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Fate of DiPippo in Hands of Jury as Deliberations Begin

By Neal Rentz and David Propper

After weeks of testimony, dozens of witnesses, and a magnifying glass on the second floor of the new Putnam County Courthouse, the outcome of the Anthony DiPippo murder trial fell into the hands of the jury as deliberations began last Friday and continue into this week.

DiPippo, 40, is on trial for the third time for the brutal 1994 rape and murder of 12-year-old Josette Wright, a local Carmel teen whose body was discovered a couple years later. DiPippo has been found guilty twice for the crime, but each time the conviction was overturned on appeal. He's spent the last 20 years in prison. Andrew Krivak, 39, is sitting in jail for the rape and murder, as well.

During the prosecution's closing statement on Friday, Assistant District Attorney Larry Glasser said jewelry found in the van where he said Josette Wright was raped and murdered by the defendant were key pieces of evidence. During the

'The evidence in this case is compelling and it is overwhelming.'
Putnam ADA Larry Glasser

initial search of the van by police in May 1995 two rings owned by the victim were discovered, he said. The second search of the van, which was performed in a "full blown" manner by police, discovered another ring and an earring owned by the

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PARC Hosts Biggest Single Fundraiser for Putnam Non-Profit



Putnam ARC, the leading provider of services for people with developmental disabilities in Putnam County hosted its 24th Annual Cablethon on Thursday, September 29, and raised over \$32,000 to support its extensive programs and services for people with disabilities. Hosted by PARC's Executive Director Susan Limongello and longtime PARC supporter Kevin Bailey (both in photo above), the two-hour broadcast celebrated its commitment to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their highest quality of life and applaud the agency and staff members' many accomplishments. The event, which first broadcast in 1992, has been PARC's single largest fundraiser each year for the past 24 years. This year's live broadcast included discussions of current issues in the area of developmental disabilities; several local leaders visited and members of the business community and PARC participants and family members were interviewed. PARC has been a part of the community since 1954. To learn more about PARC and the services and advocacy provided, call 845-278-PARC or log onto www.PutnamARC.org.

Odell Defends Administration, Presents Budget Under Tax Cap

By David Propper

During her budget address Thursday night, County Executive MaryEllen Odell came out on the offensive to defend the actions of her administration while presenting a proposed budget that once again fell under the ever shrinking tax cap.

For the fifth year in a row, the county will stay within the mandated New York State tax cap, with the operating costs totaling \$153.1 million. That equals a net increase of 1.7 percent over the 2016 budget or a 1.1 percent spending increase. An average home assessed at \$260,000 would pay an increase of ten dollars or an average of \$1,018 in overall property taxes

allotted to the county.

Some of the minutia within the budget included a \$1.2 million bump in retiree and employee health insurance, \$1 million more due to step longevity increases and pending contract negotiations, and actually a \$730,000 decrease in the state pension expense. Odell said this year would be the county's final payoff to go toward pension debt, which is pegged for \$2.4 million.

The general fund money pulled will be \$3.6 million, which is \$500,000 less than a year ago. Odell emphasized, as she has done in her past addresses, the state mandates the county needs to cover represents 70 percent of the budget.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
County Executive MaryEllen Odell

When addressing the health insurance for workers - a controversial point last year - Odell said the county continues to seek alternatives like the Medigap program to relieve those health costs. The optional, voluntary plan was presented to the county Legislature earlier this year and is a discussion that would continue over the next 6-8 weeks, Odell said, hoping it's a "win-win" for the county and retirees.

Odell attempted to counter "misleading opinions" that have been lobbed at her administration over the last couple of years. Odell argued county bonding and spending have been responsible, instead of "out of control."

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Bus Drivers for County Still Fighting for Vacation Pay from Former Company

By David Propper

Although it's been two years, bus drivers that navigate Putnam County on a daily basis are still holding out hope that the former company that used to control the county bus system pays the vacation time they believe they're owed.

Drivers were left stunned and upset after First Transit didn't pay up vacation time money they apparently owed drivers. First Transit departed from serving the county after it was replaced by MV Transit in 2014. Bus driver and Patterson resident Frank D'Anna has been fighting to get the vacation pay for his fellow workers for two years as a private citizen, exploring different avenues, but to no avail.

D'Anna said according to the contract, any vacation time that was accrued one year should have been carried over to the following year. Dozens of bus drivers had built up vacation time for 2013 that should have been carried over to 2014, but when First Transit left after not getting another deal with the county, the company informed workers they wouldn't get the additional money, D'Anna claims. Some drivers missed out on less than \$1,000 while others could've received several thousand dollars.

"They actually relied on those vacation weeks to get by and they had to beg, borrow, and steal for all that money,"

D'Anna said of fellow drivers.

Depending on how many years a driver has been with the county, they can get between one week and four weeks vacation time. Overall, there is a pot of \$75,000 owed to all drivers, D'Anna argued. D'Anna said First Transit can even send the check to him and he'll do the work to split it up accordingly.

He said if there is an attorney that would want to take the up the case, D'Anna would love to file a class action lawsuit against the company.

When reached for comment, a First Transit spokesman said the company considered the matter close, and noted the National Labor Relations Board sided with the company over the drivers.

"First Transit responded to the charge proving that all employees were paid in accordance of the terms of the collective bargaining agreement recognized at the time of cessation of operations," the spokesman stated. "On October 31, 2014, the National Labor Relations Board dismissed the charge for insufficient evidence. The company considers the matter closed."

Other drivers that now work for MV Transit, but formerly of First Transit expressed frustration, anger, and disappointment over losing the vacation money, even a couple years afterward.

Michelle Maglio said the drivers were

punished when First Transit didn't get the contract from the county, even though the vacation time was owed to them.

"I live paycheck to paycheck, so that made a world of difference in my world to not be able to have that money," Maglio said.

Carmel resident Bobby Palazzo said he was pissed. Even though First Transit lost the contract, it had nothing to do with the drivers that were loyal to the company and riders they served. He noted many drivers live paycheck to paycheck and to lose any additional money hurts.

"We were entitled to that money, we earned it," Palazzo said. "They left a lot of people high and dry, a lot of loyal employees that have been here for years."

Another driver, Vito Salzarulo, who has been around since 1992, said he would expect an international corporation to pay up their "debts" and was shocked when the labor board didn't side with the workers. He said hiring an attorney would just be more of an expense with no guarantee of an equitable return, a conundrum many bus drivers face.

"Upset wouldn't be the proper word," Salzarulo said. "I was a little more than that."

Salzarulo, Palazzo, and D'Anna all said they wished the county got involved more with the vacation pay fight on behalf of the workers. D'Anna said it was suggested

to him by a county supervisor that the county not complete full payment owed to First Transit until the busing company gave the bus drivers the vacation money. That scenario never occurred and the county fulfilled their final payments to the company.

"They all know that they owe us money," D'Anna said.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell said the county didn't have the leverage to get First Transit to give the vacation pay the drivers believed they were owed. She didn't have discussions with First Transit because they weren't working for the county any longer.

Odell did note that when MV Transit came into the county, she advocated all the drivers from First Transit be carried over to the new company and that their hourly rate remain the same.

"I told them it was important to us that they keep them in their employment," Odell said.



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Lawsuit to Stymie Crossroads 312 Project Tossed

By David Propper

The Article 78 lawsuit against the Crossroads 312 development and the Town of Southeast was dismissed on Sep. 30, eliminating any legal hurdles left for the highly contentious zoning change the town board approved more than a year ago.

New York State Justice Paul Marx ruled the court cannot find that the Southeast town board failed to conduct the kind of inquiry required by SEQRA, calling their work "rationale and reasonable." The town board voted, Marx said, to reflect the goals of the Comprehensive Plan that seek to "balance economic growth with the preservation of the town's rural character" and "represents sensible planning for the community overall."

Marx concluded the town board's legislative process "gave careful and rigorous consideration of the zoning change and its ramifications."

The dismissal ends a lawsuit that was filed more than a year ago in June by four Tonetta Lake neighborhood residents, who live right off Route 312 and claimed to be adversely affected by the decision. Now that the Article 78 is thrown out, the Crossroads 312 project, headed by developer Harold Lepler, can now begin the site plan approval process.

On a Feb. 26, 2015 councilmembers Liz Hudak, Bob Cullen, and Edwin Alvarez



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Last year, Crossroads 312 was a major controversy in Southeast with more than 100 residents coming out for the public hearing.

voted to amend the zoning code from Rural Commercial zoning to Highway Commercial zoning that would allow for a hotel and larger scale retail while Supervisor Tony Hay voted against it. Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt was absent from the meeting, but would have voted against the change along with Hay.

The three Southeast councilmembers who voted for the measure pointed to more jobs, tax revenue, and economic growth, like bringing a hotel to the area. Hay and Eckardt argued that the project

would increase traffic and change the character of the town, while not providing many, if any benefits.

Hay, in an email, said the town had no comment on the dismissal. Willis Stephens, who is the town attorney, represented Southeast during the case.

Attorney for Crossroads 312, Richard O'Rourke, was pleased with the final result.

"People have opinions with respect to development, but what you have to really take into account is that when you're at



NYS Justice Paul Marx dismissed the Article 78 against the developer and Town of Southeast.

an interstate there are opportunities for good quality development which not only contributes to the economic fabric of a town, but also allows for good tax rates that provide taxes to make your school districts better and those are important things," O'Rourke said. "There has to be a balance and there is a balance between development and open space areas."

Attorney for the residents, James Bacon, could not be reached for comment, though when the lawsuit was filed, he said that the zoning change by the town board was an "abuse of their discretion."

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Patterson Judge Remembered for Fairness on the Bench

By David Propper

John E. King, a longtime Patterson town judge, was remembered last week by family, friends and numerous dignitaries following his death on Oct. 3 at Putnam Hospital Center.

With a line almost out the door at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster for those mourners waiting to pay their final respects, it's pretty clear that when he was alive, King, a former New York State trooper, left a lasting impact across the judicial and law enforcement community. He was 72.

King was born in the Bronx in 1943 and

eventually graduated from Brewster High School in 1961. Following high school, he served honorably in the United States Army. He married Geraldine Lambe and the two shared a home in Putnam Lake for 49 years.

Following his service as a NYS trooper for 20 years, King retired in 1988 and became a town justice in Patterson shortly after, where he worked until his death--an impressive span of almost three decades on the job.

King was also active in the community, as a former commander in the American Legion, a past grand knight with the

Knights of Columbus and past president of the Putnam County Magistrates Associate. He also coached little league and was a cub and Boy Scout troop leader, according to his obituary.

People at his wake had only sterling words to say about him.

Putnam County Justice James Reitz said King was a good friend and a mentor to him that always gave him great advice. When Reitz became a judge in the Town of Carmel, King was there to train Reitz and work with him to help make a difference in the community.

Reitz will always remember how King



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John King, a Patterson judge, died on Oct. 3 at the age of 72.

advised him to treat everyone before the court fairly and listen to every side before making up his mind. Make a decision based on the facts, King would stress to Reitz.

Reitz called King a "man of conviction"

"Judge King was just a gentleman and just a great guy and he'll be missed," Reitz said.

Southeast Councilman Bob Cullen recalls the conversations he and King had when he came to pick up his wife from Southeast town hall, who worked as a court clerk. While King sat and waited for her, he and Cullen, both former police officers would chat about their time on the job.

Cullen remembers how King used to describe working in Putnam County in the middle of the night when the county was even more rural and radio communication was incredibly poor. King would tell Cullen each trooper was on their own.

"He was a nice guy, very direct and he was a pleasant guy to talk to," Cullen said.

Besides his wife Geraldine, King is survived by his two children, Jeffrey T. King and his wife Gabriela of Carmel, and Robyn L. Spennicchia and her husband Richard of Patterson; five grandchildren; Nicholas, Ryan, Jamie Lynn, Sophia and Olivia. Also, his brother-in-law, John Steinhardt and sisters-in-law, Mary King and Elaine Steinhardt and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and one great-great niece.

