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Putnam Democrats Entangled in Possible Campaign Finance Violations

By David Propper

The Putnam County Democratic Committee is in hot water as the New York State Board of Elections head investigator found fundraising efforts by NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio that were connected to the committee to be “willful and flagrant” violations of campaign finance laws.

In a memo penned by the state Board of Elections Chief Enforcement Officer Risa Sugarman sent to the board’s four commissioners, obtained by the New York Daily News, Sugarman concludes there is “reasonable cause” for criminal prosecution of de Blasio’s team that directed fundraisers to send money to upstate Democratic committees like Putnam’s during the 2014 election cycle in hopes of helping Democrats take the

‘There was no intent to evade individual campaign finance limits.’
PCDC chairman
Ken Harper

state senate.

The case is now being handled by the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office and United States Attorney’s Office. The NYC

Mayor’s office has denied wrongdoing, according to reports.

According to the memo, \$664,500 was sent to the Putnam committee in September and October 2014 from labor unions and other business interests, which was then in turn used to help Democrats Terry Gipson and Justin Wagner, who both eventually lost to Republicans.

The five years before 2014, the Democratic committee only brought in about \$10,000 annually.

Sugarman stated the candidates were aware of the pattern of money transfers, the expected arrival of funds and the necessity of transferring the funds to consultants in a timely manner.

According to NYS Election Law, it’s



NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio

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More Money Funneled For Constructed Tilly Foster Farm

By David Propper

Another \$1.1 million windfall could be allotted to the newly named Tilly Foster Farm Educational Institute as Putnam County attempts to get the farm fully open and operational again.

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker explained the construction would total \$2.4 million with much of the work occurring in-house by county highway department workers. Once work is finished, the entire infrastructure would be available including the expanded Lodge that could be used by BOCES and also as a banquet facility similar to the Putnam County Golf Course.

“We’re close,” Walker said. “We’re almost there.”

The variance between the original estimate and updated one is steep. For instance, site work was originally thought to be \$30,000, but the updated estimate is all the way up to \$240,000. General construction was \$600,000, but now an additional \$650,000 is necessary.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Tilly Foster Farm, which has been under construction for more than a year, is set to get another \$1.1 million to finish the work on the property.

Money would go toward the power supply, water supply, septic system, and general contracting for the facility under construction. Walker stressed the Lodge was not structurally sound before renovations got underway.

Although Walker acknowledged the difference in expected-to-actual cost is large, the county used a technique-- design-build--so it didn’t spend hundreds

of thousands of dollars just on engineering drawings from an outside consultant. The engineering at the start would have mapped out the improvements more accurately, but would have cost more, he said. The only issue with design-build is the large variances that weren’t anticipated from the start.

“In the long run, you save money,” Walker said, adding later “You almost have

a brand new building now.”

Most lawmakers agreed to put a bond forward to pay for the additional fix-ups.

Legislator Bill Gouldman, who supports the additional money, said 14 years later since it’s been bought, the county has spent \$8 million on the property with a return investment of only \$543,000. While the county could leave it as is and turn it into a park, there are still high maintenance cost attached to it.

“I feel at this moment I have to vote on things to fix the problem that other people have developed and caused,” Gouldman said.

Legislators Ginny Nacerino, Barbara Scuccimarra, and Carl Albano all lauded the farm’s potential once the renovations are complete, approving the administration’s handing of the farm.

“To gain a real appreciation of the work that has been done, you really have to see it,” Nacerino said.

Albano added the bond rating is the best

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Putnam Valley Looks at Potentially Last Cablevision Contract

By Neal Rentz

The Putnam Valley Town Board is examining what may be its last contract extension with Cablevision.

The board voted unanimously on April 20 to schedule a public hearing for May 11 at 6 p.m. at town hall.

The reason it might be the final contract extension with Cablevision is because the town is changing technology, Oliverio said. In the future, instead of receiving their television service from cable, residents will eventually be able to get their signals from cell towers, he said.

Oliverio said he wanted the contract extension to include a provision that the

town would not be penalized financially if homeowners dropped their Cablevision service during the life of the contract.

In a related matter at last week's meeting, the board voted unanimously to roll over its current contract for another five years with Comcast for service for the 256 homes in town that cannot receive Cablevision's services.

Board Members' Snafu

At last week's meeting Oliverio announced that many members of the planning, zoning and other boards, committees and commissions in town would need to be technically reappointed even though they took their oaths of

office.

Oliverio said board members appointed before January of this year need to sign a logbook at town hall because many of them had failed to do so. Failure to do

so could mean that the board would not have the necessary quorums to have the votes count at meetings, he said.

"This is kind of an unusual situation," Oliverio said.



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Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio



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Q: What can I do to help prevent colon cancer?

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Stage Set for Republican Primary in District 6 Leg. Race

By David Propper

It appears the District 6 legislative seat might have a Republican primary on the horizon.

Former inspector general for the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Patrick Perry confirmed he plans on forcing a Republican primary against Paul Jonke, who was endorsed by the Southeast GOP Committee a couple of weeks ago. After managing and assisting several successful campaigns, particularly for Sheriff Don Smith and new District Attorney Bob Tandy, Perry is running for public office for the first time in his life at the age of 79.

Current Legislator and Republican Roger Gross is retiring at the end of this year.

A Putnam resident for more than 40 years and living in Southeast the last ten years, Perry has a page-long list of organizations and activities he's been involved in over the span of his lifetime including the Brewster Elks, Brewster Rotary, and Southeast Seniors to name a few.

