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Six Lives Lost in Deadliest MTA Train Crash Ever



Six people, five of them New Yorkers, lost their lives when a train on the Harlem line that goes through Southeast crashed into an SUV on the train tracks in Valhalla, sending shockwaves and sadness throughout the Lower Hudson Valley Region. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the individuals, families and friends affected by the Metro North tragedy this evening," said Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "Let us remember how precious life is and not take a single moment for granted." For compete coverage of the deadliest train crash in MTA history, please go to pages 7 and 8 to learn where the investigation into the crash stands, what public officials are doing to make train rides safer, learn about the six victims, including the driver who perished in the tragic accident and how one Brewster man once caught himself in a similar predicament at the same railroad crossing. From left to right: Ellen Brody, Robert Dirks, Walter Liedtke, Joe Nadol, Aditya Tomar, and Eric Vandercar. The bottom photo is courtesy of the NTSB.



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Ryan to Retire as Carmel School Chief at End of School Year

By David Propper

When Dr. James Ryan first came to the Carmel Central School District, he and the Board of Education talked about what the two sides wanted to see accomplished during his tenure as head of the district.

After beginning his Carmel career in 2008, that career is set to end in 2015, as Ryan announced his retirement last week, the final stretch in what school officials deem a successful tenure.

Ryan confirmed his impending retirement at a Feb. 3 board meeting, with his last day marked for July 31. Working as an educator for 42 years, Ryan served the final seven as the school chief of the

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Haldane to Pass Vet Tax Exemption, Yet Level of Reduction Remains Unclear

By David Propper

Haldane Board of Education members made it clear during its Feb. 3 meeting they are more than willing to pass the Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption, which would result in every school district in Putnam County signing off on a resolution that lowers the school tax bill for veterans within each district.

The lingering question though that remains is how much of an exemption is the Haldane school board ready to grant?

At the very least, veterans within the Haldane school system can expect their

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Mahopac Pooch to Compete in Westminster Dog Show

By Neal Rentz

A local dog is set to hit the big time in the Big Apple next week.

Sam, who is owned by Mahopac resident Lou Galeazzo, is participating in the Westminster Kennel Club's 139th Annual All Breed Dog Show at The Piers 92/94 and Madison Square Garden.

The competition will be broadcast live on Feb. 16 from 8 to 11 p.m. on CNBC and on Feb. 17 from 8 to 11 p.m. on the USA Network. Based on his day one performance, Sam could qualify for the Best of Show competition at Madison Square Garden, Galeazzo said last week.

"I'm hoping he does well. He's a good dog, smart too," Galeazzo said.

The event is not Sam's first competition, so next week should be anything but unfamiliar to him. The two-and-one-half-year-old Chinese Shar-Pei won last year's Best of Breed at the Nationals in Philadelphia. Sam has been entered in several other competitions in Virginia, Maryland and New York, but most of the events have taken place in New Jersey and Massachusetts, Galeazzo said.

"He just seems to like to compete," Galeazzo said. "He's just a great looking dog and he has that attitude about him."

"The Shar-Pei can be traced back as far as the Han Dynasty in 202 B.C. and were bred as guard dogs for the Chinese Emperors and their palaces," Galeazzo said. "They were also used as fighting dogs known as the Oriental Gladiator. Because of the wrinkles and loose skin they were hard to kill. This made for better entertainment and wagering on the emperor's part. But as the emperor's became extinct so did the breed."

Galeazzo said he is a big fan of his dog's breed. "Today's Shar-Pei is a wonderful companion and a great family dog. He's always an attraction and always a crowd pleaser and a great dog among dogs. Little wonder why he has grown in popularity. Like they say show love and get love," he said.

Galeazzo said his family Sam, who is owned by Mahopac resident Lou Galeazzo, will be purchased Sam from a dog breeder in New Jersey in January 2013.

Though Sam is becoming a celebrity in the dog show world, he has not developed an oversized ego, Galeazzo

said. "At home he's just another dog. He likes playing in the snow with the dogs," he said.



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Q: Are 3D mammograms becoming the standard?

A: Three-dimensional mammography is the most advanced imaging technique. This innovative screening and diagnostic mammography tool is called Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT). Two-dimensional digital mammography remains the standard of care for breast cancer screening. However, Digital Breast Tomosynthesis is now an FDA-approved option for both screening and diagnostic mammography.

Q: What are the benefits of 3D?

A: The medical literature has shown that Digital Breast Tomosynthesis has a higher cancer detection rate than 2D digital mammography alone and DBT decreases the number of patients who need to be called back for additional images, reducing patient stress. Digital Breast Tomosynthesis can be beneficial for all women. However, it is most helpful for those with dense breasts, women who are at high risk for breast cancer and women with a personal history of breast cancer.

For women who do have a suspicious mass and require a biopsy, 3D mammography offers another benefit: The technology can be used to guide the biopsy needle. This translates to quick, accurate biopsies, and it means that the procedure will be shorter for patients and they'll have less exposure to radiation.

Q: What can I expect during the test?

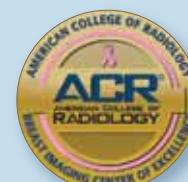
A: At Northern Westchester Hospital, we use the Hologic 3D Mammography unit. The 3D scan is performed at the same time and with the same machine as the 2D mammogram. For the 3D portion of the exam, the arm of the x-ray machine sweeps in an arc over the breast taking multiple thin section images of the breast. There is no additional compression required and the 3D acquisition only takes a few seconds longer for each view. The thin section 3D images allow the radiologist to view the breast tissue layer by layer minimizing breast tissue overlap, enabling the radiologist to provide a more confident assessment.

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Legislature Split Over Extending Sales Tax by One Percent

By Janine Bowen

Putnam County legislators are divided over the prospect of extending the county's one percent sales tax increase for an additional two years.

During a full legislature meeting on Wednesday night, legislators passed a resolution to ask permission from New York State to extend Putnam County's increased one percent sales tax, which accounts for approximately \$12 million in revenue for the county. Many legislators, however, disapproved of the extension, noting that Putnam already has a higher

sales tax than any of its neighboring counties, with a rate of nine percent.

District 9 Legislator Kevin Wright proposed a sales tax rate increase of three-fourths of a percent as opposed to one percent, stating that the high tax rate sends a negative message to the business community, especially because the county does not share the revenue generated by the tax with municipalities on a regular basis.

While other legislators agreed that a lower sales tax might be beneficial, they argued that keeping the rate increase at

"I suspect that we might not suffer as big an impact. I'm not prepared to say we wouldn't suffer any impact but... I think the business community would stand behind you and say 'we'll do better for you with sales tax revenues as a whole if we have less sales tax burdens,'" said Wright.



Legislator Kevin Wright.

one percent is the best way to generate money for the county and noted that if it is lowered to three-fourths of a percent, the county would need to find another way to make up for the \$3 million loss. District 3 Legislator Toni Addonizio noted that other taxes would need to be increased to make up the difference.

"People are paying high enough taxes as it is," she argued.

Wright countered by stating that a lower sales tax rate may lead to an increase in consumer spending, which would close the deficit without the need to raise taxes.

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District 6 Legislator Roger Gross agreed with Wright's philosophy but argued that the county is already taking a loss on taxes from fuel, which has seen a sharp price reduction over the last two months. He argued that the economy is not yet healthy enough to sustain a decrease in the sales tax rate.

District 7 Legislator, Joe Castellano noted that even though the resolution passed, it only grants permission to extend the tax rate increase and that the legislature, along with the audit committee, can explore ways of achieving a lower tax rate, decreasing spending, and finding alternative sources of revenue.

"I hope we can work together to reduce spending so we can lower the sales tax because the sales tax is an impediment to economic development," said district 8 Legislator Dini LoBue. "I hope this will open up a very serious dialogue between the legislature and the public."

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Despite Heroic Actions in NYC, PV Firefighter Remains Humble

By David Propper

When Frank Rush III spoke to his son Frances IV on Jan. 23 over the phone, the 27-year-old told his father about his day in New York City. But one thing he left out in his short conversation with his father was easily the most important thing: He helped save a life that day.

Frances Rush IV was a critical reason why a 70-year-old man, Moises Dreszer who was visiting from Kentucky, was brought back to life when he collapsed inside Grand Central Terminal. Rush, a marine and also a volunteer Putnam Valley firefighter ran to the calls of the man's wife, Cathy, and started to give Dreszer chest compressions as the police were called.

Once an MTA officer arrived with a defibrillator, Dreszer was brought back to life.

Despite the excitement, the whole scene wasn't relayed from Frances Rush IV to Frank Rush III. Frank Rush, who works as a NYFD firefighter, actually found out about his son's heroics from another MTA officer who knew the family.

"I called him back to see how his day was and he said, 'We just had this conversation dad,'" Rush III said. "Tell me a little more about Grand Central, and then he just said to me 'who said something?'"

That one anecdote of heroics and humbleness sums up Francis Rush perfectly. Committed to public service,

while never touting his own courage even when he has every reason to brag makes Rush IV a resident Putnam County can be proud of.

Rush IV could not be reached for an interview because he was in California related to duty as a Marine reservist, but in a New York Post article, Rush IV was quoted as saying this is the first person in four tries he was able to save when performing chest compressions.

Rush IV joined the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department when he was 16, following in the footsteps on his father who fights fires for a profession. Around the firehouse often growing up, it's no surprise to anyone that Rush IV would one day want to serve his community.

"He's very humble and that a very important thing to be," Rush III said. "He's a solid young man and I'm very proud of him. He did what he was trained to do."

Cathy Dreszer in a video posted by the MTA expressed appreciation to Rush and MTA officers for racing into action. She said called Rush "an angel."

"A citizen of New York who just happened to be right behind us and stopped," Cathy Dreszer said of Rush IV. "In his few minutes he changed the life of a whole family."

Putnam Valley High School assistant principle and former legislator Sam Oliverio described Rush as a hard worker



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Frances Rush IV stands with the MTA officer, Michael Burns, who together rescued the life of a 70-year-old man at Grand Central Station.

and a phenomenal guy.

"You could never meet a better representative of young people," Oliverio said of Rush IV.

Knowing the Rush family for a long time, Oliverio said he isn't surprised by Rush's spring into action. He stated, "If someone were to ask me, who do you think in the Class of 2004 would go and save someone's life, my answer would be Frankie Rush."

While Rush IV has always been a man ready to serve at any given moment, only now is he getting attention and recognition for it though he's certainly not basking in the glory.

"I don't think so," Rush III said with a laugh. "I don't think he's enjoying it. I know that he's very happy that the best part of the story is the man is alive today and it's through the efforts of my son Frank and the first responders that assisted as well."

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Carmel school system, a run he considers "personally rewarding."

"I think anyone working in a position of leadership has to give themselves and give the school or the district the opportunity to develop over time," Ryan said. "I'm certainly not a fan of short stays in positions. I think people should aspire to some degree of longevity and work to contribute to what they say they're going to do when they arrive."

Ryan began his career as a teacher in the Lakeland Central School District, the first step in a steady ascension. He became an assistant principal at Monroe-Woodbury Senior High School in Central Valley and then became principal at Ossining High School. Joining Rockland BOCES in 1993, Ryan served as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, deputy Superintendent, and before finishing his time at Rockland BOCES he was named the district's Superintendent of Schools.

Finally, Ryan was named Carmel school chief in 2008, where he oversees more than 4,500 students and almost 900 staff members each year.

When he first started his career, Ryan never put much thought into taking administrative positions, but his desire to

lead eventually convinced him to climb the ladder.

"I never aspired to that but I thought there were opportunities for me to provide some other level of leadership within schools," Ryan said.

Working in conjunction with the school board, Ryan said the district has upgraded facilities, turned the transportation system into a smooth operation, given students multiple activities and sports to be part of, and have more students going to 2-year and 4-year colleges.