Before the county budget address Thursday, Legislature Chairwoman and Patterson resident Ginny Nacerino said King was a wonderful man and his heart was as big as his tall frame. The two knew each other from Nacerino's time on the Patterson town board and from the same church.

"Everyone loved him in the community," Nacerino said. "He was fair and a very good person."

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NWH Organ Donation Drive Looks to Boost Registration Numbers

By Andrew Vitelli

Eight-and-a-half years ago, Brewster resident Bill Becker was told he had eight months to live. Two months later, Becker received a kidney transplant, and this weekend Becker was outside Starbucks in Mt. Kisco urging residents to sign up as donors themselves.

"Without an organ donor, I'd be dead," Becker stated. "People become heroes when they become an organ donor. I don't even know who my organ donor is, but every day I think of her and just smile."

The Mt. Kisco location was one of eight sites across the northern part of the county signing up new donors, as Northern Westchester Hospital teamed up with LiveOnNY for a donor registration drive Thursday. The goal is to get more New Yorkers to register, as the state ranks last in the country in the percentage of residents registered as donors.

"Our population in this state remains poorly informed, or worse, misinformed, about organ donation," explained Joel Seligman, the president and CEO of Northern Westchester Hospital. "There are many more people in need than there are organs available because of the lack of organ donation."

One misconception Seligman says he frequently encounters is that people with certain medical histories cannot be organ donors. Another is that some religions ban

'I don't even know who my organ donor is, but every day I think of her and just smile.' - Brewster resident Bill Becker

organ donation; in fact, Seligman says, "the overwhelming majority of clergy across all religions is overwhelmingly supportive of this."

"There's a saying in fundraising that the number one reason people don't donate is because nobody asks them," Seligman continued. "I think New York lags behind the country in educating their population."

Whether or not the state lags behind in education, it certainly lags in results. Just 27 percent of New Yorkers are registered organ donors, compared with 50 percent nationwide. As a result, around 10,000 people in the state are on the waiting list for organ donations, and every 18 hours someone dies while waiting for a donor, according to LiveOnNY.

"One person can save eight lives," explained Mt. Kisco resident Marie



ANDREW VITELLI PHOTO

(Left to right) Northern Westchester Hospital nurse Pamela Werner, Brewster resident Bill Becker, and Mt. Kisco resident Marie Pitasi helped register organ donors Thursday outside Starbucks in Mt. Kisco.

Pitasi, who volunteered alongside Becker Thursday in Mt. Kisco. Pitasi received a kidney transplant two-and-a-half years ago, and she believes sharing her success story will inspire more people to donate. "If you're out there and showing people how important this is and how well you feel after the donation, that really inspires people to want to donate."

Other communities holding registration drives Thursday included Armonk, Bedford, Chappaqua, Pound

Ridge, and Somers. Seligman said the event could be continued and expanded in the future.

"Wherever I went, there was a good conversation going on," said Seligman. "I'm sure we stimulated a lot of people to go back to their families and speak about it."

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victim was discovered in piles of dirt and coins, Glasser told the jury.

Glasser said one of his key witnesses, Denise Rose, provided important information to the jury. Rose testified that she was next to Wright in the van and was witness to the alleged rape and murder. "There was no evidence of coercion" by the police when she told them she witnessed the crimes, as the defense has claimed, Glasser said.

"The evidence in this case is compelling and it is overwhelming," Glasser said.

Glasser said there was no conspiracy or agenda by police to get Anthony DiPippo convicted, calling DiPippo a "nobody."

Glasser brushed aside that convicted sex offender Howard Gombert committed the crime, questioning if he even knew Wright and why Gombert would confess a crime to inmates in a Connecticut prison he barely knew and that could land him further jail time. The defense team argued that Gombert was in fact responsible for the rape and murder.

In closing statements, defense attorney Marc Agnifilo said the sheriff's department didn't prove the case, but "made the murder case." He particularly hammered former sheriff investigator Pat Castaldo and Rose.

He described Castaldo as "not an

honest person" and an "operator who wants to make this murder." Agnifilo said Castaldo and Rose together made for a "dangerous mixture."

Rose, who admittedly was a heavy drug user, only gave up DiPippo and Krivak, Agnifilo said, after she went on a crime spree in 1996 and was facing hard jail time. Once Rose gave Castaldo the information she needed, her charges were knocked down to an inconsequential punishment, he said. She also dated DiPippo for a time, and saw him the day after the alleged crime took place, Agnifilo said.

Agnifilo also pointed out that the biggest statement in the case where Rose implicated DiPippo, wasn't on a sworn paper that stipulated if it were untrue, Rose could be charged with perjury.

"Biggest statement in the whole case," Agnifilo said. "Something's wrong."

He continued to state Wright wasn't even killed on Oct. 3, 1996 because two people saw her alive days after and neither had a reason to lie. They only changed their timeline after pressure from Castaldo, Agnifilo contended.

Agnifilo argued the van where the crime allegedly took place wasn't even the focus--instead a gray bronco--until that van was seized in an unrelated drug bust. He reiterated a mechanic that testified said the van was also inoperable when the

crime apparently took place and he had no reason to lie.

There was also no DNA, blood, hair or fiber found in the van after a thorough search done by sheriff officials, Agnifilo said. The layout of the van, which had two seats in the front and two seats in the back, made it "impossible" for the rape to occur in the vehicle, Agnifilo added.

Agnifilo tried to plant the blame on Gombert, claiming he had a pattern of crimes that were similar to Wright's death like stuffing clothing in the victims mouth and tying them up. While he conceded DiPippo isn't a perfect person, "this crime is on a totally different planet."

Before each side gave their closing statements, Castaldo, the center of this case, faced immense heat on the stand from the defense, questioning his methods during the investigation that led him to DiPippo and Krivak. Castaldo said he learned DiPippo was involved from former friend Dominick Neglia.

He then got a break in the case when Rose apparently blurted out near the end of a police interview that DiPippo and Krivak raped, murdered, and left Wright in the woods and she witnessed it all.

Agnifilo got Castaldo to acknowledge that he lied to witnesses like Rose and Neglia before getting statements, but that it was a legal police strategy to get

information.

Castaldo also testified that he didn't know Neglia was a special education student at Brewster High School when he interviewed him without the presence of an adult. He confirmed he sent Neglia to try to get information from DiPippo as a confidential informant, but didn't provide any police backup for him.

Castaldo also called it an "oversight" when he didn't have Rose give a statement on a piece of paper that would make her subject to perjury if it were untrue. He

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said his boss wanted that statement typed, which is why the usual sworn document wasn't used.

Castaldo resigned from the sheriff's office in 2014 and last year he faced charges when Adam Levy was the district attorney stemming from a police brutality case leveled against him. His indictment was thrown out though by a judge and is now being appealed.

The day before on Wednesday, Agnifilo called Joseph Santoro, who shared a prison with Gombert. The defense tried to establish that Gombert committed the

crime instead of DiPippo and Krivak.

Santoro testified that Gombert told him in 2011 that he had sex with Wright and that "two suckers" were convicted for her grisly murder. He took notes of the encounter with Gombert and when he was transferred to Putnam County Correctional Facility in Carmel, Santoro had what he described was a chance run-in with DiPippo. When Santoro shared the notes with DiPippo, DiPippo was overcome with emotion, according to his testimony.

"He was almost in tears," Santoro said. "He couldn't believe that I had these

notes."

But Glasser, the prosecutor, questioned why Santoro held onto these notes for several months instead of going to an officer in the prison or telling a friend or family member. Santoro said he told his mother over the phone at one point.

Santoro also said he didn't want to be a "snitch" and it was a "tough thing" for him to come forward, calling it a "moral dilemma."

Glasser got Santoro to testify that Gombert didn't mention how Wright died, how he killed her, and what he did with the body, and Santoro acknowledged that he's friends with a niece of Krivak. Glasser tried to paint the entire sequence of events as too much of a coincidence to actually have Gombert confess to him and then run into DiPippo shortly after.

Three other defense witnesses came to the stand before the defense team rested its case.

Gennaro DiSimone, a mechanic who worked on the van owned by Krivak's father that was allegedly used in the crime, claims the van was immobile for several months in 1994 with flat tires, no license plates, and a leaking coolant. But Glasser point out that the car was still registered, insurance was paid on the van, and license plates were assigned to the vehicle.

Allyson Clokey, who spent summer

school with Wright in 1994, said she was "pretty sure" she saw Wright at the Danbury Mall four days after Wright had apparently been killed. In her original statement to sheriff officials, she said she saw Wright at the mall and they chatted for a few minutes on Oct. 7. But then in three subsequent statements, Clokey took that back and said she actually saw Wright on Sep. 30.

Another witness claimed that Castaldo tried to convince him to make up a statement during the original investigation to implicate DiPippo and Krivak, and he told the investigator "to go to hell." The defense team spent much of their case calling witnesses that recanted accounts that originally helped jail DiPippo in 1997, all of them claiming they were coerced by the sheriff's department.

The seven-woman, five-man jury received the case after receiving instructions from State Supreme Court Justice Victor Alferi and deliberated about 90 minutes on Friday without reaching a verdict.

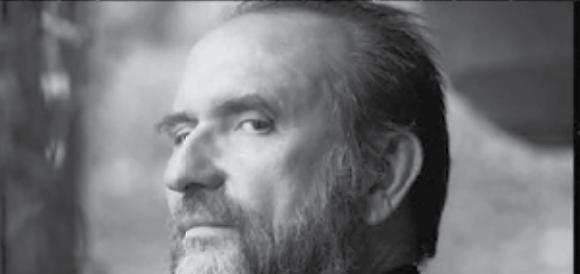
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Odell said the total long-term debt for the county has decreased 15 percent from \$88.3 million in 2007 to \$76.5 million in 2016. During her time in office, the decrease has been 13 percent, Odell noted. Moody's Investor Services, which determines the county's bond rating, cited the county's low debt burden as credit strength in the 2016 report and for the fifth year in a row, gave the county an Aa2 rating. The county's independent auditors said at an Aug. 2016 committee meeting the county's bonding was "responsible."

Odell also said Putnam ranked second lowest in expenditures per capita, according to the New York State Comptroller's report from 2014. The budget has increased \$3 million over the last three fiscal years, Odell added.

Odell also defended the money poured into Tilly Foster Farm to the tune of \$2.4 million. Odell said from 2012-2014, the county spent more than a million dollars "putting band aids on the property" without fixing it completely. With the current bond, a significant portion--more than a million--was used to become code compliant and establish necessary utilities

to enable use of the facility. The rest went toward hard assets that can be used by BOCES for the culinary institutes and hopefully more, Odell said.

"We're committed to ensure that Tilly Foster remains successful to the people of Putnam County for educational and recreational opportunities," Odell said.

Odell also defended the controversial Butterfield lease for the new senior center in Cold Spring. She said the county is paying well below market rate for the space leased and the county is paying half the property taxes for the Lahey Pavilion, and not the entire campus. With



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Legislator Dini LoBue looks on during the presentation.

a growing population of elders on the west side, Odell said the bigger space is imperative.

Legislator Dini LoBue, who has made many of the attack points Odell countered, was left unconvinced. She said in an email Odell failed to discuss economic development in a year dedicated to it and didn't bring forth future plans for the county.

"Certainly with the need to maintain the tax cap, you would think that there would be efforts to also maintain fiscally prudent spending caps on expenditures," LoBue said. "Instead, we have County Executive Odell raiding the reserves to hold the tax cap line. One must question the fiscal policy that relies on spending and more spending."