Even though the GOP committee didn't show him any support, Perry said he wants to give voters the final say. He said many votes for the candidates seeking the committee's support were sent by proxy and they didn't get to hear each candidate speak.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Southeast Republican Patrick Perry, pictured with his wife, plans to run for the legislative 6 seat this year.

"I've got the education, the experience, and the will," Perry said. "I just think somebody should speak for the people instead of their clubhouse (a reference to the committee)."

Jonke beat former county GOP chairman Jim DiBella in a 15-14 vote. DiBella said he won't run after not getting enough support.

Perry, who noted he'd be the only legislator that's both a senior and veteran, would like to see legislative committees formed for each group of people in the county. He didn't approve how the current county Legislature has been performing.

"Very, very weak," Perry said. "They're weak."

Perry noted the scandal with Libby

Pataki, the former director of tourism and other blemishes facing the county. He also questioned the spending at the county level.

He would demand better internal auditing and control of all spending in the county. More stabilization is needed in county government, Perry said, and his time as inspector general would help bring that.

"They're spending money like crazy," Perry said. "They're always fighting."

Perry said he plans to go door-to-door and talk with as many voters as possible. Even nearing 80-years-old, Perry touts plenty of energy.

Perry also plans to fight to attain the Conservative and Independence party lines in the September election.

"I just want the support of my neighbors," Perry said.

Jonke, when reached for comment, said it was "unfortunate" that Perry was ready for a primary after appearing in front of the Southeast GOP Committee and not getting the endorsement.

He is the former tax assessor in Carmel and ran and lost for a spot on the Southeast town board last year.

"It's his right to primary, but I certainly have more energy to run for the position," Jonke said. "I think voters will see my ideas are a little better than his."



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Carmel Officials Appoint Familiar Face to Planning Board

By David Propper

Caught in controversy after making a disparaging comment about a Mahopac school parent's weight that forced him to resign from a couple of boards two years ago, Mahopac resident Raymond Cote is back serving the public after he was appointed to the Town of Carmel planning board Wednesday night.

Cote was part of the Carmel planning board and was the Mahopac school board president until May 2014 after he was heard calling a parent a "chubby-wubby" at the end of an April 2014 school board meeting on a video taped for public

viewing.

The Carmel town board voted 4-0 (Councilman John Lupinacci was absent, but supported the move) to appoint Cote to the board after a nearly two-year stint as a private citizen. Supervisor Ken Schmitt defended the move, stressing everyone, including Cote, deserves a second chance.

During the meeting, Schmitt said it was with pleasure that Cote was back. His term started immediately and ends at the end of 2022.

In an interview, Schmitt also noted Cote was the sole applicant for the position after months of the town advertising for

the open spot. The board interviewed and then decided to appoint him.

"There was no interest, he's the only one that expressed an interest," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said he believed Cote did an "excellence job" when he was a past member on the planning board calling him diligent and active. He even rose to vice-chairmanship. The past derogatory remark, Schmitt said, didn't deter him from voting for him.

In fact, Schmitt was disappointed Cote stepped down the first time.

"Was it inappropriate, was it hurtful, yeah it was," Schmitt said. "It did not affect his position on the planning board."

In his resignation letter to the board two years ago, Cote wrote it was with a "great sense of regret" that he was leaving the planning board and blamed residents John Molloy and Roger Garcia, who brought the video to light.

"Mr. Molloy and Mr. Garcia disseminated this video to the media and have once again put this Town under the microscope of media scrutiny. In light of



Mahopac resident Raymond Cote

the recent media scrutiny involving the basketball game (where eight Mahopac students were suspended for racist tweets), the conduct of Mr. Molloy and Mr. Garcia is truly reprehensible," Cote wrote then. "It is clear that their personal vendetta take precedent over the well being of the School District and the Town. As such, I do not want to be the source of any additional public scrutiny brought upon you, the Town Board, the Planning Board or Town of Carmel."

Cote, an attorney, did not return an email seeking comment as of Monday afternoon.

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Legislators Discuss Retiree Health Insurance Again

By David Propper

The ongoing conversation about retiree health insurance for Putnam County employees dragged on last week, as CSEA Union officials continue to seek a change to the contribution retirees now put into the overall expense.

In February, CSEA officials came to the county Legislature to put together a new formula that would give more credit to years of service rather than the pension a retiree earns, which is the current formula. A service credit reduction to the contribution schedule would recognize years of dedicated county service, union officials have contended, instead of hurting long term employees.

Numbers connected to the new proposal were revealed at a Personnel Committee meeting.

Finance Commissioner Bill Carlin said the new proposal would affect 124 retirees and the costs to the county would be an additional \$95,000 for this fiscal year. The current system is saving the county more than \$400,000 this year.

Carlin warned there would be further health insurance challenges next year, where the county could be facing another \$300,000 increase toward all retiree health insurance.

Legislators once again were split over moving toward the new formula, with the five-person majority that voted for

the 2016 budget and increased health insurance contribution last October not apparently ready to waver from that stance that was put forth by the county executive administration.