Ryan is the latest superintendent from a Putnam school system to bid farewell, with an influx of new school leaders coming and going over the last couple of years. The Carmel Board of Education now has the task of finding a new superintendent, a process to be conducted over the next several months, according to a press release issued by the district.

Board president Rickard Krepps noted how grateful the school board is to Ryan, who has been able to steer the district through tough economic times, distinguishing himself over the last seven years.

"Although his expertise will be missed, Dr. Ryan has set our district up to continue to be successful," Krepps said. "His leadership will be fondly remembered."

Haldane to Pass Vet Tax Exemption, Yet Level of Reduction Remains Unclear

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school tax bill to be lowered, once the board officially votes on the basic exemption today (Tuesday.) The basic exemption would reduce veteran taxes by 15 percent of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000, the combat zone would be an additional tax exemption of 10 percent, not to exceed \$8,000 and disabled veterans could get an exemption up to 50 percent, not to exceed \$40,000.

"I know this may be hard to do, but I wouldn't look at it as a dollar figure," Cold Spring resident and veteran Dan Dillon said. "I'd look at it as a thank you recognition for many veterans in our school district who proudly served our country, which allows us to have the freedom that we have today."

Board president Joe Curto said he "agreed wholeheartedly" with Dillon, voicing his support for the exemption. A little more than ten veterans were on hand for the public hearing and no one spoke against the exemption.

For non-veterans in the district, their tax bill would increase roughly \$21 based off the basic exemption on a \$200,000 assessment, according to Haldane business manager Anne Dino. But the tax burden for other residents could go even higher if the board opts to pursue a veteran

exemption larger than the basic one it has already agreed to pass.

In order to hold a vote to go beyond the basic exemption, the board had to shuffle its schedule to include another public hearing set for Feb. 24. Board member Evan Schwartz said during the meeting the board shouldn't hide behind a timeline that wouldn't give them an opportunity to vote for any exemption higher than the basic.

Following the public hearing, veterans leaving the meeting seemed unanimous in their desire to see the maximum exemption passed by school board members.

"I think they should have done it when they first got it," local veteran Phil Schatzle said

Another veteran said that if the board isn't willing to reach the maximum exemption, it should settle on increasing the exemption to a halfway mark. He said he understands non-veteran residents have to pick up what veterans are going to see cut.

"It's great that they are doing this for us now," he said. "It's been a long time coming."

The Brewster and Carmel school systems passed the exemption last school year and Mahopac, Garrison, and Putnam Valley all passed it this school year.

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Investigators: Crash Investigation May Take a Year to Complete

By Martin Wilbur and Janine Bowen

It may take investigators up to a year to find out why the driver of an SUV moved into the path of the Metro-North train in Valhalla last week killing six people.

National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said the agency's team is expected to return to Washington this week and piece together a timeline of the Feb. 3 accident at the Commerce Street crossing in hopes of determining probable cause. Investigators also hope to learn whether the fiery explosion that engulfed the vehicle and the train's lead car was caused by the third rail or the SUV's gas tank.

"We're just in the very beginning stages of this investigation," Sumwalt said last Friday. "There's a lot that needs to be done, yet there's a lot that has been done."

The five passengers killed were all seated in the train's first car. They were Eric Vandercar, 53, an investment banker from Bedford; Walter Liedtke, 69, an art curator from Bedford Hills; Chappaqua resident Robert Dirks, 36; Joseph Nadol, 42, of New Castle; and Tomar Aditya, 41, of Danbury. Another 15 passengers were hurt, some seriously. Most were taken to nearby Westchester Medical Center.

The driver, Ellen Brody, 49, of Edgemont was also killed. She entered the crossing when the barrier came down on her

2011 Mercedes ML 350 about 6:27 p.m. last Tuesday. The driver who was in the car behind Brody's at the time of the accident reported to investigators that he had entered onto Commerce Street after traffic had been diverted from the Taconic State Parkway due to a separate accident, Sumwalt said.

When he approached the crossing, he reported that traffic was "inching along" as the SUV moved onto the crossing and came to a stop. At this point, the crossing arm lowered onto the SUV and hit the back of the car. According to the witness, Brody got out of her car and walked to the arm, then got back into the vehicle and sat there for a moment "as if there was enough time to put on her seatbelt."

Sumwalt said the 5:44 Southeast-bound Harlem line train from Grand Central Station was traveling at 58 miles per hour--under the 60-mile-per-hour speed limit-- before the engineer applied the emergency brake when he spotted the car in the crossing four seconds before impact. NTSB investigators determined the train had decelerated to 48 miles per hour when it collided with the SUV and took another 650 feet to stop, he said.

Sumwalt stated all equipment was functioning properly and procedures were followed by the crew in the seconds before the crash. The train's horn sounded with the

proper cadence--two long blasts followed by one short blast and another long blast-- as it approached the crossing.

Thirty-nine seconds before the train approached the crossing, the flashing lights illuminated and the arm subsequently lowered, said Sumwalt. The area also had adequate signage.

Investigators will study the factors that may have led to Brody getting stuck on the tracks. Sumwalt said they will try to determine how familiar she was with the vehicle and the area and if traffic in front of her prevented her from moving forward. In addition, the NTSB is in the process of obtaining her cell phone records, to determine if she was texting or making a call at the time of the accident, something that is routine, Sumwalt said.

The SUV was registered and passed inspection in December.

The third rail, which broke apart in 39-foot sections after impact, was last inspected in December, according to Sumwalt. One section of third rail pierced the SUV behind the driver while 12 sections broke through the bottom of the first train car and piled up inside the train car.

The NTSB will work cooperatively with MTA police to conduct a thorough inspection of the severely damaged first car of the train. It was removed late Wednesday to the MTA facility in North White Plains.



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NTSB lead investigator Mike Hiller gives instructions to the team at the scene of last week's Metro-North crash.

"We're combing carefully through pieces of ash, debris, pieces of third rail that have penetrated into that rail car and it makes for a very lengthy investigative process because of the severe, burnt-out condition of that car," Sumwalt said.

County Executive Rob Astorino took a tour of the crash site hours after the accident and affected seeing the charred wreckage firsthand.

"What I saw on that train is something that I'll never forget," Astorino said. "I am amazed that anyone got off that train (alive)."

If anyone has information that could benefit the investigation, they may e-mail witness@NTSB.gov.

Officials Look to Federal Gov't for Improvements to RR Crossings

By Martin Wilbur and David Propper

Elected officials serving parts of the area serviced by Metro-North's Harlem line are pressing the federal government for action to prevent a repeat of last week's accident in Valhalla.

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein, whose community saw two of its residents killed, sent a letter last Friday to U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand requesting federal money to construct an overpass from the Saw Mill Parkway at Roaring Brook Road. He said it is a project that has been talked about for decades but the prohibitive expense has prevented the state and federal government from funding the project.

Greenstein said the site is unique because the Saw Mill interchange at Roaring Brook Road is heavily congested during the morning and evening rush hours and sits close to the parkway and less than a half-mile from Horace Greeley High School.

"During the morning and evening rush hours, traffic converges at this location and routinely backs up over the grade crossing and onto the Saw Mill River Parkway," Greenstein wrote in part. "Because of the proximity of Horace Greeley High School, the morning rush hour traffic typically includes a large percentage of young and relatively inexperienced drivers."

During the past 10 years, problems with the train crossing gates have been reported 14 times to the New Castle Police Department, Greenstein said. In addition,

there have been numerous accidents near the site.

Greenstein said it was important to highlight the inadequacies of grade crossings, particularly when the issue is in the public's consciousness. Also, a project of that magnitude would need federal money, although he had no estimates on how much an overpass from the parkway at Roaring Brook Road would cost.

"We definitely hope it's a start and it will force people to take some action as well," Greenstein said.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown), whose district includes the crash site, the Town of New Castle and many of the stops along the Harlem line into Putnam County, said all levels of government need to work together to make sure grade crossings throughout the Hudson Valley are safe.

"It is our due diligence to learn something out of this," Murphy said. "You get the federal, the state and the county (governments), you get whatever it takes to keep the people safe. That's the most important thing."

Assemblyman David Buchwald said in a statement last week key issues that will be reviewed in the weeks and months ahead include whether Metro-North could have done anything differently last week and what can be done to make railroad grade crossings safer. In addition, potential modifications of train car and train track construction should also be looked at.

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-Cold



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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Senator Chuck Schumer all toured the damaged train last week.

Spring) last Wednesday discussed legislation he's pushing forward that would increase the annual federal funding available to \$100 million to move or raise road-level rail crossings to safer locations. He stressed there is work to be done to make railroad crossings safer.

Maloney wants to see the Rail Line Relocation & Improvement Capital Grant Program (RLR) reauthorized. The program hasn't been funded since 2009, and even then it was done so minimally.

"It's a good idea that's never been fully implemented," Maloney said. "But it's about time we did it."

There are 5,304 grade crossings in New York, Maloney said. From 2012-2014, there were 81 accidents, 15 deaths and 23 injuries at grade crossings, according to the Federal

Railroad Administration Office of Safety.

Maloney, who was the neighbor of one of the victims of the Dec. 1, 2013, train derailment on the Hudson line near Spuyten Duyvil, is also pushing Congress to pass legislation called the Commuter Rail Passenger Safety Act, which would allow commuter and freight rail systems to apply for loans and loan guarantees to invest in positive train control systems.

Positive train control is important, Maloney said, because it gives the train system more time to slow down.

"And that, of course, could be the difference between a minor accident or one like what we saw last (Tuesday) where there's horrific damage and catastrophic loss of life," Maloney said.

Brewster Driver: Safety Measures Needed at Commerce Street Crossing

By Martin Wilbur

When Adam Handler heard the news last Tuesday night that a Metro-North train had collided with a vehicle at the Commerce Street railroad crossing in Valhalla, he was transported back nearly a decade and left shaken.

On that day when Handler approached that same crossing, the red lights flashed briefly and a second or two later the heavy wood barrier on his side of the road came down onto the roof of his car.

"I've seen that happen to drivers. You can get befuddled," said Handler, a Brewster resident who had owned a small advertising agency on nearby Stevens Avenue for about 20 years and used the crossing three or four times a week.

It was a nerve-racking experience for Handler but he was fortunate it was in broad daylight and traffic was light at the time. There were no other vehicles behind him, so he quickly gathered himself, put the car in reverse and moved out of the way of danger. He thought perhaps that he failed to notice the red flashing crossing lights as quickly as he should have.

"I didn't want to make a big deal out of it at the time," he said.

However, it wasn't the last time Handler would see that happen. On repeated occasions, there were other drivers who would become trapped, surprised that the arms would descend so quickly and onto

a car.

He said some motorists would actually get out of the car, more concerned about damage to the roof of their car when the barrier would come down with a thud than they possible being partially in the path of an oncoming train.

Last week he immediately began wondering if the driver of the 2011 Mercedes SUV, Edgemont resident Ellen Brody, may have become confused at what was happening, when the barrier came down and rested on the back top portion of her car, contributing to an already difficult set of conditions in that area at that time.

Unlike the time it happened to him, Handler said last Tuesday was dark with rush hour traffic and a nearby accident. It also appears that Brody may have been unfamiliar with the territory.

The tragedy has prompted Handler to contact the National Transportation Safety Board with suggestions to improve safety at the location and to reach out to state representatives to help improve conditions at that crossing.

"There are a couple of things they could do to avoid this," Handler said. "It's more a traffic and road issue than an MTA issue."

One step he suggested is for the state or the proper jurisdiction to extend the area off of Commerce Street by building a small lane that runs parallel to the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

One motorist who for 20 years regularly used the Commerce Street crossing that was the site of the worst accident in Metro-North's history last week, said he was caught in a similar position as the SUV driver about 10 years ago.

Taconic State Parkway. Currently, there is room for about three or four cars to fit on the short stretch between the parkway and the crossing should the crossing arms come down, which is usually inadequate during rush hour.