Also during the address, Odell announced the county golf course would undergo \$100,000 in renovations paid for by revenue generated by the golf course. She also spoke about the Chapter 31 program, in which \$2.7 million has been returned to the county tax rolls and jail board-ins that the sheriff's office runs to bring in revenue.

Odell said the county would go forward with many grant applications in hopes of getting money that doesn't affect local taxes often.

Now for the next month, county legislators will give a further look at the budget with committee meetings many nights to dissect the spending. The public hearing on the budget is Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse and the adoption would be the next night again at 7 p.m.

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Business of the Week

Yorktown Tire Auto Care Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

Yorktown Tire Auto Care has been a family owned institution in Yorktown since 1969.

The business was opened on Commerce Street by Robert Froats, a Mahopac resident, and it is now being owned and operated by his son, Bob, who spoke about it last week. His wife, Mary, is a teacher at Yorktown High School.

The Froats family previously lived in Yorktown for decades and decided to choose to open on Commerce Street because there was a building adjacent



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mahopac resident Bob Froats is continuing the family tradition of owning and operating Yorktown Tire Auto Care, which opened in 1969.

to the current location which featured a garage, where the family rented space. During the period of Urban Renewal, the current location was built and opened in 1977 after they tore down the garage where the space was rented, Froats noted. Yorktown Tire Auto Care now also has a second location on Front Street

Froats did not originally devote his career to the family business, though he worked part-time at it as a college student in the summer months. After graduating from college, Froats worked as a computer programmer at Reader's Digest in Pleasantville, though he thought he would come back to Yorktown Tire in

the future.

"I always thought that I'd want to come back to the business and buy the business from him at some point in time," Froats said. "He sold to me in 1984."

Yorktown Tire Auto Center offers a variety of brands of tires for many types of vehicles, but not large trucks.

Most of Froats' business is devoted to vehicle repairs. Close to 80 percent of his business is vehicle repairs, Froats said. "We are more repair than we are tires," he said.

Most of the business' customers come from Yorktown, Peekskill, Somers and Katonah, Froats said.

The business has gone through many changes over the years, Froats said. "The good thing for consumers is that the cars are so much better today than they had been in the past," he said. "So less things go."

Why has the business thrived for decades? "To be honest with you, it's just perseverance and liking what you do and liking the people that you see come through all the time and being closely knit to the town," Froats said.

Yorktown Tire Auto Care is located at 1909 Commerce St. and 1787 Front St. For more information, call 914-962-2223 or visit YorkTownTire.com.

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Letters to the Editor

County Legislature Should Welcome More Public Dialogue

On Tuesday, October 4, I attended a full Putnam County legislative meeting. When it came time for public comment the audience was warned that comment was limited to items listed on the agenda.

My follow-up question, and one that I have asked several times in the past decade, is why on earth the legislature clings to this archaic and self-serving practice? Why can't constituents ask the questions they want and comment on whatever issues they want.

The tried and (un)true past Legislative responses have ranged from: "The public can comment and ask questions at our

Committee meetings" to "The legislature may not be able to answer the questions posed." The trouble with this "logic" is that it simply isn't true- or even logical. I do attend Committee meetings and it's rare to get answers. Further, if the legislature cannot answer questions posed at the full meeting they can simply say so. In fact, the legislator from the questioner's district could actually get back to him or her with an answer. Bear in mind that our legislators are paid over \$35,000 a year for a part time job. They also have a benefits package that the average citizen would envy.

To Legislator Kevin Wright's credit he suggested that the Legislature change this policy for 2017. Mr. Wright acknowledged that it makes little sense for residents to comment on legislation that has already passed. He's right.

In Southeast our Town Board meeting policy is that public comment is an open forum. Residents (and even non-residents) can step up to the microphone and ask our Town Board whatever they'd like. This is an important and essential form of open government. Interestingly, when you have an accessible, respectful and welcoming government fewer

questions are asked. And when they are, you can be sure that they're enlightening.

To open up the Public Comment portion of the full Putnam County Legislative meeting is reasonable and long overdue. The Legislature should address and amend this procedure as soon as possible.

Lynne Eckardt
Brewster

Eckardt is a councilwoman in the Town of Southeast.

Democrats Stronger in County Than Given Credit For

While I'd like to thank David Propper for his coverage of our new Putnam County Democratic Chair, Jim Borkowski, I do take issue with the claim that, "In recent years, the Democratic Party has struggled to get its candidates elected."

In fact, we have fielded and elected candidates in five out of our six towns. Fifty percent of Putnam's Town Supervisors

are Democrats and we've re-elected town council members in Philipstown, Putnam Valley, Patterson and Southeast. Given the heavily Republican registration in both Patterson and Southeast this is particularly difficult but we have found that voters in Putnam are willing to elect sensible and well-qualified candidates no matter what their party affiliation.

This year we are especially proud of our County Court candidate, Putnam Valley Judge Gina Capone and our candidate for District 6 County Legislator, Jennifer Cassidy. Both women are smart, energetic and well qualified for the office they seek. In a year when temperament means everything we are thrilled to have both Judge Capone and Jen Cassidy ready to

make a positive difference in Putnam County.

Cathy Croft
Town of Southeast Democratic
Chairwoman

Serino's Focus on Education Important for Hudson Valley

For the last two years I have served on Senator Serino's Education Advisory Board. The Board is made up of several teachers representing varying disciplines, principals, a superintendent, school board members and parents. We meet every few months to discuss education policy and share with the Senator and her staff our thoughts as to how public education policy may be improved.

The Senator assembled our group

because she felt the Board of Regents was not thoroughly engaging those who are immersed in the day-to-day realities of public education. She wanted to hear first-hand our thoughts and concerns and how she could best assist in implementing them.

In a time where there talking seems to be the priority, Senator Serino listened. Not only did she listen, but she delivered our message to her colleagues in the State

Senate where several of our suggested items have been taken up and changed in statute.

Some were skeptical as to how effective our Board could be, but we have witnessed results and just recently, at our request, Senator Serino arranged a meeting with the State Education Department Commissioner in Hyde Park. This was not your typical dog and pony show. Commissioner Elia graciously extended

an hour of her time to answer our pointed questions and concerns.

As our Board we pushes forward it is comforting to know that Senator Serino is taking the time to listen to and act upon input from those on the front lines of education as "our representative" in Albany.

Mike McCall
Poughkeepsie

Gipson Criticized for Forcing Green Party Primary

An expensive September primary election was held because Terry Gipson, the Democratic, Working Families, and Women's Equality parties' nominee for New York State Senate District 41, wanted to be on the Green Party line in November. New York State election law does not allow the consolidation of polling places beyond town boundaries so towns across Dutchess County went through the process of setting up polling places. Dutchess County Election Commissioner Erik Haight estimates this primary cost Dutchess County taxpayers approximately \$100,000.

The Green Party doesn't allow a nonparty member to circulate petitions for candidate nominations so a potential candidate has two options. Either convince a Green Party member to circulate a nominating petition or circulate an "Opportunity to Ballot" petition. By choosing the latter option, Gipson forced a primary election.

In Dutchess County there were 390 registered Green Party voters at the time of the primary. In North East/Millerton none of the five Green Party voters showed up to vote. In all of Dutchess County 56 Green Party members turned out to vote, 40 of them wrote in Gipson's name. What a waste of taxpayer money.

Terry Gipson had every right as a citizen to run for office. However, forcing this primary so his name could appear on the Green Party line shows me a fiscally irresponsible candidate. Is having Gipson's name appear a fourth time on the November ballot worth \$100,000 to Dutchess County taxpayers? I don't think so.

Edie Greenwood
North East

Editor's note: Gipson is running against Republican and incumbent Sue Serino.

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Letters to the Editor (cont.)

Reitz Deserves Another Judicial Term

I am writing this letter in support of Judge James Reitz who is running for re-election in Putnam County as a County Court Judge.

Judge Reitz has been an excellent Judge. He has set up the Drug Court in Putnam County for first offenders. As a

result of this Court, the person is given the opportunity to go into a program, which keeps them out of jail and into a strict monitoring program both with the Court and probation checking on his or her adhering to the rules of the program.

This program is effective with the

people in the program, saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars in the cost of sending them to jail.

Additionally he is a very fair Judge handling civil and criminal cases in both the County and Supreme Court.

He also speaks at many civic

organizations about the law.

I believe that Judge Reitz deserves to continue as our County Court Judge for another term.

Ron Cummings
Putnam Valley

Obituaries

Joseph F Russo Sr.

Joseph F Russo Sr., 89, of Mahopac, formerly of Purchase died with his family by his side on October 3, at the Bronx VA. Born September 26, 1927 in White Plains to the late Carlo Russo and Maria Oliva Russo. He was a proud veteran of the US Army having served our country during WWII. In 1961 he married Lillian Castelluccio. Joseph was the owner of A-1 Glass in North White Plains for over 40 years. He loved the Yankees and the Giants and would sit in front of the TV on Sundays watching the football games while eating his spaghetti. His favorite passion was to watch his horses race at Yonkers Raceway; especially Second Storyman and Verhey Quick. Joseph is survived by his children Laura Russo, Joseph F Russo, Jr. (MaryAnne), Lisa Russo Mastropietro (Neil), and Maria Russo-Urbanski (Jason); his grandchildren Samantha, Jessica, Jennifer, Nicole, Abigail, Kaitlyn, Lauryn, Angelo, Jaclyn, Olivia and Sophia; his siblings Theresa Cavellero, Neal (Gloria), Carmela Costable, Arthur (Inge), and Jack; and his two cats, Rex and Funnyface. He was predeceased by his wife Lillian and his brother Anthony.

Veronica O' Day

Veronica Caulfield O' Day, of Yonkers, formerly of Brewster, died Tuesday October 4, at Field Home Holy Comforter. She was 91 years old. Veronica was the second daughter of Benedict J. Caulfield and Veronica Martin Caulfield born on April 4, 1925 in

Yonkers, NY. She graduated from Charles E. Gorton High School in 1943 with honors. On August 30, 1943 she enrolled herself at the Cochran School of Nursing of St. John's Riverside Hospital, shortly after her enrollment the Cadet Nurse Corps was established and she became a Cadet Nurse. She graduated in 1946 where she proudly accepted the Cochran School Alumnae Award for outstanding Scholastics. After graduation she enrolled in the nursing program at NYU where she attended part-time earning her B.S. in nursing education in 1950. On November 3, 1951, Veronica married William M. O' Day in Yonkers. Several years later they adopted two children, James and Anne. After these adoptions Veronica devoted herself to her family. William predeceased her in February 1986. Dr. O' Day worked towards her doctorate in nursing at Pace University. Once she completed the doctoral program Veronica was elected the delegate to the American Nurses Association conventions from NYS District 16 until 1997. She also served as the president and board member actively participating in many activities. Veronica traveled the world. She was active in the consortium of Institutes of Higher Education in health in Europe, and was a member of the North American Consortium of Nursing and allied health. Community service was very important to Veronica, she worked with the American Heart Association, Research Committee of Montrose Veterans administration. She always encouraged nursing research. Dr. O' Day received many awards in her lifetime, her committed work with

Zeta Omega Chapter at-Large won her a jeweled Sigma Theta Tau pin. Her historical video presentations and oral histories won the Sigma Theta Tau Regional Heritage Award. She was the recipient of the first Mae J. Pepper Award. Veronica leaves behind a legacy with more than six publications, and many student's assisted with their schooling. Veronica is survived by her children; James O' Day and Anne O' Day - DioDati, her six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was predeceased by her sister Mary. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday October 15, at 11 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Interment of her ashes will follow at Raymond Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to The New York Foundling, Development Department, 590 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011.