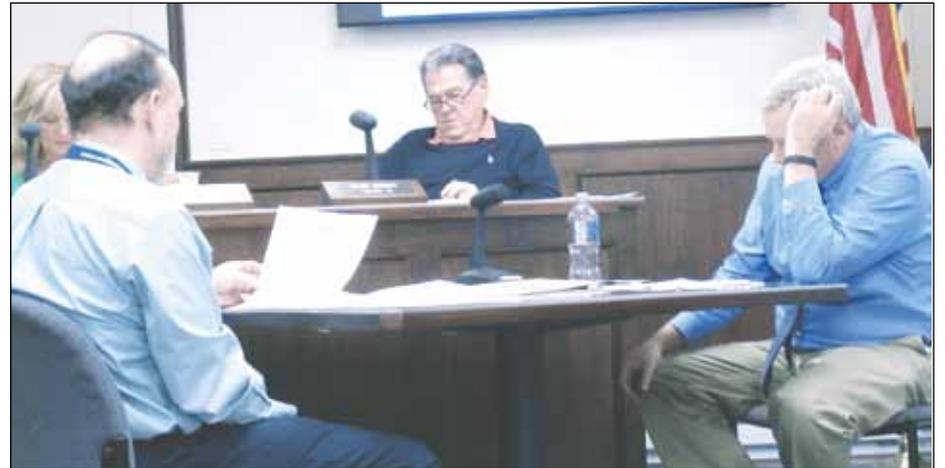
Legislators Kevin Wright and Dini LoBue argued the county is spending too much money in other areas like the internship program and Tilly Foster Farm, but is not opened to giving some relief to county retirees.

"Maybe we should reconsider the million dollar bond vote for Tilly Foster and prioritize our spending," LoBue said, adding later, "Now here everybody is doom and gloom over the health insurance."

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino, who supported the budget, noted how the health insurance woes aren't comparable to other expenditures in the county because health insurance isn't a "contained and controlled" cost.

"This is an issue that presents itself with ongoing, escalating costs," Nacerino said. "that will only continue to increase and continue to place a burden on the taxpayers and budget."

Legislator Carl Albano said "everyone has to give" when it comes to health insurance instead of burdening only county taxpayers. He called the increased health costs, which neither the county nor retirees can control, "crazy."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislator Kevin Wright (center) listens as Personnel Director Paul Eldridge (left) and Finance Commissioner Bill Carlin talk about retiree health insurance options.

"It's just a math formula that can't work into the future," Albano said.

Nacerino said the county would explore linking onto a Medigap plan for retirees to choose, which could offset costs. It was looked into when Paul Eldridge, now Personnel Director, served as county executive. Retirees would be able to choose their Medigap policy, Eldridge said at the meeting. The proposal would be presented to the legislature well before the budget process gets underway.

CSEA president Janet Canaday reiterated how difficult the sharp increase has been for retirees since it took effect.

She claims one retiree is paying 3,100 percent more compared to what she used to put into her insurance.

The rate is unreasonable, Canaday asserted, and she hopes a resolution can be found.

"I will tell you that most of our employees have told me with these new figures, they're going to be working here longer," Canaday, noting many are already tier 4, said. "I know those are the ones you kind of want to kick out because we have some benefits, but people are not going to retire as expected from before."

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financial deal the county is ever going to get.

Legislator Dini LoBue argued against putting more money into the farm, calling the additional request a "\$1.1 million mistake" and that "people should be fired for that."

"There are no plans," she said. "We're just winging it."

LoBue scoffed at the notion that the county saved money by not doing an engineering report before the work started and a Request for Proposal (RFP) should have been sent out so legislators would know the expenses up front.

She demanded a business plan be presented that would make up the money spent from the county and said the bonding would put the county in a "precarious spot" financially.

Walker responded that BOCES is committed to using the farm and would meet on the premises this week. He added there are more partnerships in the process and RFPs are being put out for a restaurant similar to the Putnam County Golf Course. There are also 18 contracts--many outside the county--for the early intervention pre-school program planned at the farm, Walker said.

"Where is it concrete?" LoBue shot back.

Sheriff Don Smith, who was deputy county executive in 2001 before he took office as sheriff, spoke about the history of the county taking over the farm in 2002 to stop it from becoming condominiums. The county focused on protecting water quality and preserving open space by limiting overdevelopment residentially, he said.

Smith stressed the county needs to balance between environmental conservationism and the business community. He believed purchasing and keeping the farm has been a wise decision.

"Conservation, preservation, the environment doesn't preserve itself and if somebody doesn't pay for it ultimately you can't preserve these lands, you can't afford to live here," Smith said.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt called the handling of the farm since its acquisition by the county a "debacle." She called the business plan "scattered shot" and thinks an itemized plan should be presented by the county.

Deputy Highway Commissioner John Tully said the farm has been supported by three county executive administrations and noted there were numerous meetings held to craft a vision for the farm.

"Get it the hell out of the 'too hard to handle' bucket and let's move on in unison," Tully said.

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Another Democrat Throws Hat into 40th Senate Seat Ring

By David Propper

The Democratic field for the 40th New York State Senate seat is starting to get crowded.

Another Democratic candidate, Ali Boak, has come forward to run for the seat currently held by first term Republican Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown). Patterson resident Andrew Falk and Cortlandt Councilwoman Debbie Costello have both already announced their plans to run for the seat and now the Pound Ridge resident is also in search of the Democratic nomination.

Boak served on the Pound Ridge town board for four years and vowed to give Hudson Valley residents a stronger voice in the state senate if elected. Her priorities would be ethics reform and stabilizing taxes, noting her campaign would be a grassroots effort.

"I believe it's time to restore the public's faith in our elected officials," Boak said. "I'm done waiting for someone else to deliver solutions to the challenges our



Pound Ridge resident Ali Boak

families face every day; if we're going to address these problems it's going to take all of us, working together, to find

common solutions. I'm interested in solving problems to improve our quality of life, not playing politics."

Eliminating crushing unfunded mandates, which Boak called a "burden" and "unfair" to local taxpayers, would be another issue she'd tackle.

Boak last run for office was a loss for the supervisor's seat in Pound Ridge. She's the co-founder and executive director of the International Organization for Adolescents, which is an independent organization that advances health and well-being for adolescents throughout the world since 1999.