Handler's second suggestion would be to put foam on the wooden barriers, since it appears that many drivers are concerned about scratches or dents.

Last week, during his briefings, NTSB board member Robert Sumwalt said that the crossing functioned properly. He also said it took 39 seconds from the time the red crossing lights flashed until the train entered the crossing.

However, Handler hopes that the accident opens the eyes of the authorities to make improvements at the site to make sure it never happens again.

Six Victims

By Martin Wilbur, David Propper, and Janine Bowen

Six victims died as a result of the horrific MTA train crash in neighboring county Westchester last week. All six victims, though coming from different walks of life, were remembered fondly by the people that were related to them, friends with them, and worked with them.

Ellen Brody

Friends and family of Ellen Brody, the driver of the SUV, was remembered as a perpetually optimistic and caring family person who greeted everyone with a warm smile and infectious humor.

"It struck me in every single meeting, without fail, Ellen was smiling with that huge, warm, Ellen smile," said Rabbi Benjy Silverman during Brody's funeral last Friday in Dobbs Ferry.

Brody, who worked at ICD Contemporary Jewelry on South Greeley Avenue in Chappaqua, met her husband, Alan, in 1989. He said she was the love of his life and that "our family reveled in her sunshine."

"Ellen lived life to the fullest and she loved every minute of it," Alan Brody said.

Her three daughters, Alexa, Julia and Danielle talked about how their mom

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was their support system and biggest fan and was welcoming of their friends into the family's house.

"I can only hope that me and my sisters can embody just one ray of her sunshine," said Danielle, 22, the oldest daughter.

Ellen Brody's uncle, Sid Greenberg, told a story of when she worked for him and her late father in a family business in Queens before she met Alan. A young man in the neighborhood who was in a wheelchair one day asked Ellen for a date. She accepted.

The next day the young man's mother came to let her father and Greenberg know how special that night was for him.

"Not just a date but a date with a pretty girl," Greenberg remembered her saying.

Eric Vandercar

Those who knew Eric Vandercar remembered him as a person who loved to work hard and play hard and as someone who was always ready for an adventure.

In the weeks before his death last Tuesday evening, Vandercar had traveled to Florida with his family, as well as to Jamaica and New Orleans to see concerts. He also took his son to a hockey game.

A graduate of the Wharton School of Business, Vandercar held degrees in business and engineering and earned

his MBA from NYU. He married his wife, Jill, whom he met on a blind date, in 1995. They moved to Bedford shortly after the birth of their first child.

Vandercar's son, Jake, and daughter Sadie, who spoke at their father's funeral last Friday, fondly taking them to ski in Utah every February, coaching soccer games and going to the movies. Jake Vandercar said that one of the things he would miss most about his father would be running to give him a hug when he came home from work each day.

"[He] was one of the most extraordinary people to ever walk this earth and life is going to be extremely hard without [him], he said.

Joe Nadol

Joe Nadol was remembered for his adventurous spirit and immense love for family and friends last Saturday at his memorial service at First Congressional Church in Chappaqua.

The 42-year-old New Castle resident was described as "unique, different and gifted."

Nadol's younger brother, Ben, said Joe, who was a Harvard graduate, was especially intelligent and never overmatched throughout his years of study, regardless of what level he reached. Ben remarked that whenever his brother walked into a room, he was always the

smartest one in it.

That led to professional success, as he was an aerospace and defense equity analyst for JP Morgan, ranked among one of the best in his sector. When giving career advice to others, Ben recalled Joe telling others to do "what makes you happy."

Nadol's widow, Jen, eloquently stated how her husband lived his life working hard and playing hard. She said a friend once mentioned to her how Joe had a great balance of "professional success and personal happiness."

Each August, Jen said they would plan vacations for the entire family, including the couple's three young sons. They traveled throughout Europe and Asia and were planning a trip to Japan this summer.

Rather than wait to experience what the world has to offer, Joe was always ready to live life to the fullest and even went to the Super Bowl last Sunday to see his favorite team, the New England Patriots, win their fourth Super Bowl in dramatic fashion, Jen Nadol said.

"He was the love of my life," she said. "And my best friend."

Robert Dirks

Robert Dirks was a brilliant scientist who is credited with making significant *continued on page 11*

**Business
of the Week**
By David Propper

When children come to Jack's Clubhouse, owner Leanne Murphy really wants them to unplug. In a world where children at increasingly younger ages are hooked on computers and mesmerized by screens, the concept of running around seems to be lost.

"If you do take those away, they really do start to get the imagination going," Murphy said.

Opened since October, Jack's Clubhouse has been the place for children 10 and under to enjoy an open indoor space and simply have fun without staring at a screen or feeding coins into a machine. Though there is an indoor play facility in Mahopac, the Brewster/Carmel area were lacking a place of its own until Murphy stepped in.

"We don't have the video games, we don't have a ton of sensory information bombarding the kids," Murphy said. "When they come in they can pretty much just come and use their imagination. They can play."

Murphy, who is a psychology professor at Westchester Community College, is at the clubhouse seven days a week where classes and programs take place, birthday parties are scheduled every weekend,

Jack's Clubhouse

Brewster



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Leanne and Keith Murphy hold son Jack and daughter Chloe in their arms, a temporary break for the two young children who love running around in Jack's Clubhouse. The business opened in October and brought many young children and happy parents to an unplug zone.

and walk-in traffic is also seen each day. Parents who bring their children also have the convenience of free Wi-Fi in case they have to do work while their children are playing.

There is one play area for sitters/crawlers/early walkers and another play

area for bigger kids.

Once Murphy and her husband Keith found a location to start the business, the two with the help of an architect, brought the vision to life. The couple did all the construction by themselves but the play structure, which was done by the manufacturer to ensure safety.



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Steven and Jack (standing on the slide) Chloe and Lillian (sitting on the slide) and Blake all play together inside Jack's Clubhouse.

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Building the walls, laying the floors and all the painting were done by Leanne and Keith, which took three months over the summer.

Murphy never envisioned she would one day have her own business, but when the couple moved to Putnam County and couldn't find a quality indoor play area nearby, they decided to be the solution.

"We saw a need for it and we knew it was something we could do and something we would love to do," Murphy said. "And a place where we would be happy to bring our kids to work."

Speaking of Murphy's children, her son Jack, who the clubhouse is named after, and her daughter Chloe, which has a café inside named after her, reap the most benefits. The two young children have made several news friends since Murphy opened and have their own personal playground to run around in anytime.

Murphy considers Jack her ambassador because of the energy he brings and how popular he is with visitors.

"They haven't gotten bored yet so I think we're doing alright," she said.

Jack's Clubhouse is located at 979 Route 22 (across from Bull and Barrel) in Brewster. Its phone number is 845-278-7529 and its website is jacksclubhouse.com.

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Letter to the Editor

Don't Let Silver's Schemes Slow Down Needed Legislation

Sheldon Silver's reputation for corruption has been a topic of conversation for years. For many, his recent arrest for accepting millions of dollars in bribes and kickbacks was a long time coming. It turns out his arrest may just be the beginning of a larger story exposing how ethically challenged our state's government really is. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara set the tone in a recent New York Daily News article when he was quoted as saying, "Our unfinished fight against public corruption continues, you should stay tuned."

A culture of corruption has lingered over Albany for years, and Bharara has his work cut out for him. But this fight should not be his alone. Bringing transparency and honor back to our state government should be a top priority. Still, our representatives should not permit

Silver's negative headlines to slow down progress made in other areas. In the Hudson Valley, particularly in Putnam County, we're fortunate to have some very hard-working public officials. Two of which are brand new in the New York State Legislature: Senators Terrence Murphy and Sue Serino.

The Senate has not let Silver's demise derail their work for New Yorkers. One of their first legislative acts was voting to pass the New York State Senate's Women's Equality Agenda. This comprehensive legislation is made up of eight bills that aims to stop human trafficking; ensure equal pay for equal work; combat sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace; and provide stronger protections for domestic violence victims.

Passing the Women's Equality Agenda may seem like a "no-brainer," but it has

never been voted on by the Assembly. Meanwhile, the same legislation passed the Senate in both 2013 and 2014. Of course, Sheldon Silver was at the helm of the Assembly at the time.

Assemblyman Steve Katz announced his support of the legislation again this past month and cited that the eight bills have support from both sides of the aisle in the Assembly. With the upcoming regime change in the Speaker position, this issue needs to remain on top of everyone's radar.

I'd like to thank our legislators who have either voted in favor or pledged their support of this legislation. I hope the rest of the Assembly and the Governor follows suit.

Kevin Byrne
Mahopac

Obituaries

John N. Calbo

John N. Calbo of Patterson died Tuesday February 3, in Carmel. He was 83. Mr. Calbo was born December 24, 1931 in New York City, son of the late Nicholas and Camille (Benefato) Calbo. On December 4, 1953 he married Anne F. Piscitelli at Immaculate Conception Church on Gun Hill Rd. in the Bronx. Mr. Calbo moved to Patterson in 1968 and became a member of Sacred Heart Church and worked as a contractor and also the building inspector for the Town of Patterson. Mr. Calbo is survived by his two daughters; Theresa Magann and her husband Terry of Danbury, CT, Patricia Colucci and her husband Buddy of Patterson, one brother; Buddy Calbo and his wife Lenore of Harrison, five grandchildren; Michael, Michelle, Matthew, Corey and Kyle and four great grandchildren; Brianna, Johnathan, Jackson and Kara.

Amalia Reyes Marrero

Amalia Reyes Marrero, 89, died on February 5. Mrs. Marrero was born on December 17, 1925 to Jose and Alejandra (Francois) Reyes in Puerto Rico. Before she retired she was a Teacher's Assistant for PS 126, in NYC. She is survived by her five loving children; Sonia, Johnny, Ozzie, Margie and Richard, six wonderful grandchildren and three adoring great-grandchildren. Her family was her greatest gift of all and her love will continue to grow in those she left behind. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 10, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 10 a.m. at The Holy Spirit R.C. Church, 1969 Crompond Road, Cortland Manor, New York 10566. Interment to follow at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

George F. Dean Jr.

George F. Dean Jr. of Carmel died suddenly on February 5, at the age of 75. He was born in Ossining, NY on June 20, 1939 to the late George F and Mary Clarke Dean. On October 7, 1967, he married Barbara DiGiacomo of Pleasantville. In 1962, he became a Westchester County Parkway Police Officer. In 1972, he retired from Westchester County Parkway Police and moved to Carmel where he owned and operated Palmer Auto Body, Thrifty Car Rental, County Auto Rental and Dean's Car Barn. He was also President of Vail's Grove Golf Course in Brewster. George was a veteran of the US Army Reserves, member of St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel, life member of the Knights of Columbus 6318, Former

Commissioner and long time member of the Carmel Fire Department. George is survived by his loving wife Barbara, his three children, Michael (Leslie) Dean, Kathy (Daniel) Frick, and Anne Marie (Michael) Gyuro, all of Carmel, his five grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Alyssa Dean, Olivia and Steven Frick, and Megan Gyuro, who he loved more than life itself. He is also survived by his sister Mary Ann (James) Hughes of Mt. Kisco and his brother, John Dean of NYC, and his mother-in-law, Mary DiGiacomo, brother-in-law John (Patricia) DiGiacomo and sister-in-law, Mary (Joseph) DeBellis and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visiting will be Tuesday February 10, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Home, 10 Fowler Ave, Carmel. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. James the Apostle Church on Wednesday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel.

Richard Schowetsky

Richard Schowetsky of Mahopac died on February 5, at the age of 88. He was born in Manhattan; the son of Benjamin and Eva Schwartz. Richard was a WWII combat veteran who moved to Mahopac from the Bronx to raise his family with his beloved wife Jane. Richard will be missed dearly by his immediate family and his many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his son Brian and his daughter-in-law Roseanna, his daughter Sandra Herman, and his grandchildren Brian, Genie, Marissa, and Andrea. He was predeceased by his wife Jane, his daughter Genie and his three sisters Shirly, Lilly and Fanny.