Theresa M. Bird

Theresa M. Bird, 85, of Danbury, CT formerly of Brewster, died on October 5. Mrs. Bird was born on September 9, 1931 to Martin and Rose (Santoro) Albanese in the Bronx. On January 15, 1955 she married the love of her life, Eugene Bird in Long Island and together they were blessed with two children; Eugene, Jr. and Patricia. Before she retired, Mrs. Bird was a School Secretary to the Administrator of the Greenburgh Central School District #7, in Greenburgh. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and a friend to many. She is survived by her two loving children; Eugene M.(Cathy) Bird, Jr. and Patricia (Robert) DeMichele, four cherished grandchildren; Nicole DeMichele, Cody DeMichele, Caitlin Bird, and Emily Bird and one adoring grandchild Noah and each grandchild and great-grandchild held a special place in her heart. She is also survived by her three sisters; Elizabeth Meyer, Catherine Zbinden, and

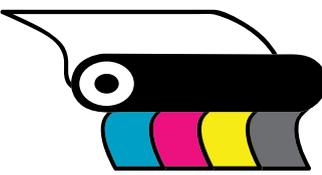
Marie Romano. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Eugene who had passed in 1989 and her brother James Albanese. She will be dearly missed yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

Eva Copeland

Eva Copeland, 86 of Baldwin Place, died on October 6. She was born on October 30, 1929 in Hungary. She was a long time member at St. Stephen's of Hungary in Manhattan. For many years she worked as a self employed hairdresser and cosmetologist. Eva is survived by her loving daughter Katherine Sgroi, five adoring grandchildren Dawn Renee Grocz, Paul Grocz, Nicole (Brian) Zusi, Jennifer Sgroi, Christopher Sgroi and her cherishing great grand daughter Alessandra Zusi. She is predeceased by her daughter Eva Emilia Grocz.

Ronald W. Schilpp

Ronald W. Schilpp, of Mahopac, died on Thursday October 6, at the age of 78. He was born in Brooklyn, on September 22, 1938, the son of William E. and F. Jane (Tillier) Schilpp. Ron was raised in Hempstead before moving to Mahopac 38 years ago. While in Hempstead, he was a member of the Hempstead Volunteer Fire Department where he served as captain of Engine #2 and the racing team. He also served as secretary of the department. When he moved to Mahopac, he joined the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department. In his many years in the Mahopac Department he served as a member of the board of fire commissioners, the office of service awards secretary and was a member of Engine Co. 2. Ron retired in 2000 from EJ Electric of Long Island City, NY. EJ Electric was a contractor with the United Nations in NY City and Ron was the technical director there as well as a videographer. In that capacity he had met many heads of state and celebrities through the years. On July 9, 1966 he married Patricia Hagan in Pierrepont Manor. In addition to Pat, he is survived by his daughters, Debra Alexander and her husband Steven of Hopewell Junction, Denise Goodrow and her husband Ronald of Mahopac and Danielle Schilpp of Carmel, and his granddaughters, Rachel, Emma, Monica and Madison.



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Support Connection Has Another Inspiring Support-A-Walk

On Oct 2, Support Connection hosted its 21st annual Support-A-Walk at FDR Park bringing Westchester and Putnam breast and ovarian cancer survivors and their families together, as well as those still battling and those that have lost a loved one to the disease. To learn more, visit www.supportconnection.org.

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Green Chimneys Makes its Broadway Debut

The lights are bright on Broadway for Green Chimneys, thanks to Morgan Stanley and its dynamic multi-media campaign to build awareness of the nonprofits the company supports. "Lights on Broadway" offers Green Chimneys a unique opportunity to shine a light on the benefits of animal-assisted activities for children with special needs on a most prominent stage: New York City's Times Square.

During the month of October, NYC residents, business people, and tourists can look up and learn about the power of the human-animal bond and its value in helping children who face social, emotional and behavioral challenges. The digital billboards illuminating the exterior Morgan Stanley's NYC headquarters on Broadway and 48th Street prominently display images of Green Chimneys children and the farm friends that have come to mean so much to them. Viewers are invited to share a photo of their own favorite animal friend by posting online with #greenchimneys.

"For over 10 years, Morgan Stanley has been an outstanding philanthropic partner to Green Chimneys and a model of corporate citizenship," says Green Chimneys Executive Director Joe Whalen. "We are extremely proud to be a part of this exciting and informative communications effort."

The faces depicted in the 40-second presentation represent what is possible when children with special needs connect with animals and nature. These special interactions can help children who face an array of social and emotional challenges to discover their strengths, build self-esteem, and develop the coping skills they need. "My child's year at Green Chimneys was a true turning point," shares the parent of a child featured in one of the images. "The opportunity to be with the animals and in nature facilitated the growth and change our child needed in order to flourish."

Visitors to Times Square will be able to experience the excitement throughout the month of October but those who can't make it in person can still support the human-animal bond by posting a favorite animal photo and tagging #greenchimneys.

Headquartered on a farm in Brewster, with a second campus in Carmel, Green Chimneys is recognized as a worldwide leader in animal-assisted therapy and educational activities for children with special needs. The organization was founded in 1947 by Samuel B. "Rollo" Ross, Jr., who at just 19 years old, was inspired by his childhood boarding school experiences and a genuine devotion to animals to create an environment where children and animals could live together



PROVIDED PHOTO

Green Chimneys is a nonprofit organization helping young people to maximize their full potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature.

in a farm setting.

The Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center is home to over 200 animals and is a primary component of Green Chimneys' educational and therapeutic programs. Animal-assisted activities range from play with a dog, cat or rabbit during a session with a trained adult, to assisting with everyday tasks of feeding, grooming

and collecting eggs, to comprehensive activities such as therapeutic horseback riding. Beneficial nature-based activities also include horticulture therapy including greenhouse and garden work, adventure activities, and a dog interaction and training program to help prepare rescued dogs for adoption.

PARC leaders Win Putnam Community Service Network Awards

Putnam ARC, the leading provider of services for people with developmental disabilities in Putnam County, is proud to announce that PARC Executive Director Susan Limongello and Mid-Hudson Brain Injury Center Director Dr. Lois Tannenbaum received awards at the annual Putnam Community Service Network Awards Breakfast.

The 31st annual event, held on October 5, at the Putnam County Golf Club, recognizes the accomplishments of Putnam County volunteers, non-profits, and public servants.

Limongello was honored with the Professional Career Recognition Award. The award is given to an active professional currently working in Putnam County who has served full time in the community and human services field for at least 15 years during her career. Susan was nominated and won for her 37 years as a leader in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and her 16 years as PARC's executive director. Susan has taken PARC to levels over her tenure and has put PARC "on the map" as an agency with progressive ideas and programs. Susan is known among her peers as someone who works tirelessly to improve the lives of people with disabilities in Putnam County and across the State.

Tannenbaum, who directs the Mid-Hudson Brain Injury Center, a division of PARC, was honored with the Joe Gomez Memorial Advocacy Award. This award is given to an individual in Putnam County who has, in the preceding year, put forth extraordinary advocacy efforts, resulting in a redeemed social condition or enhanced service to a particular cause. Lois was nominated and won for her advocacy for people with brain injury. As a result of her encouragement, hard work, and determination, PARC opened the Mid-Hudson Brain Injury Center, based in Carmel, in September 2015. Lois continually advocates not just for the individuals she serves but also for their families and caregivers.

"We are thrilled for Susan and Lois and it is an honor to have PARC recognized as a valued member of our local community," said PARC Board President Susan Lucas. "This kind of recognition is so important to highlight the work of both Susan and Lois and the work that PARC does for people with disabilities each and every day."

To learn more about PARC's extensive programs and services for people with disabilities, please log onto our website, www.putnamarc.org or call 845-278-PARC.



RAND BRIDGET OTTEN PHOTO

PARC Executive Director Susan Limongello, left, and Mid-Hudson Brain Injury Director Dr. Lois Tannenbaum at the 2016 Putnam Community Service Network Awards breakfast on Oct. 5.

The Difference Between the Look-Back Period and the Penalty Period

By Salvatore DiCostanzo

The look-back period is very different from the penalty period and as always the rules are different depending on whether you are seeking Medicaid to cover the cost of homecare or nursing home care. Conceptually, the look-back period is the period where asset transfers may impact your eligibility for Medicaid. The penalty period is the consequence of transferring such assets. First, I will discuss the rules pertaining to nursing home eligibility followed by the less stringent rules for homecare.

For nursing home eligibility, the look-back period is the sixty (60) month period preceding the date that you enter a nursing home AND apply for Medicaid. For instance, if you enter a nursing home on November 1, 2016 and seek Medicaid eligibility beginning on that date, the look-back period is the period beginning on November 1, 2011 and ending on November 1, 2016.

From a practical perspective, this means that the local Medicaid office will require that you submit financial records for this entire period for review. Generally, the local Medicaid office will review all transactions in excess of \$3,000.00.

While outside the scope of this writing, it is important to note that for purposes of determining the aggregate value of transfers during the look-back



period, not all transfers are subject to the calculation of a penalty. For instance, transfers to spouses are exempt transfers as well as transfers to or for the benefit of a disabled child. There are also certain exempt transfers that can be made when transferring your homestead. If transfers are discovered, they will be aggregated and subjected to the calculation of a penalty period.

The penalty period is calculated by dividing the total amount of transfers by a regional rate and is always represented in months. The regional rate differs by County. By way of example, if you transfer an aggregate of \$100,000.00 during the

look-back period and the regional rate in your County is approximately \$10,000.00, the penalty period will be 10 months (\$100,000.00 divided by \$10,000.00). This means that Medicaid will not pay for your nursing home for the ten (10) month period beginning on November 1, 2016 and ending on August 31, 2017.

Contrary to what you may hear, Medicaid does not make you retrieve the assets you transferred. Quite frankly, it's not their problem. They will simply deny coverage for the penalty period. This means that you need to figure out how to pay privately for the nursing home during the penalty period. This could potentially cause a serious financial issue if those assets cannot be made available for your care.

For homecare purposes, there is no look-back period and likewise, no penalty for transferring assets. Assume you seek caregivers to assist with your activities of daily living beginning November 1, 2016. If you transfer your assets in the month of October, leaving you with no more than \$14,850.00 in assets, you will be eligible for homecare services beginning November 1, 2016.

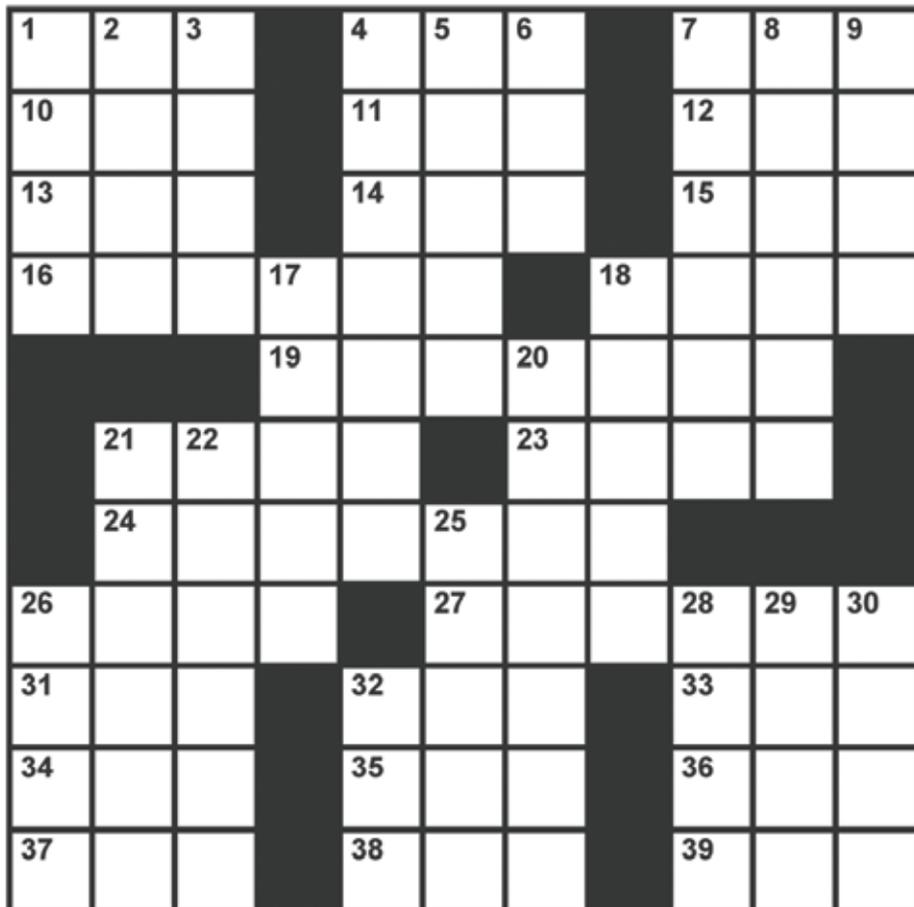
While the penalty period is somewhat unavoidable, the look-back period must be contemplated in advance. Many of the planning techniques we implement

'Medicaid does not make you retrieve the assets you transferred. Quite frankly, it's not their problem. They will simply deny coverage for the penalty period. This means that you need to figure out how to pay privately for the nursing home during the penalty period.'

as elder law attorneys involve the transfer of assets, usually to a Medicaid Trust. If you wait too long, you will be caught by the wide cast net of the look-back period ultimately resulting in spending your assets for the cost of care.