Boak is also an internationally recognized expert in human and child trafficking, as well as an author and college professor, according to a press release her campaign sent out.

"We see it every day, and we feel it in our communities," said Boak. "Families pressured by high taxes, young people leaving because of a lack of good jobs, parents who worry about what kind of education their kids are getting and the cost of college—it's all too much. And many of the people who are supposed to represent us and fight for us in Albany are either bought off by special interests or too caught up in their own scandals to get the job done."

With Boak entering the race, it could set up a three-way primary for the

Democratic nomination in September.

Costello, a first-term councilwoman, issued the following statement: "It is crucial we end the culture of corruption in Albany, a culture which Terrence Murphy has fully embraced," Costello said. "Regardless of the eventual nominee, the residents of the 40th district deserves a senator who will represent the best interest of constituents, not a favor-maker who is only in it for himself."

Falk, who has run twice for state Assembly and once for Patterson supervisor, only to fall short each time, said, "It's always good when people choose to get involved politically. I feel that having run in over 41 percent of the 40th Senate District previously and doing well in the most conservative part of the Senate District along with having endorsements from the Working Families Party, the Communication Workers of America Local 1103, the Carmel Teacher's Association and the Carmel and Patterson Democratic Committees and thousands of grassroots activists give me the clear advantage as the candidate best in position to defeat Terrence Murphy in November."

Murphy, who took the seat after former NYS senator Greg Ball retired, won easily in 2014, thumping Democratic counterpart and Croton resident Justin Wagner.



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Trump, Clinton Cruise to Big Wins in New York Primaries

By David Propper

With New York State finally holding a presidential primary that mattered, businessman Donald Trump and former secretary of state and NY senator Hillary Clinton clinched imperative wins last Tuesday, possibly changing the landscape of the Republican and Democratic primaries going forward.

Trump, a Queens native, earned 60 percent of the statewide vote, good enough for 89 delegates. Clinton, in the Democratic-heavy state, also brought in an impressive 58 percent, resulting in 139 delegates. Clinton is a Chappaqua resident

where she shares a home with former president Bill Clinton in Westchester County.

In Putnam County, more than 15,000 voters came out to select their Republican and Democratic pick for president with Trump winning big and Democrat Bernie Sanders getting a narrow approval.

Trump, the loud mouth billionaire, raked in 5,757 of the ballots casted, according to the Putnam Board of Elections. That amount was good enough for nearly 70 percent of the overall county vote. Ohio Governor John Kasich notched 18 percent of the vote in Putnam

and Texas Senator Ted Cruz collected 11 percent. And despite being out of the race, neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson got 58 total votes, or .7 percent of the vote in county.

Trump triumphed with ease in almost every county in the state, with Putnam one of the counties that gave him the largest margin of victory. The only county he didn't win was shockingly Manhattan, which went to Kasich. Kasich gained four delegates overall and Cruz got none.

As for Sanders, he eked out a victory in Putnam, though it was of little consolation and consequence. Though absentee ballots still need to be counted, he has 50.63 percent of the vote while Clinton is

saddled with 49.32 percent. That margin was actually the tightest in all of New York for both the Democratic and Republican primaries, according to a voting map on The New York Times website.

Sanders actually had a strong showing above Westchester, winning every county in central, western, and upstate New York except Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester. Overall, he hauled in 106 delegates.

No presidential candidate made an official campaign stop in Putnam, but some did hold events in Westchester and Dutchess counties, which both have higher populations and better equipped venues to hold rallies.



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Business of the Week

MacDonald Marine Inc. Mahopac

By David Propper

Ken MacDonald has perhaps one of the best views in all of Mahopac on a daily basis.

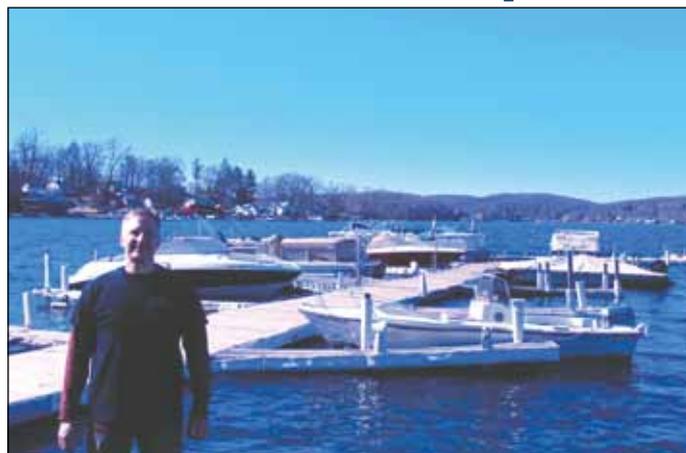
The owner and operator of MacDonald Marine, Ken has been able to enjoy the view of Lake Mahopac for more than 30 years starting when he was young man and now as he's gotten older. Through all that time, his family, starting with his father and now onto him, has run one of the few marine businesses in Putnam County.

MacDonald's father started at the marine in 1967 and worked for the original owner. When that past owner died, the father bought the business from the man's wife and it's been in the family ever since. (There are plaques that indicate the marine has been pumping gas since 1919.)

In the 1970s, Ken started sweeping up and pumping gas and has worked at the marine ever since. Cousins, aunts, uncles, and siblings have all chipped in at some point. When his dad retired in 2003, he took over the business.

At a young age, Ken and his siblings were more pressed into service rather than volunteered.

"It's a family thing," he said. "Everyone in the family is involved in it."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Ken MacDonald with a beautiful view in back of him, one he gets to see everyday.

Even some 30 years ago, Ken had aspirations to take over and keep the family legacy going strong. While others things come and go (like wanting to play professional baseball) Ken had a knack for working the marine, especially since he's been around it so long.