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contributions at D.E. Shaw, a firm that engages in research in computational biology.

As accomplished as he was professionally, friends and family said how much he enjoyed spending time with his family and for playing bridge.

Born in Thailand, where his mother grew up, his family emigrated to the Vancouver area when he was about a year old before settling in Washington state.

He graduated in 2000 from Wabash

College in Lafayette, Ind. with a degree in chemistry and math, then went on to the California Institute of Technology for his doctorate in chemistry. Graduate school is where he met his wife, Christine. They had two children, two and five years old and settled in Chappaqua.

Dirks, 36, also spent a year as a postdoctoral scholar at Caltech, where he developed algorithms to design, analyze and engineer nucleic acid devices, according to the website at D.E. Shaw where he worked since 2006.

"Robert was a brilliant scientist who

made tremendous contributions to our own research, and to the broader scientific community," the company said in a statement.

A professor at CalTech who oversaw his work, Dr. Niles Pierce, told The New York Times that Dirks was a pioneer whose research enabled scientists to map multiple genes inside organisms, allowing biologists around the world to study how organisms develop. He also developed algorithms that enabled other researchers to engineer their own molecular systems.

"It's just really rare for someone to have the mind to be able to contribute in such different ways," Pierce was quoted as saying in The Times.

Walter Liedtke

It could be said that Walter Liedtke lived and worked in contrasting worlds.

His home was in Bedford Hills, living on a farm raising horses with his wife, Nancy. He was often up before dawn tending to their horses' needs before boarding the train to Manhattan each day.

At work, Liedtke, 69, was curator of European paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He was one of the world's leading scholars of Dutch and Flemish paintings, said museum Director Tom Campbell. That included the museum's world famous Rembrandts and Vermeers.

"Walter was an original," Campbell said in a tribute to him. "Always nattily dressed, his hair just so and his mustache perfect, he seemed to have emerged from another era rather than from an office on the second floor."

At work, it wasn't only Liedtke's knowledge that was impressive but the way he was able to convey that knowledge to others.

"For 35 years, Walter had come and gone from the Met every day, and now that would never happen again," he added.

Aditya Tomar

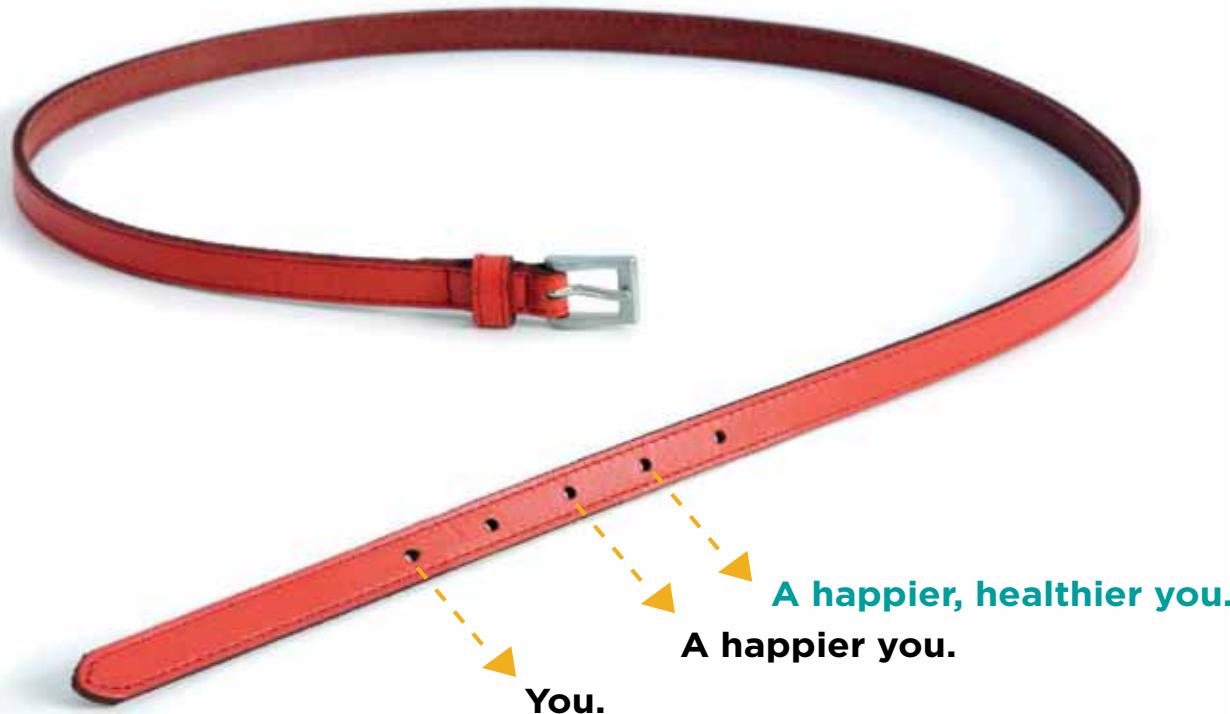
Danbury resident Aditya Tomar spent his entire career in the financial sector.

Tomar, 41, was vice president for technology that supported the JP Morgan Chase & Co.'s asset management team. Previously, he had been vice president for Morgan Stanley capital-markets automated trading, his profile on LinkedIn.com stated. Before that, Tomar was vice president at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. and for Barclays Capital, supporting electronic and algorithmic rates trading.

"Aditya was an extraordinary colleague," JPMorgan said today in a statement that the company released after learning of his death aboard last week's ill-fated Metro-North train. "His leadership skills, sense of humor and tireless team spirit contributed to a better workplace for all of us in JPMorgan Asset Management."

Born in New Delhi, India, Tomar came to the United States about 20 ago after graduating from the Indian Institute of Technology in Roorkee with an engineering degree, according to the Connecticut Post. He earned his master's degree at Miami University in Ohio, his LinkedIn page stated.

Published reports stated that Tomar was married but had no children.



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Putnam's Treatment Court Graduates Share Inspiring Stories

"Our journeys are all different, but we all ended up with addiction anyway," said Jason Fell of Mahopac, a graduate of the Putnam County Judicial Diversion/Treatment Court Program, at the January graduation ceremony held at the county's historic courthouse in Carmel. "We all have the same goal—to beat addiction and have a life worth living."

Fell was one of seven graduates this month from the Drug Treatment Court program, an alternative to incarceration program where a coordinated team effort of the assigned judge, court staff, prosecution, defense counsel, probation, sheriff's department, mental health, social services and treatment professionals actively intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime. Participation is offered to those who would otherwise be facing for offenses that are drug or alcohol related. The program takes about two years for a participant to complete.

This session had graduates from various walks of life. There were several young people some with typical childhoods and others who were brought up in less than stellar conditions, a successful seasoned professional and a war hero.

Fell is a U.S. Marine who honorable served his county from 1990-1996, where he participated in combat in Operation Desert Storm and Somalia. After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001,

Fell decided to re-enlist and was honorable discharged in 2008.

Fell had no prior history of chemical dependency until he was wounded in action and was prescribed opioid medications to treat the pain of his injuries. Subsequently, he became addicted and towards the very end of his battle with addiction resorted to using heroin.

Since being in treatment court program, Fell has been dutifully following the program and has turned his life around. He completed all phases of treatment at Montrose Veteran's Hospital—including inpatient, residential and outpatient substance abuse and mental health services. He is working full-time for a home improvement company and continues to attend recommended treatment.

"I can tell you first hand that addiction has taken me down lower than I have ever been," said Fell. "Through the past couple of years I found a life worth living for."

Another graduate, who was skeptical of the program when he entered it two years ago, offered words of wisdom to the participants still going through the treatment program.

"I would recommend that the current participants take full advantage of the opportunity before them." He said. "They may never get it again. They need to devote themselves to the program and the help available to them." Talking directly to the



Jason Fell, a Marine veteran, was one of seven people to graduate from the Putnam County Judicial Diversion/Treatment Court Program in January. From left to right: Judge James Reitz, Senator Terrence Murphy, Putnam's Director of Veterans Affairs Karl Rohde, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Jason Fell.

program participants he added. "However, change must come from within you. You must change yourself; others around you are just there to help you along the way."

Judge James Reitz, who oversees the program, is passionate about giving people who are willing to work on themselves a second chance and an opportunity to stay out of the prison system.

"Many enter the program and are uncertain that they have what it takes to go through the program, but they choose to do it to avoid going to state prison," said Judge Reitz. "Then over the next two years they get our full-team support. We support them as long as they make the effort to continue in the program. It

is not always easy and at times there are some bumps along the way. The people who graduate transform their lives along the way. They make the decision to be sober. We cannot force anyone. It has to be something they chose to do on their own. We just give them a fighting chance."

Fell feels that Judge Reitz does not give the drug court treatment team enough credit. "I know you say that we, the graduates, did it ourselves and I saved my own life, but all of you, the drug treatment court team, were a big part of saving my life."

The next graduation ceremony will be held in March.



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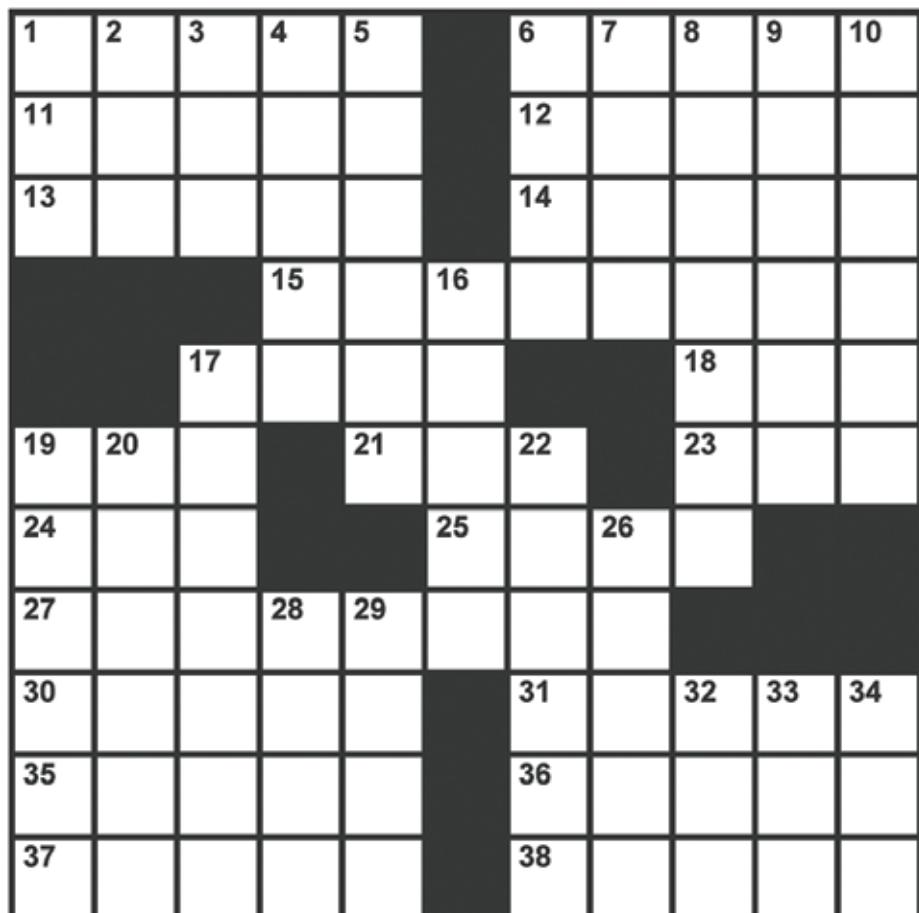
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- 10 Scotch whiskey or Yorktown family jewelers
- 11 5th is one
- 12 Be in the red
- 13 Government lender, abbr.
- 14 Tangled
- 16 Football gain or loss
- 18 Alternative word
- 20 End letter
- 21 Smile
- 24 Tennessee footballer
- 26 Dollar bill or Cortlandt music school
- 27 Labor
- 28 Amateur's opposite
- 29 Like ____
- 30 Action of inventing a word or phrase
- 33 Having a lot of vowels
- 35 Chef's phrase
- 38 Contribution your employer may match
- 39 Romanian coin
- 40 Intelligence
- 41 Buddhist branch
- 42 Stubborn animal
- 43 Society page word

Down

- 1 Station personalities
- 2 Usher and Beyonce genre
- 3 Site with many auctions
- 4 Oracle of Omaha first name

5 Sidestep

- 6 Buddhist divinity
- 7 Ravel masterwork
- 8 Amaze
- 9 A primary color
- 15 Christmas drink
- 17 Rhododendron kin
- 18 Baseball hall of famer, Mel
- 19 Brazilian grand prix town
- 22 "___ time"
- 23 Matrix main man
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Getting Locked Out, Locked Up, and Locked In

With my recent move, I learned that hanging on to keys and identifying which key is for which lock is important. I needed to call my local Locksmith-on-Wheels in Yorktown Heights, owned by Eugene and Carl Camia, to open two locked file cabinets with long lost keys.