We are available to assist you in navigating these complex principles. Please visit our website at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com for more information or feel free to schedule a consultation by contacting us at 914-245-2440 or by e-mail at smd@mfd-law.com.

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 18

Across

1. Mule
4. Goes with eggs for breakfast
7. NBC rival
10. Nay's opposite
11. Former name of Tokyo
12. ___ carte
13. Ancient boat
14. Surprised expression
15. Macadamia or kola
16. Cut
18. Extra
19. Seminole warrior or Baldwin place auto repair, _____ Garage
21. Flu symptom
23. Wharf
24. Outline
26. Bunch
27. Belonging to singer Rodgers or Carmel rug & hardwood floor outlet, _____ Carpet One
31. No longer chic
32. Tarnish
33. Not well
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35. Month, for short
36. "America the Beautiful" closer
37. Loser at Antietam
38. Home improvement network
39. Little devil

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1. Maid in India
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3. Short story master

4. Earphones
5. Like some committees
6. Extinct relative of the emu
7. Kind of oil
8. DVD alternative
9. Make content
17. Ammunition charge
18. Lament over a loss
20. An official charged with the care of the horses of princes or nobles
21. Impeach
22. Chin beard
25. Safari sight
26. The "Motown Sound"
28. Not yet final, at law
29. The original "matter"
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32. Hopping ___

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The Joy of Weeding When it Stays Weeded

This has always been my favorite time of year to weed because when I yank those nasty invaders, they all stay weeded and I don't have to worry about the chore again until next spring.

But I speak out of both sides of my mouth because I actually enjoy weeding. To me it's therapy, and it's a compulsive activity.

It never fails. I'll be in a rush to meet a client, dashing to my garage across my parking area, covered with crushed bluestone, and I'll spy a tiny fleck of green peeking through the gravel. I must stop to pull it out.

When I bend over, I drop my car keys, my glasses fall out of my shirt pocket and, if the weed is deep-rooted, like a dandelion, my hands get dirty, requiring that I return to the house to wash them after the deed is done.

Or I'm coming home very late, dead tired and I notice that, almost like spontaneous combustion, that nasty grout weed has all but consumed a clump of perennial geraniums. It's getting dark but there I am, stooped over



By Bill Primavera

again, releasing those delicate flowers from the clutches of that hostile invader.

Worse yet, we might be entertaining guests on our patio and, in my peripheral vision, I detect another unwelcome visitor in a nearby flower bed. Nonchalantly, I'll push myself out of my glider, perhaps in the middle of a sentence and conduct an enemy attack without missing a beat. Annoyed, my wife later tells me that I must not have been giving full attention to our guests.

Yes, I confess. I'm a compulsive weeder.

When I first discovered the joys of gardening as a youngster, it was all about planting annuals and seeing quick results. But by the time I was in high school, perhaps in dealing with my impetuous nature, I found that I equally enjoyed pulling weeds to help ease those first bouts of post-adolescent anxiety.

My weeding addiction became full blown as an adult when I moved to Westchester from the city and my responsibilities were upgraded from a

small square patch of earth in front of my house, where a sickly ginkgo tree sprang from the concrete sidewalk, to a verdant acre-and-a-half of lawn and garden.

At the same time, I had started a new job and commuted a long distance every weekday to report to a boss who was the "Mr. Hyde" personality of all time. My weeding activity was especially intense during that period. Every time I yanked a weed, it was as though I was vicariously yanking his head bald, even though he was already bald.

Lest one think that I need intervention, I would say that there are good compulsive habits and this might be one of them.

Considering that a single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds, and that those seeds arrive through a multilevel attack from the air, rain runoff and bird droppings, weeding would seem to be a losing battle. But there are preventative measures that can help diminish sprouting weeds.

Just keep up with the following:

- Uproot the offenders and place them in the compost pile before they go to seed.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch. A three- to four-inch layer of mulch applied

between plants or garden rows can slow down or in many cases prevent the re-growth of weeds.

- In the spring, after preparing the soil for planting, let it set for seven to 10 days. Then work the surface of the soil with a hoe. This will slice off the newly emerged weed seedlings. If you have time before planting, let the soil rest another week or so and hoe again.
- Cover the soil for a short while with black plastic, but don't leave it on for more than a couple of months because the soil needs air and water to remain healthy.
- Use those vertical barriers, such as wood, metal or heavy plastic edging to prevent grass and weeds from encroaching from lawn to garden.

And be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: "Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste."

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The Chinese Go to Extreme Heights to Produce Better Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

The burgeoning Chinese economy of the last decade, notwithstanding the recent slowdown, has afforded millions of citizens the opportunity to rise above their agrarian poverty.

Moving into new government-created, and subsidized, urban centers, they have landed jobs and careers unheard of in prior generations. This new-found good fortune has given rise to an ever-increasing standard of living for skilled workers, and, as a byproduct of this prosperity, wallets filled with disposable income and a voracious appetite for status symbols.

And the Chinese are indulging themselves. From new cars to first-time vacation homes, they are emulating – and spending – like Westerners in the heyday of the last decade. Personal-consumption spending has also been rising. The Chinese have developed an affinity – some might say an insatiable appetite – for that Western hallmark of good living: fine wine.

Over the last decade, more Chinese have begun to consume wine than ever

before. From inexpensive Western imports to mediocre (at best) domestically produced wines, sales have increased exponentially.

The Chinese have developed a palate, and a proclivity, for red wines. A significant influence on this preference is attributable to a centuries-old belief in the power of the color red as a symbol of good luck.

And not just the red wine in a bottle; also the red color of the label on a bottle. Sales of high-end French red wines, notably Bordeaux, especially those with red labels, such as Petrus and Chateau Lafite, are booming as status symbols to impress fellow countrymen.

To meet the overall demand of red wine, Chinese entrepreneurs are jumping on the bandwagon, investing in start-up vineyards and wineries. This effort has had but a modicum of success to date. Chinese weather, soil and climate are generally not conducive to producing successful and marketable wines. Just as the rest of the wine-producing world long ago realized, terroir is all-important to providing the environment for good wines. Most Chinese wine regions seem challenged by these qualities, although the vast majority of wine consumed in China is

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

produced in China – at a retail price in the \$1 range.

Reluctant to rely on imports for quality wines, a major effort is underway to understand the terroir of Chinese wine regions and to create a rootstock uniquely suitable for stellar grapevines. Much to the chagrin of Chinese entrepreneurs and the government, these efforts have been slow and generally unsuccessful.

As the Chinese have proven time and again, their bent is toward utilizing technology as a springboard to economic and social success. Recently, they've taken this technological prowess to the vineyard. The opportunity is of massive proportions. Over 1.3 billion citizens enamored with red color, red wine and alcohol, yet nary a decent domestic wine available today. However, change may be in the works.

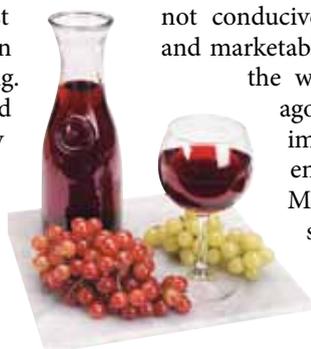
I read last week that China has just launched a "space palace," which will eventually be manned, carrying a cargo of grapevines. The experiment: to expose these Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinot Noir plants to space radiation. The goal: to develop mutated vines that can withstand the harsh winters, drought and viruses in China's northern regions. After 30 days in space, the returning vines will be compared to a control group to determine if any desirable mutations have

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developed.

In past columns, I've also reported on man's endless effort to improve on nature, to utilize modern techniques and technology to achieve enhanced yields and quality in the vineyard and the winery. Is this latest attempt man's manipulation of nature or is it science once again attempting to alter and dominate nature? In the future, we may not need to worry about GMOs; you may need to consider the consequences of "METOs" – mutant extraterrestrial organisms.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



Happenings

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

Tuesday, October 11

Teen Movie and Pizza Night at the Brewster Public Library. 7 p.m. -9 p.m. Teens are invited to come to the library after hours to watch the newly released comedy "Ghostbusters." For 6th-12th graders. This movie is rated PG-13. Registration is required. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/zr977k3> or call 845-279-6421.

Wednesday, October 12

Marine Corps League Meeting Putnam County Detachment 242 Monthly meeting: Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel1930. Our elected officers will be sworn in. Good food and an open bar to follow. Our meetings are always held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall. If you are a U.S. Marine or FMF Corpsmen Veteran, Reservist or on Active Duty, we welcome you as a Brother. View us at www.putnammcl.com

Medicare 101: 10:30 a.m. at the Reed Memorial Library. This workshop will explain the ins and outs of Medicare. Topics include: how one qualifies, the different options available, part D prescription drug plans, secondary insurance and more. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Movie Matinee: Hello, My Name is Doris: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. 1 p.m. Come and watch 'Hello, My Name is Doris' on our big screen! Free program. For more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10.

Friday, October 14

Carmel Cinema are hosting a private screening of the new movie Storks: 6 p.m. to benefit our Pegasus programs. Tickets are just \$5/person (adults and children), and friends and family are most welcome! Contact Candice Sciarriello at csciarrillo@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x100 for ticket purchase info.

Saturday, October 15

Annual Tag Sale, Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1921. St. John the Evangelist Church, 221 East Lake Blvd, Mahopac. 8 am to 7 p.m. & Sunday October 16, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde with live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown. 7 p.m. Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring. 845-265-3040. Website - www.butterfieldlibrary.org

The Grasshopper Awards: Camp Herrlich's UnCorked & OnTap event: 7 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, with winetasting, beersampling, appetizers, auctions and comedy, dinner buffet, desserts and music, attendees will celebrate the generosity of all those who help families afford children access

to Camp Herrlich's environmental and educational programs; in the past 25 years untold numbers of children and youth (estimates near 100,000) were granted the supported opportunity to experience our extraordinary Putnam County environment and Camp Herrlich values. For more information or for tickets to this Saturday's Uncorked & On Tap follow links at www.CampHerrlich.org to Special Events, or call 845-878-6662. More info can be found at <http://www.kentrecycling.com> and www.HGFairfieldArts.org

Meet the Dutchess Paranormal Investigators. 6:30 p.m. Learn what these paranormal investigators do, and how they do it. A Q & A session will follow their presentation. For ages 13 through adult; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

BAMM Concert: The Michael Bank Septet. 2 p.m. The Michael Bank Septet performs a mix of swinging originals and jazz tunes associated with big band greats including Duke Ellington and Chick Webb. Free concert; attendees are invited to bring one non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank to help our community members in need. Registration for this concert is requested. Mahopac Public Library

Film Screening: Peaceable Kingdom - The Journey Home. 6 p.m. A riveting story of transformation and healing, Peaceable Kingdom explores the awakening conscience of several people who grew up in traditional farming culture and who have come to question the basic premise of their inherited way of life. Registration is requested. Mahopac Public Library.