Knowing the clients and their boats, how to fix boating problems, and a natural understanding of the marine, things came easy to Ken.

"Working for somebody else, I don't know, once you work for yourself it's kind

of hard to go back and do something else," Ken said.

And there are plenty of perks to go along with operating the marine. The people who dock their boats are friendly, the view of Lake Mahopac is incredible, and working outside as nice weather arrives is another benefit. There is some hard work though.

"It's not all beach babes and bikinis, you know," Ken said. "That's what everyone seems to think."

MacDonald Marine offers as much or as little as a customer chooses. Customers can launch, dock, fill their boat's tank up, buy new and used boats and use other storage. Fishermen also take advantage of the lake's plentiful supply of fish in the waterways; with Ken noting the bass fishing is outstanding.

Open year round, MacDonald Marine has been the benefactor of "the winter

that never came," but until this week, the start of spring has been chilly.

Raising two boys and a girl with his wife who co-owns the marine with him, Ken admitted he'd like to see one of his children take over some day. While he hasn't pushed them the same way he was pushed to help the family business, the three occasionally help if they're around.

"They're still young yet so it's going to be awhile, but yeah I'd like that," Ken said. "I'd like if they took over for me."



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Letters to the Editor

National Donate Life Month in the United States

April is National Donate Life Month in the United States. It is at this time that we honor those who have donated much needed organs, and celebrate the many lives saved by their efforts.

Personally, I feel a sense of pride when I take out my wallet, and see the heart symbol on my driver's license that shows I am a registered organ donor. Volunteering to be an organ donor is

simple, and the enrollment process can be easily completed on the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website.

In New York State, the organ donation rate stands at half of the national level. Sadly, this severe shortage contributes to the fact that one person dies on the organ donor registry every 15 hours in New York State. This is a distressing statistic, as one single donor can save as many as

50 lives.

It is never too early or too late to register as a donor. Those under 18 years of age may register with parental consent, and senior citizens, who may feel they are too old, often possess viable organs which allow others to live a happy and healthy life.

I urge you to join me in celebrating National Donate Life Month by registering

to donate important organs and tissues to those so desperately in need. To learn more about donating organs and tissues, visit this link: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/register-become-organ-eye-or-tissue-donor>.

Sandy Galef

Assemblywoman, 95th A.D.

Reader Unhappy with Putnam Examiner's Coverage of Forum

Having read the front page headline of The Putnam Examiner in their April 19-25 issue, a report written by Arthur Cusano, I was at first excited and anticipated reading the article, as I was unable to attend the symposium sponsored by Drug Crisis in Our Backyards featuring Sheriff Don Smith, D.A. Bob Tandy and Judge James Reitz. However near the end of the article Cusano strayed from the topic regarding Putnam's law enforcement changes and instead decided to discuss one of the most horrific aspects of my daughter's interview with Kate Snow which was aired as part of NBC's Today Show series on the horrors of drug addiction in America.

According to Cusano, Judge Reitz opened the event with a segment of the NBC Dateline Show series that covered his drug court and its participants," including a former teacher who said she was shooting up in her neck (in) the woman's bathroom of her school". Never respecting the Judge's title, Cusano further quoted (without grammatically correct quotation marks) Judge Reitz that

my daughter is now eight years clean and working with other (still suffering and recovering) addicts. Cusano then went on to print exactly where my daughter works, following the Judge's comment that my daughter has a new life and a new career, however, according to Cusano, Judge Reitz further remarked that my daughter was one of the most desperate situations he had.

Although there were plenty of positive aspects of her interview with Kate Snow that Cusano could have eluded to he chose to focus on the most horrifying and negative without regard to either how it would affect us as parents, our granddaughter or how it would be perceived by those who were unaware of the situation until now. Nor did he consider the probable adverse ramifications regarding my daughter's place of employment. Also, although not mentioned by name, it wouldn't take a rocket scientist for any reader to figure out the name of the person to whom he was referring, which beside

potentially adversely reflecting on her named employer, could have adverse consequences on her personal and professional reputation. Accordingly, in my opinion, this so called reporter should be severely dealt with by his employer, The Putnam Examiner, who I ultimately hold responsible for any damage that his recklessness may result.

As parents, our daughter's addiction to heroin, which began when she was introduced to heroin by another "patient" at Arms Acres, where she was admitted for 30-day rehabilitation for alcohol dependence, was a living nightmare in every respect imaginable that we must carry with us for the remainder of our lives. Seeing the Kate Snow interview for the first time, enlightening us to details that we were not aware of, only exacerbated the horrific feeling within, and although our daughter felt that she was baring her soul so others may live, it was heart wrenching for me as her father. Reading Cusano's article made me happy that I was not present at the

meeting to watch this interview again, but his words tore me apart emotionally. Arthur Cusano, obviously you have never personally experienced the horrors of watching a loved one bounce off the floor in a seizure or having her system pumped after an overdose of narcotic pills that were prescribed by a local doctor who knew that she was an addict. Had you, you would have considered the feelings of this human being's family.

In this regard, I request that all those having access to the NBC Kate Snow interview with our daughter show some sensitivity and respect our wishes that the recording of that interview that involves my daughter no longer be used.

Andy Powers

Mahopac

Editor's Note: The Putnam Examiner stands by its reporter's article and everything written in the article was discussed and stated openly at the forum.