There was also an unexpected mystery that unfolded before me. Buried deep in the eaves of my attic was a footlocker that I had placed there more than 40 years ago when I moved into the house and totally forgot about. It was an item my parents had purchased for me when I was 13 years old and being shipped off to military school. It was to hold all my clothes and other possessions for that experience. As an adult, I used it for moving from one place to another and storage.

As I lugged it from its hiding place, I found that it was extremely heavy, locked and had no key. I had no idea what might be in it. My wife guessed that it might be cobblestones, remembering that I used to collect interesting stones for walkways and patios.

"Oh, right," I said, "that makes sense, that I'm going to save stones under lock

and key."

On that fateful day for the unveiling of its secret contents, I called together my staff for a "happening" much like that famous non-event that Geraldo Rivera staged for the opening of the Al Capone vaults in Chicago. I didn't remember any skeletons, figuratively speaking, from my past. When the trunk lid was slowly opened, we found only dense stacks of newspapers, periodicals and manuscripts -- packed tight, much like the famous hoarder Collyer brothers -- dating from 1962 to 1968, obviously the latter year being the date the trunk was closed and locked.

I quickly realized that this was my public relations "clipping file," every publicity placement I made from the beginning of my career, including a blowup of a New York Times clip of my wife and me from our 15 minutes of fame that had gone missing, I thought, forever. I had forgotten how much space was required before paperless storage.

The experience gave me the opportunity to think about the importance of keys and locks and to meet Carl Camia, who told me that his call for lost keys has greatly decreased since the age of keypunch locks

and automatic openers. All I have to do now, for instance, is stand near my car with my key in my pocket and my car door opens automatically. Then I just push a button to start it.

Camia told me something interesting, even a little frightening, about home security for people who move from more urban locations where having more than one deadbolt lock is common. We want the same thing here in the country, and when we do, it can be a dangerous thing in case of a fire.

"If a fire breaks out in a house and the second deadbolt lock is in place, the homeowners can panic and not be able to find the key and not be able to get out of the house," he said. It's happened."

The most commonly used lock now is the Double-Acting Pin Tumbler Lock, modeled after the wooden locks of Assyria. It was first patented by American physician Abraham Stansbury in 1805 and later modernized by Linus Yale of Connecticut in 1848. In the early 20th century, Hungarian immigrant John

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By Bill Primavera



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Let's Lift One as We Celebrate Presidents' Day Weekend



By Nick Antonaccio

In the spirit of the upcoming Presidents' Day weekend -- and in my insatiable search to relate events around me to a wine-centricity -- I contemplated this week's column.

Seeking references to any imbibing habits by our first and 16th leaders, I found the landscape highly polarized.

George Washington brewed his own beer, of which he consumed copious amounts at dinners in his home and at various venues when crafting the Constitution with his fellow Founding Fathers. He was also fond of the fine wines purchased by Thomas Jefferson on his governmental boondoggles to French wineries. And Washington was a fan of the wine rage of Colonial times: Portuguese Madeira fortified wines.

President Lincoln was the extreme opposite. A self-proclaimed teetotaler, he once pronounced his attitude toward tippling: the problem with alcohol was not that it was a bad thing, but a good thing abused by bad people.

With Lincoln's statement in

mind, I began to ponder the drinking habits of other world leaders, and their influence on the course of world events.

The proclivities of many leaders came to mind, both indulgers and abstainers, including Napoleon, Stalin, Franklin Roosevelt and George W. Bush. But the one leader, in my mind, that history attributes an indomitable spirit of military prowess and political acumen, equally intermeshed with conspicuous consumption, is Winston Churchill.

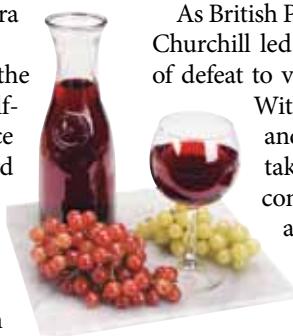
Coincidentally, last week marked the 50th anniversary of his death at age 90. With this occasion as inspiration for furthering this week's wine-centric theme, I researched the numerous links between Sir Winston's exploits in the cabinet war rooms and at the dinner table within 10 Downing St.

As British Prime Minister from 1940-45, Churchill led his country from the brink of defeat to victory during World War II.

With his vow of "blood, toil, tears and sweat" to Parliament upon taking office, his constituents considered him their savior -- and forgave him for his many excesses.

His excesses?

1. It is well-documented



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that his typical alcohol consumption consisted of two or three Scotches, several glasses of Champagne, at least two brandies and a highball--each day.

2. At a banquet at the home of the Saudi king, where, for religious reasons, no alcohol or cigars were served, Churchill protested: "My religion prescribes, as an absolute sacred ritual, smoking cigars and drinking alcohol before, after, and, if need be, during all meals and the intervals between them."

3. Of all libations, he favored Champagne. He once admitted: "In victory I deserve it; in defeat, I need it."

4. During the war, Churchill visited the White House for weeks at a time, engaging in his smoking and drinking habits into the wee hours of the morning with his drinking buddy. An aide to President Roosevelt admitted that after Churchill's visits, FDR slept for 10 hours a night for three consecutive days.

These excesses were encapsulated in his penchant for inspiring his constituents, at times with classic wit and sarcasm. Here are a few tidbits I gleaned from various sources:

1. "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

2. "This is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense."

3. "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing has happened."

4. "He has all of the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

5. Dialogue at a dinner with British politician Bessie Braddock: "Winston, you are drunk, and what's more you are disgustingly drunk."

"Bessie, my dear, you are ugly, and what's more, you are disgustingly ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be disgustingly ugly."

6. "Don't interrupt me while I'm interrupting."

As we remember the accomplishments of these leaders this weekend, consider President Lincoln's words on drinking. I guess there are exceptions to every maxim.

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Parenting Pep Talk: Eight Real Parenting Tips from Real Parents

When you ask parents for parenting advice, certain tips come up time and time again. It is useful to remind ourselves what works and what is important. Here are eight real parenting tips from real parents.



By Dr. Jaime
Fleckner Black

Don't compare your kids to others.

They all learn at their own pace and in their own way. Of course parents need to be attentive to developmental milestones, etc. but don't freak out if your child is a little behind. Very early walkers may walk as early as 9 months, for example, but some children won't walk until 14 months. In the long run, it really doesn't matter when they learn as long as they learn.

Take care of yourself.

"Do what you need to do to stay sane," said one mom of two. "If you are tired and need to do something for yourselves, like going out as a couple, do it and don't feel guilty."

Commit to the process

"Don't just parent for the future, parent

for this evening," Pamela Druckerman, journalist, author, and mother writes. "Your child probably won't get into the Ivy League or win a sports scholarship. At age 24, he might be back in his childhood bedroom, in debt, after a mediocre college career. Raise him so that, if that happens, it will still have been worth it." A Dutch father of three told her about his Buddhist-inspired approach: total commitment to the process, total equanimity about the outcome.

Be in the moment.

Enjoy them while you can because it goes by fast, just like everyone says!

Get connected.

Make mommy and daddy friends if you don't have them already. Join local groups to meet people, get support, and to learn sage parenting tips from parents in the trenches. Also, if you are a parent of multiples or of children with unique conditions, parent groups are excellent for connecting you to resources and support services.

Laugh it off.

A lot of what feels extremely stressful in the moment is actually comical when you step back and think about it. Try to get more efficient when it comes to having a sense of humor. The day-to-day is more

fun when you can appreciate the funny things your kids do. Extending the same courtesy to your co-parent could go a long way towards increasing your happiness as well!

Be who you are with them and be a parent at the same time.

Be genuine with your kids but reason with them at a developmentally appropriate level. "Talk to them like you would a friend sometimes. It helps them develop and feel OK around people other than their parents," said one mom of two.

Remember that your children are individuals.

Your children may not be better, little versions of yourselves. Respect and enjoy their differences, and validate their feelings even if you don't immediately understand them. Hear them out. You might even learn something.

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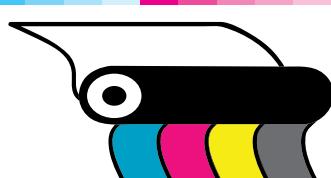
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PHC Sees 1st MAKOplasty® Partial Knee Replacement Case

"Can I dance?" Carmen Gracia asked mere hours after receiving a partial knee replacement at Putnam Hospital Center.

Gracia was able to get out of her hospital bed shortly after the minimally invasive procedure, the first of its kind at Putnam Hospital Center.

"I feel fine," she said as she walked with assistance down the hospital corridor.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Joel Buchalter, of Somers Orthopedics, performed the MAKOplasty® Knee Resurfacing procedure on Jan. 30 using the RIO® system, a highly advanced, surgeon-controlled robotic arm that offers a new

level of precision to restore mobility. The technology is also used for total hip replacements.

MAKOplasty® is changing the face of orthopedic surgery with smaller incisions and quicker recovery times.

"It was amazing, very precise," Buchalter said of using the robot. "It's simple to use and fun."

Buchalter cautioned that not everyone is a good candidate for MAKOplasty®. Gracia, he said, had arthritis in part of her knee and her pain was centralized to that location.

Gracia was joined by her husband, Ed

Gracia, who, as it turned out, had an anterior hip replacement at Putnam Hospital Center the day before her surgery. His procedure, which calls for an incision to the front of the leg rather than the back, was also performed by Buchalter.

Ed Gracia was able to walk an hour after his operation and joined his wife as she took her first steps. The Patterson couple went home together on Feb. 3.

"It's a major operation, but it works," he said.

Buchalter has performed more than 300 anterior hip replacements, he said. The recovery time is much faster because the frontal approach does not require cutting into the muscle, Buchalter explained.

An anterior hip replacement uses a specialized table called a HANA that allows for precise placement of the hip components. Most patients go home after a day or two and can drive in two weeks and walk without a cane, Buchalter said. Some return to work in two to three weeks compared to two to three months with traditional hip surgery, he added.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARCELA ROJAS/PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER.
Ed Gracia walks with his wife, Carmen Gracia, following her partial knee replacement. Carmen Gracia was assisted by Physical Therapy Clinical Coordinator Susan Stradling.

"It's a game changer," Buchalter said. "And all this at a community hospital."

Putnam Hospital Center is part of Health Quest, a nonprofit healthcare system that includes Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie and Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, among other affiliates. MAKOplasty® procedures are also performed at Vassar Brothers. Putnam and Vassar Brothers are the only hospitals to have this technology from Yonkers to the Canadian border.

Center for Wound Healing Open House Set for Saturday

The Center for Wound Healing at Putnam Hospital Center is hosting an open house from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13, 670 Stoneleigh Ave.