Art on Display

Self-portraits created by Mahopac High School Digital Studio Art students are currently on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library. Sergio Gonzalez-Tornero, Adrienne Cullom, and Alicia Gonzalez. A show of their work will be installed in the Third Floor Gallery at the Library from October 1-30.

ONGOING

Monday

Artists' Drop-in Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Reed Memorial Library. Artists are invited to drop-in to the library with their pencils, pads and paints for a creative afternoon. This session will provide camaraderie but not instruction.

Discovering Christ Program: All are welcomed! Runs until Nov 7. 6:45 p.m. - 9 p.m. Dinners & Program No Cost For Attendees. Sacred Heart Church 414 Haviland Dr., Patterson. Forms in back

of church or call michael 845-278-8694

Tuesday

Homework Help at the Kent Library: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Program for students in elementary and middle school. The program offers assistance with homework, projects, and study guidance. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 845-225-8585 or go to www.kentlibrary.org.

Watercolor Black and White at Reed Library: September 20, 27, October 11, 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Instruction in working with white and black watercolor paints to achieve a unique opaque painting effect. Class is open to both new and experienced art students. Registration is required, preference given to residents of the Reed Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Thursday

Free Story Time with a Twist: Combining movement, music and mostly just fun! Seven Star School of Performing Arts. This program is open to all children 1 - 4 year olds and will be held on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m. beginning October 6th, 2016. Parents and children are invited to stay and play afterwards during open studio time until 9:45 a.m. Seven Star is located at 509 Route 312 in Brewster. For more information about this and other programs visit them at www.SevenStarSchool.com or call 845-278-0728.

Friday

Local Stamp Club Meets Monthly: Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce Building The Putnam Philatelic Society is an organization of local stamp and cover collectors interested in sharing their collecting interests and knowledge with other collectors. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. FMI: Larry Laliberte at largin1@verizon.net.

Sketching and Painting Class for seniors: Please join us at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 @ 10 a.m. Learn to sketch different objects and people - open yourself up to a new world. You won't know if you like it unless you try it. This class is open to seniors age 60 and above. For more information call 845-808-1734.

Saturday

Technical Help Continues Saturday mornings at the Kent Public Library: Free drop-in technical help program will continue this fall on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your tablets, smartphones, computers and other devices and our technical expert. There is no charge, and no appointment is necessary. For more information, call 845-225-8585 or go to KentLibrary.org.

Literacy Connections at the Reed

Library Saturdays 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. This ESL program for students ages 6 and up will include reading, book conversation, community projects and fun! Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Seven Star School of Performing Arts Zumba Classes for Adults through October. Zumba Certified Instructor, Beth Saultz, will teach classes on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. on October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Classes are \$12 each and will take place in our air-conditioned facility located at 509 Route 312, Brewster. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.sevenstarschool.com or call 845.278.0728.

Sunday

International Folk Dancing for all ages and abilities. No previous experience required, no partner needed. All ages welcome at all times. Line, circle, and couple folk dances from around the world will be taught and reviewed. New Era Creative Space. 1016 Brown St., Peekskill, NY 10566 Twice a month on Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm: Sep 25 / Oct 9, 23 / Nov 6, 20 / Dec 4, 18. FEE: \$5/per person

Senior Sign Ups:

The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for seniors holds registration the first Thursday of every month at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours in Mahopac are from 9:30 - 11:00AM. Putnam Valley registration is from 10 a.m. - Noon. In addition to a variety of computer classes, we also teach classes in iPad, iPhone and Android Basics. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes. Registration is required in person. For more information you can call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call Judy Kolt as above.

Tickets on Sale:

The Wizard of Oz the Musical: Yorktown Heights. November 19-27. Admission: \$19-26 Children aged 2 to Adult Order Tickets online: www.yorktownstage.org order tickets by phone: 914-962-0606

Tickets are now on sale for Brewster High School's fall drama production of Almost, Maine, Performances take place on November 3, 4 & 5 at 7:30pm at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center: 50 Foggintown Rd, Brewster, NY. Be sure to buy your tickets online in advance to get the \$12 discount price. General admission tickets cost \$15 at the door. You can purchase tickets online at www.BrewsterSchools.org.

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Regina Morini Wins PCSN'S Ruth Dain Voluntary Service Award

Regina Morini has served her community and Putnam County as an outstanding volunteer for more than 50 years. Her leadership, commitment, and dedication to this county speaks to the principles that guided another lifelong volunteer - Ms. Ruth Ellis Dain. Mahopac Public Library's Board of Trustees is proud to congratulate Regina who is one of this year's recipients of the Ruth Dain Voluntary Service Award. Regina was recognized, along with many other individuals and service organizations, at the 2016 Putnam Community Service Network breakfast held at Putnam County Golf Course on Wednesday, October 5.



United Way of Putnam County. She believed in the importance of volunteering and exemplified the Rotary motto, 'service above self'.

A volunteer with the Lake Mahopac Garden Club since 1966, Regina chaired the junior garden club, served as chairman of the annual flower show, and maintained the garden club historical records. She was also one of the first female members of

the Mahopac Rotary Club when they first permitted women to participate in 1988. Her service to the county also included eight years as a Deputy County Executive, and 18 years as a Putnam County legislator.

Regina recently retired from the Board of the Mahopac Public Library and from the Board of the Mid-Hudson Library system, which serves 66 libraries located in Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Greene, and Columbia counties. Although she is now taking time to travel and enjoy her family, Regina can still be found volunteering at Garden Club events, and helping to make her community such a special place in which to live.

Crossword Answers

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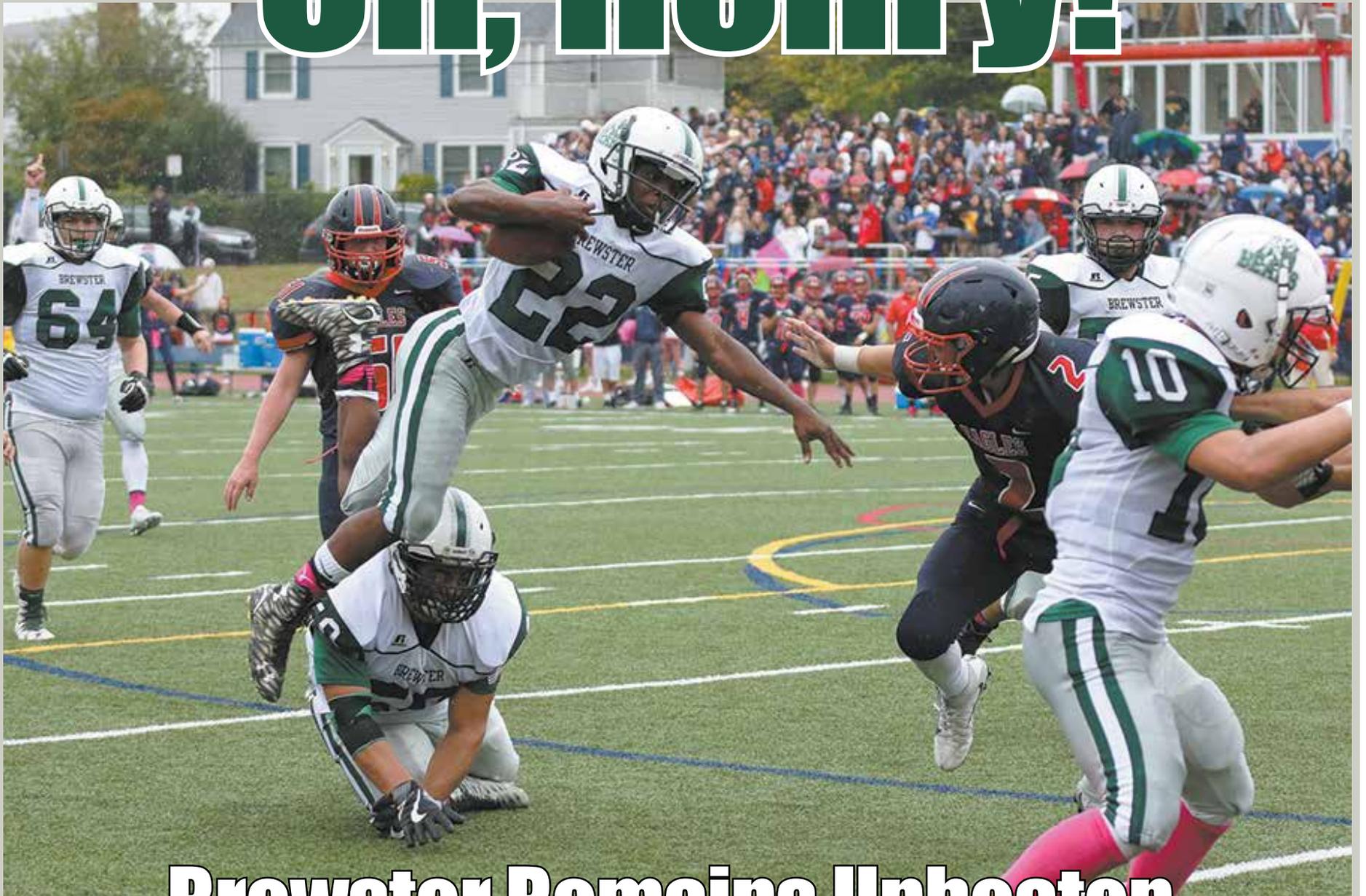
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Brewster Remains Unbeaten, Secures No.2 Seed

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Brewster RB Henry Terry clears a hurdle en route to one of many positive gains on the day in the Bears' 42-24 victory over host Eastchester last Saturday afternoon when state-ranked (No.7) Brewster (6-0) locked up the No.2 seed in the Section 1 Class A playoffs this Friday when the Bears host No.15 Byram Hills... seed Grid Notebook

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Yorktown, Brewster, Somers Secure Top 3 Class A Seeds No.7 Hen Hud Stages Epic Upset of Rye; Carmel Win Streak at 4

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With the top three Section 1 Class A seeds all hailing from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region, there is great hope for a deep playoff run and a potential championship in this neck of the woods. No.1 Yorktown, No.2 Brewster, No.3 Somers and even No.7 Hen Hud are right smack in the middle of the championship mix as the playoffs kick off this Friday at a gridiron near you.

All four will play at home in this week's qualifying round, which pits unbeaten Yorktown (6-0) against No.16 Lakeland (2-4); undefeated Brewster (6-0) against No.15 Byram Hills (2-4), Somers (5-1) against No.14 Beacon (3-3) and Hen Hud (4-2) against No.10 Tappan Zee (4-

2). The seeds will be reset when the field is narrowed down from 16 to eight next week.

HEN HUD is sneaky good and the proof is in the pudding of last Friday's 50-49 upset of state-ranked (No.17) Rye, who we were a little tough on in this space last week (apologies for that). That said, the Garnets dropped all the way to No.5, which makes Rye one of the most dangerous No.5 seeds in the history of the tournament.

Sailor Coach Mike Lynch wins this week's brass balls award by opting to go for two and the win in the waning seconds in what many called the game of the year. Hen Hud, twice down by three touchdowns in the game, took over the final 3:49 with an epic comeback. The Sailors still have a ton of work to do defensively, but boy oh boy,

they can score on anyone.

By now, most folks know what happened in the final 3:49, but here's a quick recap: Touchdown (3:49); Forced a punt; Touchdown on Fourth Down, plus 2-point conversion (1:35); Recovered an onside kick; Touchdown on Fourth Down and 2-point conversion (:33.7); Interception in the end zone (:14).