Obituaries

Nancy Marie O'Brien

Nancy Marie O'Brien, 52, of Brewster, died peacefully at home on April 18. Beloved wife of Robert O'Brien, who predeceased her in 2006, and loving mother to her two beautiful daughters,

Kelly and Samantha, both of Brewster. Nancy was the cherished daughter of the late Joseph Bosco and the late Barbara Cole Bosco, and beloved sister of Jeri (John) Martin, and Ronni (Andrew) Anderek, both of Brewster. Nancy is also survived by many loving brothers

and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was born and raised in the Bronx on July 20, 1963 before moving to Brewster and graduating from Brewster High School. She met the love of her life, Bob, and married on June 22, 1985. A consummate mother and homemaker, Nancy loved being with her family more than anything. She looked forward to her yearly trips to the Jersey Shore with her family and friends, as well as attending many concerts. She was an avid Yankee fan and rarely missed a game. A great lover of animals, there wasn't a cat out there that she didn't love or want to give a home to. Nancy will always be remembered for her compassion, kind heart and generous spirit and will be greatly missed by her family, including many nieces and nephews who she loved so much and who all brought her so much joy.

at home on Tuesday April 19. She was born in Springhill, LA on September 7, 1947, the daughter of Brief and Catherine Lewis Huddleston. Jeanette retired last year as the parts manager at Whispering Pine Landscape and Garden Supply in Mahopac. She was a motorcycle enthusiast and a member of the Harley Owners Group. On August 26, 1968 she married John Winter in LaJolla, CA. In addition to John, she is survived by her son David and his wife Jessica of Stafford, VA, her daughter Donna Chipman and her husband John of Mahopac, her brothers Rex and Steven Huddleston, her sister Barbara Ruby, her grandchildren Samantha and Melissa Chipman and Jason and Robert Winter and several nieces and nephews.

James T. McDougal

Beloved husband and Father, James "Jim" Thomas McDougal died peacefully on Wednesday April 20. Jim was 67,

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Jeanette M. Winter

Jeanette M. Winter, 68, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died peacefully

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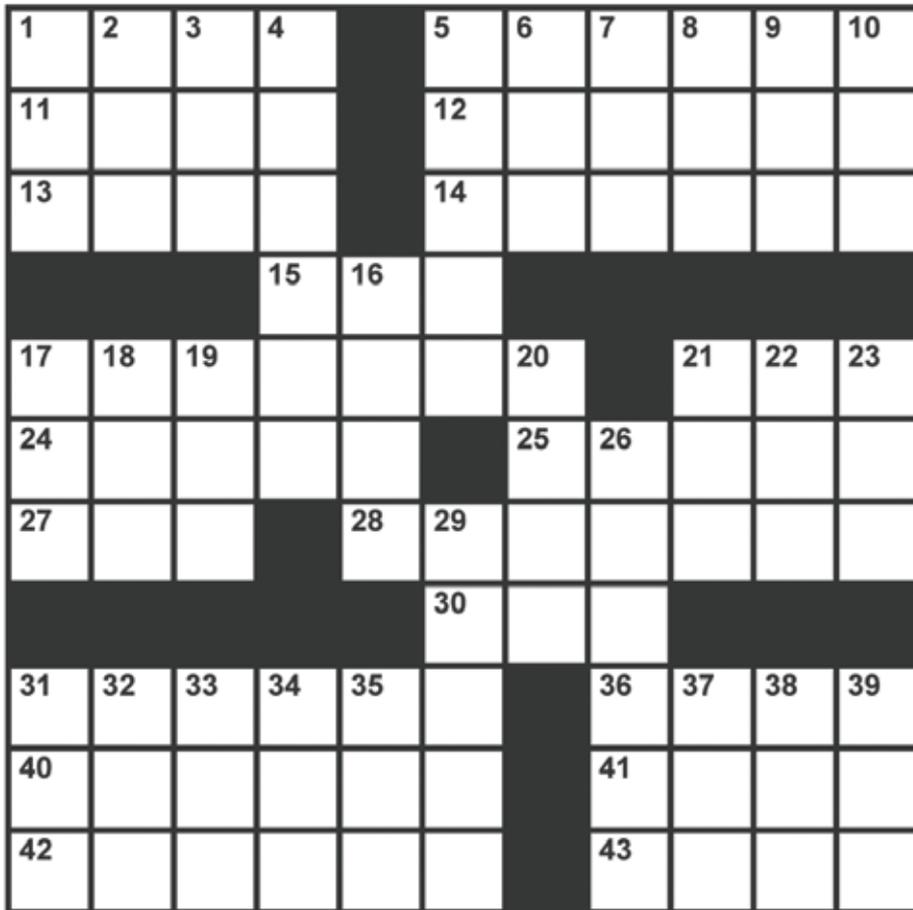
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11. Average
12. Baltimore player
13. Prose epic
14. Open
15. Beatnik's exclamation
17. Barely cook, say
21. Spot for a ring
24. Sphere
25. Cortlandt's popular "Party Stop" is now "Balloons & ____ on Westbrook"
27. Was in the vanguard
28. Liberate
30. Pressure measurement (abbr.)
31. Like a miser
36. And that's why
40. Best
41. Vegetate
42. Tidily
43. Chapter 11 issue

Down

1. Trio in summertime
2. Grassy area
3. Dip
4. Tooth protection
5. Stumbled on to

6. Expensive vase
7. Part of some cages
8. Fawn over
9. Calamity
10. Stiffen
16. Word in an Ernest Hemingway title
17. Dot-com's address
18. Name before married
19. Family man
20. Chooses, with "for"
21. Mess up
22. Scarfed up
23. "Catcher in the ____" novel
26. Out of the way
29. Bond
31. Kind of artist
32. Lemon or peach, e.g.
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Putnam Democrats Entangled in Possible Campaign Finance Violations

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a felony to steer a donation to a party committee if it is to give or solicit to a certain candidate and evade individual contribution limits.