The community is welcome to come and learn about the services offered at the center, including wound care dressings and grafts, infectious disease management and tissue removal.

Patients with diabetes and vascular disease are at risk of developing ulcers and non-healing wounds.

The center also offers hyperbaric

oxygen therapy, a medical treatment that aids in the healing of chronic wounds and in strengthening the immune system. Patients are placed in a hyperbaric chamber for a 90-minute treatment.

The Center for Wound Healing is the only facility in Putnam County to offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy. The open house will feature displays of the two chambers.

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PCCC Announces 2014 Trailblazer Awards Gala

The Putnam County Chambers of Commerce (PCCC), the county's largest business organization and primary advocate, voice, and resource for the business community, announced today the names of the 38 business professionals who will be recognized for their outstanding successes at the 5th annual Trailblazer Awards at Mahopac's Villa Barone Hilltop Manor to be held on February 26. Tickets may be purchased online for \$75 each at putnamchamberny.org. Additionally, there will be silent auction at the event to raise funds to support cross-county Community Development Projects throughout 2015 and 2016.

"Each year the Trailblazer Awards gets better and better, with more participation from across Putnam County and featuring the innovations of local business owners and organization leaders," said Jennifer Maher, Chairwoman, Putnam County Chambers of Commerce. "The PCCC strives hard to make a difference in every commerce district in Putnam County, and

we believe strongly that working together we can and will make our county a better place to live, play and work thanks to the efforts of these professionals."

"This year's Trailblazer honorees showcase the amazing things that are going on in Putnam County," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "The business community is the backbone of the county. Our small businesses and nonprofits provide our jobs, services and quality of life. With the help of the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce my administration has worked on key issues affecting our business community. For instance, Putnam County Moves, the county transit system, is increasing traffic flow to businesses and attractions in the county by making it easier for our residents to get there."

The Trailblazer Awards program honors Putnam County business owners and business employees who have gone above and beyond in one of the following categories: Emerging Trailblazer, Established Trailblazer, MWBE Trailblazer, and Pillar of the Community Trailblazer.

"The nominees put a lot of time and effort into the application process," said Nat Prentice, Putnam County Chambers Board Member who coordinated the judging process. "On behalf of the judges, I'd like to thank all the individuals who submitted what turned out to be record number of excellent applications."

Purchase Tickets

The winners will be celebrated at a ceremony held at Villa Barone Hill Top Manor, 466 Rt. 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 5:30PM to 9:00PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$75.00 each or 10 for \$700. Attendees may purchase tickets by credit card through the PCCC's secure online account here: putnamchamberny.org. Alternatively, tickets may be purchased by check, payable to Putnam County Chambers of Commerce. Mail to: Putnam County

Chambers of Commerce, 953 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac, NY 10541

About the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce

The Putnam County Chambers of Commerce is dedicated to serving as the primary advocate, voice, and resource for our business community. Our utmost priority is to promote our members, provide educational opportunities and to enhance individually viable commerce districts throughout our County and beyond.

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Katherine Fairfield Freston	HG Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment Inc.	Brewster	Emerging
Carla Churyk	Markets Beyond, LLC	Brewster	MWBE
Carlo Marano	Millennium Printing	Brewster	Pillars
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PROPOSITION #1

Shall the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) construct additions to and reconstruct various District buildings and facilities, including infrastructure and site work improvements, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, at a maximum cost of \$34,920,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$34,920,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2

Shall the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) construct an addition to and reconstruct the auditorium and related music rooms, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose, at a maximum cost of \$4,996,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,996,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #3

Shall the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) construct a new access road to the District campus and construct

grass athletic fields, at a maximum cost of \$2,685,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,685,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such propositions shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. Personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall vote whose name does not appear on the register of the District. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this meeting. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person may register to vote not less than five (5) days preceding the vote between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York. The register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York and will be open for inspection immediately upon its completion by any qualified voter of the District from during regular school hours on each of the five days prior to the vote, except for Sunday, March 22, 2015. Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to March 23, 2015, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2015. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each business day during school hours until the date of the vote. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

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After two decades of Sheldon Silver at the top, a new speaker in the New York State Assembly was elected last week, a historic vote that resulted in the first African-American to earn the position. Carl Heastie, a Democrat who represents a part of the Bronx, was selected as the new speaker of the house following Silver's decision to step down in the wake of serious legal troubles. Assemblyman Steve Katz, a Republican who represents part of Putnam County, approved the move, a sharp turn considering his constant decrying of Silver.



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In a statement, Katz said he looks forward to actual cooperation in the assembly. "I've known Carl personally for the last four years. He is a good man who will listen to all points of view," Katz in the press release. "I look forward to a new era of transparency, cooperation and real bipartisan reform of this blighted Assembly." (Photo courtesy of Putnam Director for Office for Senior Resources, Pat Sheehy, who was on hand for the vote while in Albany working on behalf of county seniors.)

Hudson Valley Wine and Festival Raises Money for Good Cause

Maria Sanyshyn (below left), general manager of the Mahopac Golf and Beach Club, and Rose Aglieco, Executive Director at the Brewster Chamber of Commerce, enjoy the festivities at Partners with PARC's 2nd Annual Hudson Valley Wine and Chocolate Festival on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. Partners with PARC is a non-profit dedicated to securing the financial future of people disabilities.



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Wednesday's:

In-Stitches Knitting Club at Reed Library (845-225-2439). Wednesday mornings 10:30 a.m. to noon and Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcomed in this fun and friendly group.

Thursday's:

Foreclosure Counseling will be offered by Putnam County Housing Corporation (PCHC). 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. If you're facing foreclosure, PCHC may be able to help. PCHC, a HUD-certified Housing Agency, offers free confidential counseling to assist you in negotiating with your mortgage company. Brewster Public Library. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 845-225-8493 ext.201 to schedule time.

Reed Memorial Library presents, Beginning Yoga and Crafts for children ages 3 - 5. Thursdays 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Feb. 5-March 5th. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or large towel if you have one. Call to Register 845-225-2439

Sunday's:
Winter Farm Market

This season, the Winter Market will be open every Sunday until May 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Winter Market footprint will be located in the lower level of the HVCAP building (15 Mt. Ebo Road South,) and we are proud and excited to showcase vendors including: Vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, jams, bread and baked goods (gluten free too!), eggs, mushrooms, food artisans and specialty items from local growers and producers.

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Save the Date:

Registration for Kindergarten Brewster - Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2028 takes place the week of March 2 - March 6. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary at 279-2087 x 4111 to make an appointment.

Saturday, March 7

Basketball Shootout Please join us in shooting baskets at Carmel High School. Just get pledges from your friends and family and shoot for charity. It only takes 10 minutes to shoot baskets. Come any time between 9 a.m. and noon. <https://www.crowdrise.com/2015BasketballShootout>

Sunday, March 8

Northern Westchester / Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. Eastbound on Route 6. Mahopac. Step Off Time: 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

17th Annual Hudson Valley Food & Wine Experience. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Benefiting the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center

Friday, March 20

Mahopac Knights of Columbus presents: The Chiclettes. New York's premier girl group performing hits from the 60's to today. Putnam County Golf Course. 187 Hill Street Mahopac, NY. Doors open at 7 p.m. / Show at 8 p.m. \$37 per person pre-order / \$40 at the door

Hot buffet included / Cash bar For tickets and information call Mike at 914-837-2368 or Tom at 914-329-3099. Proceeds benefit Knights Scholarship fund and community charities

Tuesday, February 10

3 Day Acting Workshop for kids 8 and up During February Break: Brewster: Spotlight Arts Inc. presents a 3 Day February break acting workshop run at the Studio Around the Corner in Brewster. In this three-day acting workshop, students will take a comedic spin on some of their favorite fairy tales. Scene selections and monologues will be selected based upon each student's age and proficiency. Students will learn about comedic timing, character development, funny voices, accents and puppetry! The workshop will culminate in a performance at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday. The workshop is designed for children 8 and older and will run from February 17th through February 19th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$225. The workshop location is the Studio Around the Corner 67 Main Street Suite 101 in Brewster. Spotlight Arts Inc. 845.444. ARTS, spotlightartsinc@gmail.com, www.SpotlightArtsInc.com.

Hearts Flowers and Martini's Fundraiser: 6:30 p.m. Arturo's in Mahopac. - \$20 donation at the door, proceeds to Community Cares. We will also be selling sentiment hearts for \$1.00 each to be sold at Arturo's during the month of February. www.CommunityCares.org

Tuesday, February 17

Putnam CTC's VetCorps Project's VA Information Session: 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Carmel VA Outpatient Clinic located at 1875 Route 6, Provident Bank, (2nd Floor) Carmel, NY 10512. Registration is not required. Walk-ins are welcome BUT spaces are limited. To register or for questions, please contact VetCorps

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

Prevention Coordinator, Chauntel Wright, at 845-225-4646 or at putnamvetcorp@gmail.com. Do not miss out on this opportunity to receive help and care that you and/or your family deserves.

Thursday, February 19

"Playing Songs for Hope" Kathleen Kruze & Friends Benefit Concert for Ann's Place. Kathleen Kruze, along with Steve Clarke on bass, James Moss on percussion, Adam Cyr on sax and special guest, Joe Carter, Brazilian jazz guitarist, will perform together. (snow date of Feb. 26) in a benefit concert for Ann's Place, "Playing Songs for Hope." The concert will be held 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Ann's Place, 80 Saw Mill Road, Danbury. \$20 per person includes the concert, dessert, and coffee. Visit www.annsplace.org to purchase your tickets today.

Friday, February 20

Photographs by Pal Gyomai & Paintings by Erica Hauser: Digital artist and photographer Pal Gyomai moved to the United States in 1983 from his native Hungary. He has resided in Putnam County for the past 31 years. A self-taught photographer, Gyomai expresses his artistic visions by combining 'straight' photography with the endless possibilities of Adobe Photoshop.

Opening Reception - Meet the Artists, 7p.m. - 9 p.m., Additional Studio Hours: noon - 2 p.m., Saturday, February 21, Saturday, February 28, Sunday, March 1. Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main Street, Suite 101. Brewster. 845- 363-8330

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Tuesday, February 24

Professional Women of Putnam and Professional Women of Westchester host: "Celebrate Your Heart" Networking Event to benefit the American Heart Association. Raffles, Red Hair Extensions and More. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Augie's Prime Cut. 3436 Lexington Ave. Mohegan Lake, \$15pp PWP/PWW Members, \$20pp Non Members. Includes appetizers. Cash Bar. Register to attend: www.professionalwomenofputnam.com

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**Haldane
Wears
League
I-C Title**

Haldane F Edmund Fitzgerald readies for one of his six blocks against Putnam Valley F Mike DelGuidice in the Blue Devils' 49-43 League I-C title-clinching win over host Putnam Valley last Friday night when the reigning Section 1 Class C champion Blue Devils locked up the No.1 seed in the upcoming sectional tournament. Putnam Valley will enter the Class B tournament as a likely No.5 seed... see Boys' Hoops Notebook



Sports

Boys Hoops Notebook

Haldane Stands Tall in I-C League-Clinching Win over Put Valley

Panas Seals League I-B Crown, 3rd Title in Row; Somers Fails in Bid for I-D

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

Besides clinching the League I-C title outright in its 49-43 road win against second-place Putnam Valley last Friday night, Haldane High was busy serving Shoofly Pie to the Tigers as the Blue Devils swatted 16 would-be shots, including six apiece by towering flyswatters Edmund Fitzgerald and Garret Quigley.

State-ranked (No.12) Class C Haldane (14-4) would gladly serve the pie, but sharing the league title with their bordering rivals was not an option, and Haldane's Peter Hoffmann pulled a huge and-1 three-point play down the stretch to seal the deal. Hoffmann, the versatile swingman who also blocked four shots, finished with a game-high 23 points.