Hen Hud QB Nick Cunningham had about as good a game as any Sailor in history ever has. Cunningham was jaw-dropping good. 'The Hambone' connected of 23 of 41 passes for 363 yards and five touchdowns. He also passed for two 2-point conversions, rushed for a pair of scores, then kicked and recovered an onside-kick, which set up the winning TD pass to RB Jordan Grullon on a wheel route out of the backfield.



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Hen Hud QB Nick Cunningham and RB Jordan Grullon provided a prolific finish in Sailors' upset of Rye.

The duo connected again on the game-sealing two-point conversion, which was about as hairy a play as you'll ever see. Cunningham bought time like Fran Tarkington used to back in the day with the Vikings -- scrambling east, west, south and north -- until Grullon, a talented sophomore, finally got open.

"The game as a whole was an emotional



Mahopac's Joe Dalo makes solo stick in loss to Jay EF.



Yorktown junior RB Brett Makar makes an over-the-shoulder TD catch in win over Nyack.



Brewster QB Jack Guida rushed for four TDs in Bears' 42-24 win at Eastchester Saturday.

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roller coaster,” said Cunningham, who previously found elusive WR Alan Porter-Jackson (6 receptions for 96 yards) for a TD catch with 1:35 left in the fourth on 4th-and-9. “At one point we think we have the game, when we were only down seven, our offense was rolling and our

inside kick, we stood in the huddle and knew right then, we had won the game. The offensive line played their hearts out and were a huge part of our success in the second half. They bound together and helped our offense drive down the field to win the game.”



Brewster RB Michael Buonadonna chugs for yards in 42-24 win at Eastchester.

defense was playing great. Then, it seems like a minute later we are down 20. The whole team believed from the second we stepped back into that field after halftime that we could do it. Once we recovered the

Coach Lynch praised the work ethic of the O-line, including starters Nick Whalen, Oscar Kameny, Doug Smith, Tyler Cyran, and Kevin Roush. Both Roush and Cyran got hurt and subs Heran Herrera and Jason Uyaguari stepped up.

“Can't put into words how proud I am of our boys,” Lynch said. “They never gave up even when we fell behind by 21 points twice. We knew if we could take advantage of 1-on-1 matchups we could get ourselves back in the game. With our offense, we are never out of a game no matter the score. Alan Porter-Jackson simply took over the game in the second half. We put him in at safety on defense despite getting zero reps at that position all week in practice. All he did was cause two fumbles and make the game-saving interception in the end zone. Jordan Grullon also played very well in the second half. It also never hurts when you have number 12 (Cunningham) back there. The kid just makes plays and competes. To bounce back the way he did after a rough first half



Brewster RB Timothy Meissner hauls in catch in Bears' win at Eastchester last Saturday.

shows the kind of mental toughness Nick possesses. He is the unquestioned leader of this team.”

YORKTOWN, ranked No.4 in NYS, saw RB Brett Makar continue what has been one of the great seasons in Husker history. The humble junior ran for 170 yards and four TDs on a mere 17 carries in the Huskers' 42-14 rout of visiting Nyack. Makar also snagged a sweet 40-yard TD catch from QB Jose Boyer and had a sack on defense.

“Brett is one of the best all-around football players I've ever coached,” Yorktown boss Mike Rescigo said of Makar (15 TDs & 745 rushing yards). “He is such a great leader and a great kid from a great family. He will literally do anything for anyone; that's the kind of kid he is. And he just happens to be a football freak.”

“The Freak” is hoping he and the Huskers can snag Yorktown's first sectional championship since 1998, which is something this scribe is getting tired of tapping out across the keyboard. But it's right “freaking” there for the taking.

BREWSTER, ranked No.7 in NYS, locked up an undefeated regular season in a 42-24 thrashing of host Eastchester behind senior QB Jack Guida's 174 yards and four TDs. Eastchester allegedly pulled every dirty trick out of their bag to stop him, but Guida shook off the antics to cap Brewster's best regular season since the Bears were winning three sectional titles in four years (1996-99).

Bears RB Henry Terry rushed 16 times for a career-high 98 yards and a score.

SOMERS WR Matt Pires left jockstraps in his wake on two mind-blowing TD jaunts that left Pearl River defenders scratching their heads in a 48-7 Tusker triumph. In fact, the Dutchmen had barely strapped them on before Pires took a bubble screen, juked a series of defenders and zig-zagged his way to a 54-yard score



Mahopac QB Ryan Dugan picks up block from RB Dino Milazzo in Indians' loss to Jay EF.

and a 7-0 lead. He then reciprocated with yet another dazzling array of moves on a second bubble screen for his second TD; all part of a four-catch, 118-yard effort.

So how does one do that?

“I couldn't even tell you,” said Pires, who now has 12 TDs overall for the Tuskers, ranked No.8 in NYS. “It was really just in-the-moment instincts, but I definitely could not have been able to cut it back and take it to the house like that without



Mahopac WR Andrew Ryan scored a 65-yard TD in Indians' 28-14 loss to John Jay EF last Friday.

my teammates giving me great downfield blocks.”

Electric Tusker RB Messiah Horne was equally ridiculous, going for a career-best 237 yards and two TDs, including a 60-yard banger. Tyler Carr added a four-yard TD trot while Ryan Elliot and Ricky Haigh each had a pick-six.

PANAS (3-3) crushed Port Washington, 41-21, to earn the No.11 seed and a first-round date with progressing No.6 Our Lady of Lourdes, the reigning Section 1

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Landicino to Patel Lifts Huskers to OT Win; Somers Surging

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As we head down the stretch of the Section I regular season, here are just a few takeaways prior to playoffs: If Yorktown's Joey Landicino gets any hotter, he's likely to singe the turf; the Somers boys and girls combine to form the best boys'/girls' overall soccer programs in any school

in the section; the improving Mahopac girls are going to pose some problems in the playoffs for some high, unsuspecting Class AA seed; the Lakeland boys aren't getting nearly enough respect.

Let's start with the Yorktown (10-2) boys, who saw Landicino (1G, 1A) set up Ankit Patel with the game-winning goal in a 2-1 overtime win against a tough Ossining club last week. Husker G

Mauricio Arango made 11 saves and will need to be at his best as the Huskers face Scarsdale and then Greeley this week, with the league title on the line against the Quakers. There's a ton of Class AA championship hope at Yorktown, which has played the bridesmaid in each of the past two seasons.

"Joey is playing like an MVP of late," Yorktown Assistant Coach Justin Huff said. "Against Ossining Joey drew the defender and goalie over on the game winner, and slid a pass across the box backdoor to Ankit and he slotted it in. It was a beautiful ball from Joey."

Landicino (11G, 6A) is for real, and when coupled with the hot foot of Enzo Sangiacomo (8G, 7A), the Huskers (10-2) are a force to reckon with...

The Somers girls, ranked No.2 in NYS, continued on their merry path toward a three-peat as sectional champions but the Tuskers (11-0-1) suffered a big blow this week when they lost D Claire Mensi for 4-6 weeks with a foot injury.

"Mensi is a big loss, but it means that others have to step up," Somers Coach Paul Saia said. "We have no choice but to manage without her. Players get hurt and you have to adjust and move forward. We're still waiting for

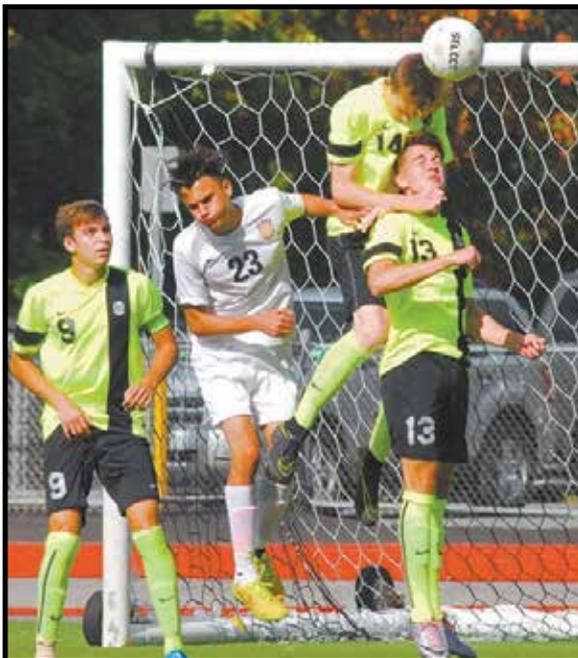


Mahopac's Katrina Klammer (L) cuts in to defend Somers' Alexandra Kalayjian (21) in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Indians.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac's Allis Martin (L) plays head ball as Somers' Alexandra Kalayjian does her best to defend in 2-0 Tusker win over Indians last Saturday.



Panas MF Kristian Prenkaj (23) battles Lakeland's Matias Prando (9), Kadri Haluci (14) and Christopher McGovern (14) in Hornets' 3-0 win over Panthers.



Somers junior Danielle Cucchiarella (18) had a goal & assist in 2-0 win over Ellen Walpole (L) and Mahopac Indians.



Yale-bound Somers senior Ciara Ostrander rips shot in 2-0 Tusker win over Mahopac.

All-Section defender Mary Murphy to come back, hopefully she gives us a boost."

The Tuskers got a boost from M Dani Cucchiarella, who filled in nicely for Jenna Menta (college visit at Georgetown) Saturday. Cucchiarella had a goal and an assist and played solid defense in a 2-0 win over a vastly improved Mahopac club, which gave both Somers and state-ranked (No.13) Arlington fits last week. The Tuskers had a 7-0 win over Brewster on Sept. 29, a 5-0 win over Byram Hills on Wednesday, and a 4-0 win against Lakeland on Friday, so they needed a strong test from youthful Mahopac, which is what they got.

"Mahopac was very physical and very competitive," Saia said of the Indians, who lost 3-2 to Arlington. "They did an outstanding job. They put a lot of pressure on us and should be commended for their play."

The future looks bright at Mahopac...

The Somers boys, ranked No.4 in NYS at 12-1-1, continued their winning ways with a stout defense leading the way in a 1-1 tie with John Jay CR. Here's the thing, though, with Somers having lost sniper Jared Mazzola to the U.S. Academy system, do they have the necessary firepower to score enough goals to win a title? Jake Faigle (1G) tried to pick up the slack against Jay but the Tuskers need consistent finishers besides M Jack Maher (7G, 3A) to win a title...

Lakeland (8-3-2), the

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Lakeland, Somers Rolling Toward League Titles

By Tony Pinciario

Cameron Lischinsky decided prior to her junior year that she was going to step away from Lakeland field hockey for one season to concentrate on softball, which she planned to play in college.

Lischinsky, who played on the 2013 and 2014 Section 1 and New York State Class B championship teams, came to a quick realization.

"As soon as I took a year off, I wanted to go back," Lischinsky said. "Not being a part of it made me miss it that much more."

Lischinsky returned this season and the senior has fit right in, as if she was not even away last year.

"Cameron brings so much skill to the team," said classmate Meghan Fahey. "We are all really excited that Cameron is back this year. She definitely strengthened our forward line and she will continue to help out the team, as a whole, on and off the field."

Lischinsky, who verbally committed to attend Long Island University-Post and play softball next September, said Lakeland varsity field hockey coach Sharon Sarsen was more than understanding regarding not playing last year.

"She said to me that I was always more than welcome to come back and that is something that I will always be grateful for," said Lischinsky, a 2016 all-section and all-state softball selection. The first day of preseason was very exciting for me, but I was a little nervous about how rusty I might be. Being with my friends made it

that much more fun. It made me realize how much I missed it and I appreciate it even more when I didn't have it."