“Based on the evidence that these transfers were prearranged, reasonable cause exists to believe that all the contributions were made to the county committees simply as straw donors,” Sugarman said in the memo. “Therefore, they should be considered contributions to the candidates and subject to the candidate’s contribution receipt limits.”

In a New York Times article, Louis Epstein, the first vice-chairman of the PCDC, said, “We were told, before we got it, how it was going to be used.”

Wagner got \$367,000 from the PCDC and Gipson received \$273,750.

NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, who beat Wagner with ease two years ago, said in a statement that redistributing donations to skirt contribution limits is wrong. He called on Putnam DA Bob Tandy to investigate the matter locally, in light of Epstein’s comments in the Times article.

“Pay-to-play is wrong,” Murphy stated. “We need to get to the bottom of how far this goes, even if it is to the top.”

NYS Sen. Serino also expressed dismay with the latest development after she, along with Murphy, brought attention to the matter two years ago.

“At a time when we’re working tirelessly to restore the public’s trust in our government, it’s disappointing to learn that some would go so far to circumvent the system that’s in place to keep campaigns open and honest,” said Serino. “If the allegations prove true, it shows a complete lack of ethical character and just goes to prove that there’s no limit to how low some would stoop to sell out our communities to NYC interests.”

County GOP Committee chairman Tony Scannapieco sent a complaint the state Board of Elections two years ago.

“It is time for Mr. Gipson to come clean about what he knew and when he knew it,” Scannapieco said in a press release sent out by Murphy’s team. “Further, Senate candidates Andrew Falk, Deborah Carter Costello and Alison Boak must repudiate this practice, and state once and for all unequivocally and on the

record why they have not joined the call for an investigation into the fundraising practices of the Senate Democratic Conference they hope to join.”

An email to Gipson, who plans to run again, was not returned before press time, and Wagner could not be reached. Democratic chairman Ken Harper, who was in the same leadership position in 2014, issued the following statement:

“Each Committee member understood and believed that the contributions received and the expenditures made were in full compliance with the law,” Harper said in an email. “There was no intent to evade individual campaign finance limits; to the contrary, the Committee promptly and accurately reported each contribution and each payment to the New York State Board of Elections.”

Democratic candidates for the 40th senate seat held by Murphy also weighed in.

Costello, in a statement, said it’s no secret campaign finance laws need to be reformed like closing the LLC loophole, increased reporting, and limiting influence of special interests. She called on the US Attorney’s Office to continue

its investigation into the matter, calling the office’s past work, including the prosecution of former senate majority leader Dean Skelos, “masterful.”

“I encourage the US Attorney to continue pursuit of the investigation wherever it may lead, and I hope local officials do nothing to interfere with it,” Costello said.

Falk also noted he’s been fighting for campaign finance reform for years and would continue that fight as a senator.

“I will call out wrongdoing wherever I see it, Republicans or Democrats who are looking out for their own interests over the people of New York State need an ethical watchdog and I will fight with the people of the state for an ethical and affordable New York,” Falk said.

Boak said she would fight to strip pensions of convicted state lawmakers, end outside income and clean up the state’s campaign finance system to end big money control of state government.

Boak added: “Any politician who breaks the law, Democrat or Republican, needs to be held accountable. Period. End of story.”

Obituaries

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born on August 20th, 1948 at St. Francis Hospital in the Bronx to Mary “May” O’Hara and Arthur McDougal Sr. Jim enlisted in the US Army in 1966. He worked for the Glazier’s Union local 1087 for 35+ years. Though he left high school prior to graduating to join the army, he went on to achieve his High School Equivalency and Associates Degree from Mercy College. Jim was always a Bronx boy at heart, an avid lover of Music, (The Beatles) Baseball (Go Yanks!), Animals, and Formula 1 Racing. Jim and his wife Madeline were young sweethearts. They fell in love in 1971, working together in the camera department of a Scarsdale Korvettes. For 45 years- they have shared a beautiful life and marriage together. Jim passionately loved and cared for Madeline and cherished the time he spent with his children. He will forever be missed. James is survived by his deeply loving wife, Madeline McDougal (née Lagana) and his four adoring children; James Jr., Patrick, Alena, and Catherine. James is also survived by his older brother Arthur McDougal and wife Carolyn, his older sister Carol Evans; sister-in-law Maria, brother-in-laws Gary and Vinnie, and many nieces and nephews.

Irene Helen Nordt

Irene Helen Nordt of Carmel, died Friday, April 22, at the age of 69 after a long battle with cancer. She was born on June 20, 1946 to Ralph and Frances Eckstrand

in the Bronx, NY. After graduating from James Monroe HS in the Bronx, she married Richard Nordt in January 1966 prior to his deployment to Vietnam. They resided in the city until moving to Carmel in 1974. After retiring from a long career with AT&T, Irene devoted her life to spending time with her family. Known for her quick wit sense of humor, she held a special place in everyone heart. Irene was a devoted wife, a loving daughter, mother, grandmother and friend to many. Always with a smile, she truly loved volunteering in the schools and was always doing for others. Many baby blankets made by her are still comforting children every night. Irene knew how to have a fun and would constantly embarrass her children and grand kids by singing in public. She is survived by her loving husband Richard of 50 years; her children Christine (Bill)