"We knew they were gunning for us after we beat them in a close game the first time," Hoffman said, noting the Blue Devils' 58-56 win on Jan. 25. "This was playoff atmosphere, and we did what we wanted to



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Haldane's Peter Hoffmann soars for two over PV's Joey Spinola and the Tigers last Friday night in the Valley.

do; we locked up (Ryan) Basso, he's a great player. We stayed straight and waited for them before we went for the block. We want the sectional championship now and even further."

Putnam Valley senior G Ryan Basso led the Tigers with 15 points, but had just two at halftime as the Blue Devils dashed out to a 26-15 lead heading into the third. After some halftime adjustments, PV got off the mat to deliver an 18-7 run and tied the score at 33-all going into the fourth.

"We knew this was going to be a war out there," said Basso, who is 21 points shy of 1,000 and hopes to get that in the Tigers' first-round matchup against No.12 Valhalla. Basso, despite a box-and-one and a variety of defenses designed to shut him down, was featured prominently and inched closer to becoming the first male in Put Valley history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. "We

just didn't compete the way we needed to toward the end. We want to get back to County Center now and maybe give Woodlands all we can give them."

Likewise, Fitzgerald says his Blue Devils are primed for the post season.

"It was all energy, I can't believe it happened," said Fitzgerald of the 16 blocks. "We didn't think we'd be able to block that many shots. But I think we're just getting started. We're ready for playoffs now."

Haldane's defense lapsed in the third quarter but returned to form when it needed to win the Blue Devils their first league title outright in 14 years.

"Just an incredible atmosphere at Putnam Valley, and I'm so proud of our team for staying so poised," Haldane coach Joe Virgadamo said. "This is the environment you want for every game, this gym was awesome tonight. Give it up for both sets of fans. That was a war against a great team with one of the best players in the section in Basso. We went on a run and then they came out and buried us in the third. But Peter Hoffman is a top 10 player in the section and he gutted it out and got us that and-1 in the end. We did not want to share the league title with these guys, as much as we respect them. Ryan McCollum was on Basso the whole game and did a great job. I wouldn't box-and-one him if I didn't respect him, and we respect him. I don't like giving respect, to be honest with you, but we respect Basso, so hats off to him and I hope Putnam Valley does some serious damage in sectionals."

Respect was mutual afterward, but the series was played with rivalry-like intensity; something that is good for both programs and Section 1 basketball.

"Offensively, some kids were pushing it too much," PV boss Mike McDonnell said. "We just didn't move the ball well. We didn't execute well enough on the offense



Haldane players party hearty after securing league title with win over PV Friday night.

end and on the defensive end we fouled too much. That combination hurt us, despite our effort to get back in against a very good team."

PANAS has really come on strong down the stretch, which is something we've been waiting all season to say about the reigning Section 1 Class A champions. Coach Sully's Panthers (9-8) clinched the League

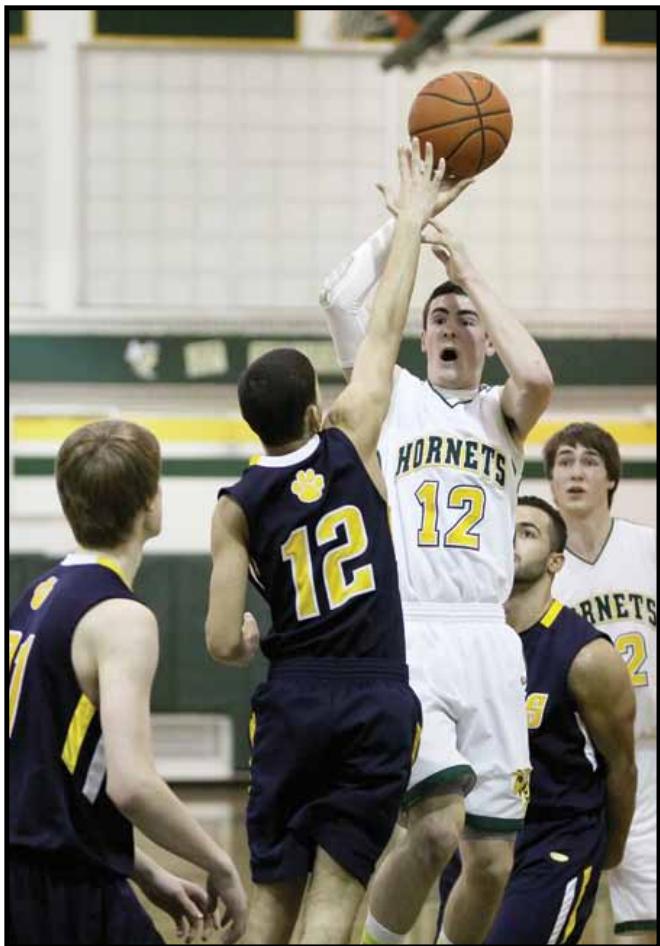


Put Valley's Harrison Deegan soars for two in loss to Haldane.



Spirited Haldane Coach Joe Virgadamo fires up the Haldane faithful in win over PV.

Sports



Lakeland G Mike Morelli and the low-seeded Hornets may be traveling to top-seeded Spring Valley.

I-B title outright and a share of their third straight league title in a 72-54 win over Beacon. The dynamic duo of Mike Evans (22 points and 10 rebounds) and Brandon Collins (15 points, five rebounds and five assists) have lit the spark for the Panthers, who won the title outright when rival Lakeland bombed Hen Hud, who lost its share of the league title in a 61-37 clunker.

"Brandon and Mike are two of the top guards in the section," Panther boss Shawn Sullivan said. "Mike leads our team in rebounding, scoring and dunks (3 vs. Beacon alone). Brandon has done a terrific job handling the ball, shooting the 3 and getting everyone involved. If they both play well in February we are going to surprise a lot of people."

SOMERS blew its shot at the league. The Tuskers had a share of the League I-D title in their grasp and let go of it when they crashed and burned at Horace Greeley Friday in a 46-45 loss to the Quakers.

"Straight up man we couldn't hit a shot," Somers hotshot Ryan Grossman said. "Believe me, were (ticked off), expect to see a new team come playoff time cause we're not joking around anymore."

Here's a look at a Section 1 tournament, projection-inspired poll that means diddly-squat. (As of press time Monday 7:00 p.m. the official seeds were still not determined)

Putnam/NWE Fab Five Hoops Poll

No.1 SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (15-3), ranked No.21 in NYS,

are staring down the barrel of a potential dream matchup with No.15 Panas, which would be a dreamy playdate between @Tusker_Nation vs. @PanasSports. While defending sectional champion Panas does possess serious upset potential, the Tuskers are just too deep for them and should beat them on the boards.

No.2 YORKTOWN – Coach Downes' Class A Huskers (11-7) are looking at a road game as a No.9 seed against No.8 Sleepy Hollow should they win their outbracket against No.24 Gorton. Put Valley went down to Sleepy and won, so we suspect the Mason Dyslin's Huskers can take care of business and reach the quarters where they would need to bring their A-game to No.1 Spring Valley, which means the County

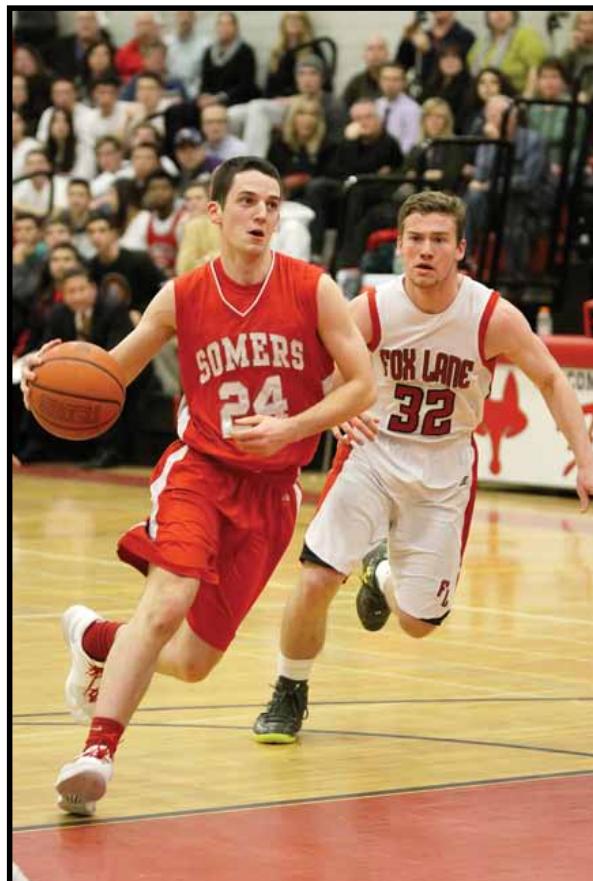
Center might be a pipe dream.

No.3 HALDANE – Coach Virgadamo's defending Section 1 Class C champion Blue Devils (14-4) are a matchup nightmare for anybody in the Class C field, so we suspect the top-seeded Blue Devils will win back-to-back sectional titles for the first time ever and represent at states. In fact, I'm booking a room in Glens Falls this week just in case.

No.4 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B Tigers (12-6) are looking at a No.5 seed and a potential matchup with No.12 Valhalla, and they are going to need their juniors to give a lot more than they did against Haldane if the Tigers are going to get back to County Center for an unprecedented third-straight year, but the road will run through Woodlands in the semis should they be so lucky to survive Valhalla and No.4 Blind Brook.

No.5 PANAS – Coach Sully's reigning Section 1 Class A champion Panthers (10-8) will see No. 18 Yonkers at No. 15 Panas in the opening round before a potential hookup with No.2 Somers. The Panthers may have a slight backcourt edge in Evans and Collins, but Somers has the frontcourt locked down and that's where the game would be won.

HM CROTON – Coach Thom's Class B Tigers (12-6) blew a chance for the League III-A title and now enter the tournament as No.7 seed against No.10 Dobbs Ferry. A



Somers G Matt Maloney and the No.2 seeded Tuskers may be hosting No.15 Panas if they take care of outbracket business.

win there and they'll see No.2 Briarcliff in a Round 3 matchup (they split) both clubs want badly to decide who gets to County Center.

HM HEN HUD – Coach Hirsch's Class A Sailors (12-6) drew the 11-seed and would do well to win their outbracket game against either Peekskill or Brewster.

HM LAKELAND – Coach Weltman's Class A 16th-seeded Hornets (9-9) are a vexing bunch who will host No.17 Nyack in an effort to crack the 16-team field. In doing so, the athletic Hornets would see No.1 Spring Valley in the opening round, which would then likely become the swan song game in the career of Coach Weltman, who gave Lakeland everything he had for two decades. Veteran and longtime girls Coach Steve Fallo will take over next year.

HM MAHOPAC – Coach Harter Class AA 14th-seeded Indians (6-12) pose as potentially serious bracket-busters as they take on No.3 Saunders in the opening round of the tournament, should they win their outbracket against White Plains. Kind of pulling for this unit to rise from within and show the

section just how mentally tough kids from Mahopac are, but Saunders' style will be tough for them.

HM BREWSTER – Coach Nelly's Class A Bears (6-12) have some upset potential based on superb coaching and having played a tough I-D schedule, so don't be surprised to see them crack field of 16 and bust up a bracket.

HM CARMEL – Coach Venditto's Class AA Rams (5-13) drew the No.16 seed and would see No.1 Arlington for a third time this season should the win their outbracket against either RCK or Clarkstown North. The undefeated Admirals are going to be a nightmare in that gym of theirs with half the town in attendance.

HM PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Class A Red Devils (6-12) might see Hen Hud in their outbracket game, which would give them a halfway decent shot at cracking the field of 16 where they might see either Lourdes or Eastchester.

LOCAL ALL-SECTION HONOREES – Ryan Basso, Put Valley; Mason Dyslin, Yorktown; Mike Evans, Panas; Matt Maloney, Somers; Peter Hoffmann, Haldane; Teejay Searight, Croton.



