for the 156th time, setting the school-record for career win in Rams' win over Mahopac last Thursday.

"At Mahopac, our guys wrestled hard, but I think we know who we are at this point and what we still need to do to give ourselves a better shot at making another run at a section title. This gave them a look at what we can do if we wrestle like we are capable. The enthusiasm to compete hard and smart builds when guys see how many team points nine athletes can generate by winning close matches and generating bonus points when we dominating. We had guys fix some mental and position mistakes in how they wrestle in close matches."

SOMERS had a busy weekend wrestling in the Caruso Tournament, Saturday, and Westchester County Wrestling Championships, Sunday.

Somers had three top-six placefinishers at the 29-team Westchester County Championships as Graham Roediger (120 pounds), William DeBenedetto (126) and Max Freebern (160) all placed fifth.

Roediger (120) was seeded fifth at the Caruso tournament and placed second. Roediger decisioned top-seeded Gavin Pasqualini of Arlington in a semifinal to earn a finals' berth. Freebern finished third at 160 pounds.



Con Ed Merger!

Somers Edges Brewster in OT, 43-39

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Somers Gabby Rosenzweig (3) is hunted by Brewster's Frannie Merkel in the Tuskers' 43-39 League I-D overtime triumph of visiting Brewster last Wednesday when the state-ranked (No.18) Tuskers won for the 8th time in a row. Merkel was named the prestigious Con Ed Award winner last week, one week after Rosenzweig was awarded the honor given to the best scholar athletes in Section 1.. see Girls' Hoops Notebook

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