Lischinsky, who began playing in seventh grade, had an assist in Lakeland's 9-0 win over Ossining. The Hornets played Darien (Ct.) to a 0-0 overtime tie. Sarsen explained that in Connecticut, if the game is tied after regulation the teams play a 10-minute, seven-on-seven overtime period. This result stopped Lakeland's 84-game winning streak dating back to 2012, when, ironically, Darien defeated the Hornets.

Seven-time defending NYS champion Lakeland dominated the game against Darien, including a 14-2 advantage on penalty corners, however, the Blue Wave goalie, Kallie Coughlin, made 14 saves.

"I think the streak we had was incredible," Fahey said. "Although I'm obviously upset the streak ended, I think we played a really good game. I don't have any regrets from the game. Darien was a great team and they were a good challenge for us."

"As a team, we will not ponder the thought that we ended the streak. We have goals, as a team, and this will not get in our way. We will build on this and become even stronger."

Lakeland, now 12-0-1 this season and still without a loss in the last 85 games, received two goals each from Cali Cortese and Julianna Cappello in the Brewster game. Cortese also added two assists. Caroline Cahill, Kelsey McCrudden and Fahey had a goal and an assist apiece. Emily Kness scored and junior Lindsay Palmaffy

scored her first varsity goal.

SOMERS continued rolling with victories over **WALTER PANAS**, 4-3, and Brewster, 3-0. The Tuskers are 11-2-1 overall and 6-0 in league play.

Somers led Panas, 2-1, at halftime before the persistent Panthers evened the score at 3-3. Katie Campbell provided the game-winner with 2:25 remaining.

Taylor Turchick scored two goals and Emma Kittredge added a goal. Teagan Lucchese had an assist and goalie Jessica Monaco made 10 saves.

Somers took a 2-0 lead in the first half over Brewster as Alison Colavito and Turchick scored and assisted on each other's goal. Campbell also registered an assist. Monaco had another solid game in goal with nine saves.

"This week's wins were really great ones and that definitely helped to set the tone we want going into sectionals," Campbell said. "We had played Panas before and beat them, 4-0, but we knew the score didn't represent how good they were. When they struck back and tied it, we kept our focus and motivation until we were able to pull out the win."

"Brewster was another strong team and we knew we'd have to play hard and smart to pull out the win. Everyone communicated really well during this game."

Panas received goals from Taylor Reilly, Danielle Merante and Carlyn Mucci. Merante and Mucci tied the score at 3-3. Goalie Jasmine Rosa had eight saves and Jessie Devlin had an assist.

The Panthers rebounded from the loss to Somers with a 3-0 victory over Hen Hud, spoiling the Sailors' annual Pink Game.

Nicole Schaufel scored two goals in a five-minute span of the first half and Lisa Guzzo, assisted by Taylor Pisani, closed out the scoring in the second half.

"It was an exciting, back and forth game," said Panas coach Andrew Tripaldi of Somers. "Although, we didn't come there with a win or tie I am proud of the way the team responded to adversity on the road as we lost to them 4-0 in our previous meeting."

"Carlyn Mucci and Jesse Devlin played a great game, against Hen Hud, at midfield and were able to control the game for us."

Panas is now 8-3-1 on the season, equaling its 2015 win total. The Panthers play North Salem this week.

Even though Hen Hud lost to Panas, Hen Hud coach Heather Gallagher was pleased with the commitment to a worthy cause.

"It was a special night for the girls because they played their Pink Game for Breast Cancer Awareness, as well as teacher appreciation day," Gallagher said. "For teacher appreciation, the girls selected one teacher that had a big influence on them in their school careers at Hen Hud."

"The modified and JV field hockey teams helped sell baked goods during the game to raise money for Breast Cancer as well as for the field hockey program. A big thanks goes out to Lauren Attinelly and Jeanne Doorley for helping to organize and oversee the table."

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only team to beat Somers this season, has now won five straight after sweeping rival Walter Panas, by scores of 3-0 and 2-0. The peaking Hornets, who are finally at full health, have outscored opponents 16-2 during the streak and appear to be

one of at least five Class A teams – along with Somers, Pearl River, TZ and Byram Hills -- that can legitimately contend for the title with parity running rampant in Class A. When you have Matias Prando and Nick Foci (9G, 2A) pushing forward,

and D Jordan Fein as your last line of defense, you have enough talent to make a run, especially if junior Arben Hoxhaj (3G in recent wins over Somers and Panas) stays hot...

Peekskill's Oswald "The Wizard of Oz"

Annang has over 20 goals to lead Section 1 in scoring.

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champs. Not sure what took the Cowboy, Coach Dan Patronik, so long to take the horse, sophomore RB David Louis, out of his stable, but Louis, who rushed for what we believe to be a school record 432 yards and four touchdowns, is the future of Panas football.

LAKELAND (2-4) lost 14-13 to Sleepy Hollow despite a 123-yard rushing effort from QB Sean Makar.

CLASS AA

CARMEL (4-2) is surging as it enters the Class AA playoffs with a No.7 seed and a date with No.10 Mamaroneck this Friday at home. The balanced Rams saw four different players find paydirt in a 28-7 win over host Port Chester, including Chris Demme (28-yard TD pass from QB Kyle Shilling), plus rushing scores from Nicholas Heis (64 yards rushing on 10

totes), David Vega (team-high 98 rushing yards) and Brandon Pagan. Carmel enters the playoffs on a four-game win streak and a whole bunch of confidence, but anything less than the Great 8 would be a disappointment at this point.

"We're pretty confident right now and it's nice to be going into playoffs on a hot streak," senior OL/DL Joey Kenna said. "We just have to stay focused."

MAHOPAC (2-4) fought hard in a 28-14 loss but discovered what many teams already know: John Jay EF (5-1) is pretty good. Junior QB Ryan Dugan fired a pair of TD passes for the Indians, including a 70-yarder to Andrew Ryan and a 12-yard strike to Dino Milazzo. Ryan had 109 yards on two grabs. DBs Joe Dalo (17 tackles, 6 solos) and Timmy Cegielski (10 tackles, 4 solos) had monster defensive games for

the Indians, who hold the No.14 seed in the playoffs and will visit No.3 Clarkstown South Friday in the hopes of busting up a bracket.

CHSAA Shout-out to Kennedy QB David Keogh, who had a hand in six TDs in a 41-14 rout of St. Dom's. Keogh completed 7 of 15 passes for 173 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 112 yards and five scores. I can't ever recall a performance of that ilk at the Somers-based Catholic school.

NWE/Putnam Examiner Fab 5 Grid Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Gun to my head, I'm taking Rescigno's Huskers to win it all in Class A and I'm probably going Makar for Class A MVP. My ranking for top 6 in Class A overall: 1. Yorktown, 2. Brewster, 3. Somers, 4. Lourdes, 5. Hen Hud, 6. Rye

No.2 BREWSTER – Guida is right there

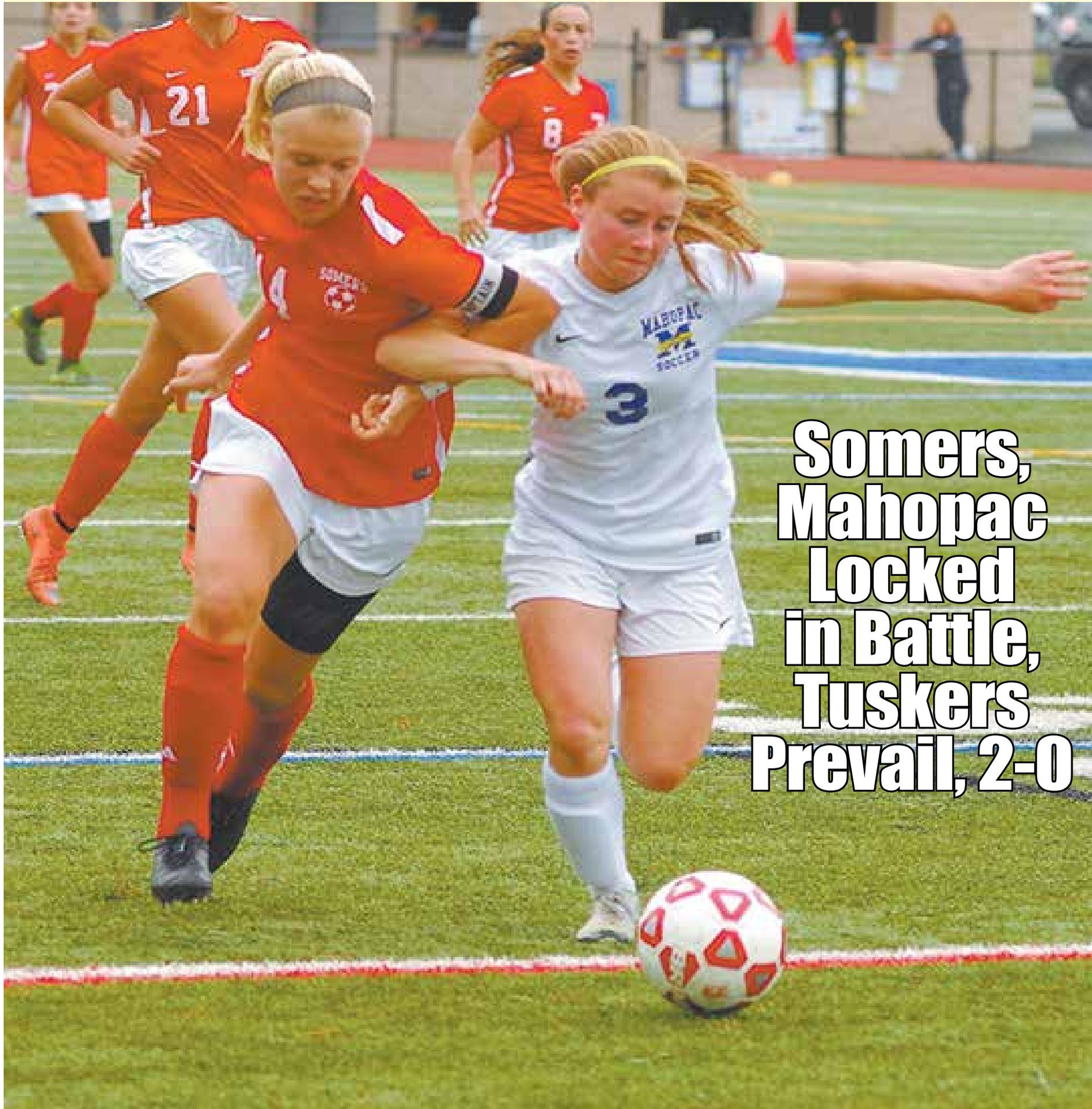
with Makar in the running for MVP. Boy, we'd love to see a Brewster vs. Yorktown matchup for all the marbles.

No.3A SOMERS – You sleep on this playoff-grizzled program and the Tuskers will bury you. Love to see a rematch with Yorktown somewhere down the line.

No. 3B HEN HUD – Without question, the absolute feel-good story of the year. Cunningham is the best QB in Sailor history, and it's not even close. And you can probably say the same thing about the WR duo of Marquan Anderson (11 TDs, 570 yards) and Alan Porter-Jackson (4, 258).

No.5 CARMEL – Like to think the Rams will figure out a way past a Mamaroneck school district that has provided recent nightmares for Putnam County Class AA programs.

Armed Forces!



**Somers,
Mahopac
Locked
in Battle,
Tuskers
Prevail, 2-0**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

UConn-bound Somers senior Melina Couzis (L) and Mahopac's Kayley Mattos (3) are locked arm in arm for 50-50 ball Mattos would win last Saturday. Mattos may have won this particular battle, but it was Couzis' state-ranked (No.2) Class A Tuskers who won the war, 2-0, over the vastly improving Class AA Indians. Somers improved to a section-best 11-0-1 as they prepare to three-peat as Section 1 champs in the upcoming playoffs... see Soccer Notebook