Put Valley's Zack Nolan takes a run at Haldane's Edmond Fitzgerald and Garrett Quigley in Blue Devils' win over Tigers last Friday.

Sports

Class AA Ossining Sweeps Peekskill, Preps for Title Run Red Devils Poised to Damage in Class A

By Tony Pinciaro

Ossining is right where it wants to be going into the Section 1 Class AA Girls Basketball Championship as the Pride look to defend its 2014 title.

The state-ranked (No.1) Pride closed out the regular season with victories over Hen Hud, Beacon and Peekskill, extending its winning streak to 13. Ossining reached the century mark for the first time this season in the Beacon game.

Ossining enters the Section 1 tournament with a 16-2 record and more than likely assured itself the No. 1 seed.

"I think we're in a pretty good position, being the returning state champs," senior and point guard Stefanie Svoboda said. "We hope to get back there but we are going to take it one game at a time because you never know, anybody could beat us."

Ossining punctuated the regular season with the victory, 87-64, over a quality Peekskill team. It was also Senior Day as the six 12th-graders were honored before the game. Peekskill will be one of the favorites going into the Class A Championship.

"That game will help get us ready for sectionals," said Svoboda, who will attend Pace University in Pleasantville next fall and play basketball. "Peekskill played us really tough this game."

Ossining's six seniors all contributed to the win, accounting for 83 of the 87 points. Jalay Knowles had 21 points and 15 rebounds, Jenna Lividini added 16 points and six boards and Cyan Scarduzio netted eight points. Classmates Abby Squirrell grabbed 12 rebounds and had four assists, Madison Strippoli chipped in with four points and four rebounds and Svoboda had 11 assists and four caroms.

Along with being the defending state champs, Ossining features something



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Ossining's Madison Strippoli goes up for two against defense of Peekskill's Lisana Burnett in Pride's 87-64 win over Peekskill.

that not many, if any, teams have – quality depth. Coach Dan Ricci can call on anyone on his bench to go in and contribute.

"We feel that we have a lot of depth, just like we did last year," Svoboda said. "Last year, we had a different player come off the bench, score and have big games. It's the same thing this year."

And when the starters take a breather, opponents can still expect Ossining to rev up the pace. Playing at high throttle is something that Svoboda said the team has been doing with consistency. During this 13-game winning streak, the pace is quick and Svoboda said the team is doing a great job with ball movement.

Svoboda said the team, especially the seniors, is looking forward to this postseason. The seniors realize that their high school basketball careers could end abruptly with one game, but they are determined to make their final game a win at Hudson Community College, site of the New York State Girls Basketball final four.

CARMEL played extra basketball, but just came up shy in a 71-66 overtime loss to John Jay-East Fishkill to open its week. Hannah Aull poured in a career-high 22 points and Maddie Riddle added 15 points.

The Rams bounced back the following day with a 59-50 victory over R.C. Ketcham, led by Alexis Wright's 16 points and 13 points apiece from Kelly Oliver and Hana Riddle.

Our Lady of Lourdes handed Carmel a loss to close the week.

"The team had come out of our shooting slump in the early games this week, but could not sustain it against the strong defense of Lourdes," Carmel coach Dan O'Hare said.

MAHOPAC has its collective site

on a return trip to the Westchester County Center, home of the Section 1 Girls and Boys Basketball Championship final four. The Indians were the Class AA runnerup in 2014.

Mahopac enters sectionals with an 11-7 record after going 2-2 in the final week of the regular season. Mahopac did play four games in four days.

Arlington was not kind to Mahopac, handing the Indians a 62-56 setback, despite 21 points by Alayne Felix. The following day, Mahopac crushed John Jay-East Fishkill, 56-26 as Felix finished with a game-high 20 points.

Our Lady of Lourdes got the best of Mahopac, 51-40, but the Indians shook off the loss, returned to the court Friday and pounded R.C. Ketcham, 69-52. Felix finished with a game- and season-high 29 points.

"We played well enough to win the Arlington game, but we just weren't able to make some shots down the stretch," Mahopac coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "It was an all-around good team win against John Jay. We played well both offensively and defensively."

"I was pleased with our overall play and hustle against Lourdes, we just had a few hiccups, and a tough day shooting the ball."

Scozzafava and his team knows that a return trip to the Class AA final will most likely result in a meeting with Ossining, the 2014 state champs.

"No matter what, you still have to go through Ossining to win the section and that is not an easy assignment," he said.

Coach Ken Sherman and his **HEN HUD** girls closed out a grueling regular season with a 7-11 record. However, don't let the record fool you for as Sherman noted, Hen Hud's league included Ossining, Peekskill and Beacon.

"What you have here is the Double AA State Champs, Section 1 Class A Champs and the Section 1 Class A Finalist," said Sherman of Ossining, Peekskill and Beacon, respectively. Playing them Beacon twice a year is no easy task."

Hen Hud had four games crammed into the final week of the regular season. Ossining, Peekskill and Lakeland defeated Hen Hud, but the Sailors closed out with a win over Croton on Senior Night.

"We did not play well in the first half against Ossining, but I was actually very

Girls Hoops Notebook



Ossining's Jalay Knowles takes on Peekskill's Taylor Clare.

pleased with the way we played in the second half," Sherman said. "We played Peekskill, at Peekskill, the very next night and played maybe our best basketball game of the season. The score did not indicate how well we played, after we lost to them by 34 the first time we played them."

"We played our most consistent basketball game of the year and did an excellent job on the boards, which has been a problem for us all season. We actually had a two-point lead with 5:32 remaining in the game and Lanay Rodney took over for the Red Devils from there. Scoring 16 points of her 21 in the fourth quarter."

Seniors Amy Glashoff and Amber Feminella led Hen Hud with 11 points apiece and Jackie Raguso came off the bench to snare 10 rebounds.

Glashoff and Feminella each had 12 points in the 52-47 setback to Lakeland.

Glashoff and Feminella pumped in 19 points apiece in a 57-40 victory over Croton.

Sherman felt that following the first go-around through the league, his team played much better in the second half of the season.

"The reason we are playing some better basketball this second half of the season has been the work of some of my players coming off the bench, and contributing, especially on the boards, which we did not get earlier on in league play," Sherman said.

Even though his team is below .500, Sherman is confident Hen Hud will receive a sectional berth. Playing Hen Hud's league schedule will have the Sailors prepared.



Ossining's Shadeen Samuels drops two of her game-high 33 points in Pride's 87-64 win over

Sports

Carmel Gets Better of Mahopac in 4-3 Win, 3-3 Tie

Yorktown Junior Donnelly Sets School Scoring Record, 107 Points

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

When John Dignam gave Mahopac a 3-2 lead with 4:55 to play in the second period, the Indians were hoping their defense could buckle down and preserve



Yorktown junior F Liam Donnelly notched his 107th point in 7-0 win over L-P to become the program's all-time leading scorer.

a win over rival Carmel last Friday night at the BIA, but Carmel sniper Tyler Alfonzetti scored in the blink of an eye and made it a 3-3 tie just 10 seconds later. Nobody scored again and the two rivals left the arena feeling as if they'd just kissed their sister #NobodyLikesTies. Carmel's Mike Gamby hit the pipes late in the third but nobody could tickle twine.

"Wish I could've had the shot that hit the post back," said Gamby, who scored twice. "But Tommy (Gilmore) played really well for Mahopac, especially in third period and overtime where I thought we dominated for the most part."

Mahopac F Rob Buckley opened the scoring for Mahopac (8-7-2), only to see



Mahopac and Carmel captains gather before the start of 3-3 tie last Friday at BIA.



Mahopac's Joseph Geary throws a hip into Carmel's Tyler Alfonzetti in Friday's 3-3 tie at BIA.

Carmel captain Gamby score the next two. Mahopac F Matt Stefunek tied the score at 2-all before the end of the first period.

Mahopac G Tommy Gilmore (37 saves) was on top of his game and kept the Indians from suffering a second loss in three days to Carmel, which worked a 4-3 win last Wednesday when JV call-up Alphonse Sicignano slapped home



Carmel's Mike Gamby scored twice in 3-3 with John Dignam and the Mahopac Indians.

the game-winning goal for Rams with 1:50 left. Matt Stefunek scored off a feed from Matt DeRosa to tie at 3-3 with 4:30 left to play.

"I expected nothing less from a Mahopac/Carmel game, always down to the wire," Buckley said. "It's unfortunate it ended in a tie but without Tommy Gilmore in net it could have ended a lot earlier. He made multiple key saves to save the game. A couple lucky or unlucky bounces of the puck and the game

could have gone either way. That's how Mahopac/Carmel games have always been."

The two-game series left the Rams pretty confident.

"We know we can hang with the top teams in the section, even the state," Gamby said. "We only lost to Beekmantown, 2-0, a couple weekends ago and that team is a top ranked team in the state. To make some noise in the playoffs it has to be a team effort. Everyone has to know and do their jobs for us to make a run...."

YORKTOWN crushed Lakeland/Panas, 7-0, Sunday as Husker F Liam Donnelly, just a junior, became the all-time points leader (107) in Husker history on senior night.

"It's an absolute honor to represent Yorktown and become the all-time leader in points," Donnelly said after he, Frank Gavigan and Shaun Benson each scored a pair of goals against the winless Rebels. "I'm very thankful to be with this team and an accomplishment like this is credited to the team and players past who have helped me achieve this. This is more a team accomplishment than



Mahopac's Matthew Stefunek steps up to challenge Carmel's Tyler Alfonzetti in Friday 3-3 tie at BIA.

an individual one."

The Huskers hope the strong finish is a portent of things to come.

"We're all really hyped up," Donnelly said. "We're starting to get hot at the right time and we are confident we can make a run."

HEN HUD took out John Jay-CR, 3-2, on goals by Brett Hanson, Tyler Schunk, and Anthony Percacciolo.

Wrestling Notebook

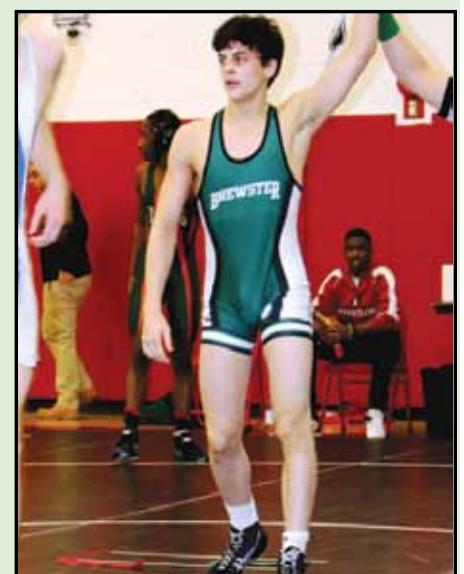
Brewster's Cuomo on Freakish Pace Toward School Record

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

Brewster's Grant Cuomo is chalking up wins on the wrestling mats at a ridiculous pace, the kind of pace that will one day leave all other Brewster wrestlers in the dust. After the freshman chalked up his 100th win last Saturday while winning a divisional title at Sleepy Hollow, he is freakishly ahead of the pace for the Brewster record for career wins (169 by both Mike Parise and Liam Erickson) and perhaps on pace to become Section 1's all-time winningest grappler.

"Grant has been wrestling his whole life," Bear Coach Tom Looby said. "He is extremely passionate about the sport and enters every match with the same intensity and quiet confidence. Grant is tenacious, has the right mind set, and is able to remain calm and wrestle smart at all times."

Bears Joe Petrogallo and Joe Petrogallo also recorded his 100th win as Brewster advanced 12 wrestlers to the Sectionals,



Brewster freshman Grant Cuomo.

including champions Cuomo, Tom Kozal and Nick McGill.

"That's the most ever for us," Coach Looby said of the dozen who will compete at sectionals.



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