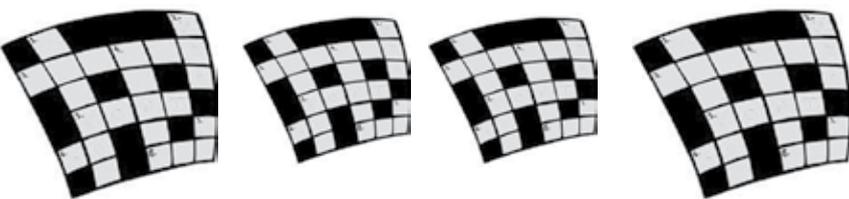
Marsden, Kim (Jorma) Tompuri and Richard (Erin) Nordt Jr. and eight adoring grandchildren Melissa, Lauren, Will, Gus, Jorja, Oscar, Grayson and Finley. She is also survived by her sister Linda (Doug) Noah and many loving nieces and nephews in addition to her mother Frances Eckstrand. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 26th from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. with a prayer service commencing at 7:30 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Home in Carmel, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hospice Care of Westchester & Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd Ste 300, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Bea M. Lehning

Bea M. Lehning of Carmel died on April 22, at the age of 63. She was born on May 5, 1952 in Tarrytown, to Andrew

and Marion Hongech. On August 7, 1971 she married the love of her life Gary Lehning in North Tarrytown. Bea owned and operated Cleaners and More in Carmel, where she developed many relationships with customers that she cherished. She is survived by her loving husband Gary; three children Gary, Laura, and Brian. She is also survived by nine grandchildren Amanda, Johnathan, Olivia, Ryan, Haylee, Christian, Anthony, Jason, and Emily. She is also survived by five siblings Marion, George, Mike, Sue, and Willie. She is predeceased by both her parents and brother Andy. Visiting will be held on Wednesday April 27th at Cargain Funeral Homes (Carmel) from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. A Mass will be on Thursday April 28th at St. James the Apostle Church at 11 a.m.

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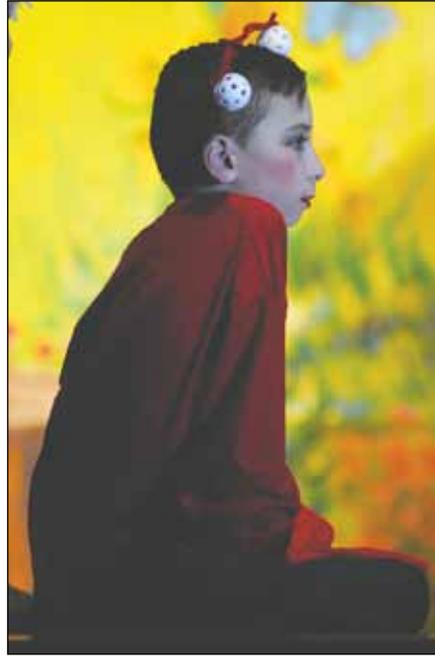
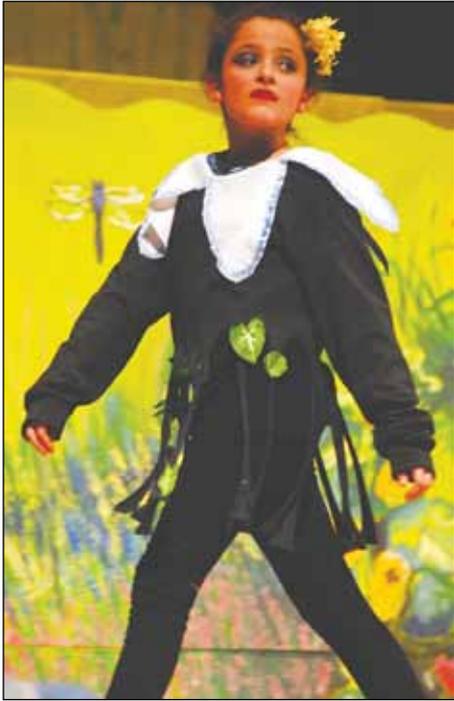
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A Shorthand Method to a Work-Free Garden

When I was younger, a feeling of near euphoria would greet me at the first breath of spring as I would anticipate my first days in the garden. Year after year, I could always be assured that I had at least five or six months ahead of me where, whenever stressed, all I had to do was put on my garden gloves to zone out and unwind.

In ensuing years, however, that enthusiasm dampened somewhat, first by “gardener’s knee,” then a schedule that sometimes had me choosing the easy chair and TV rather than anything more strenuous.

Yet I still wanted to have my property looking its best, especially now that it’s on the market with an increased schedule of showings. At the same time, I must keep my weekend outdoor maintenance chores to tight time constraints.

Here’s my shorthand to planning a low-maintenance garden that will eventually require only a one-weekend planting schedule, another for cleanup and only occasional touchups from spring to fall.

My main objectives in creating an attractive low-maintenance property were to plan for as much color as possible throughout the spring, summer and fall and to beat the weed and deer munching problems.



By Bill Primavera

To accomplish the first goal, I spent my first years of ownership in planting foundation flowering trees and shrubs that promised to return year after year, requiring only pruning in spring or fall. These include blooming apple and cherry trees, lilac, forsythia, azalea and rhododendron in spring and late summer blooming Rose of Sharon.

I always considered carefully which plants I put into my garden and which I kept out. On the “out” list were roses, which can kill you from the constant attention needed (except for the “Knockout”

variety, which are more forgiving), and annual flowers for cutting. Those can be as intense a process, from seedlings to the eventual cut, as raising a child.

“In” was anything that blooms every year with no attention from me, such as phlox, Shasta daisies and Black-Eyed Susans.

Accompanying those bursts of color were swaths of daffodil, crocus and hyacinth bulbs planted decades ago in wire cages to keep the squirrels at bay.

For colorful ground cover that spread like wild fire, I planted clumps of periwinkle whose purple blossoms last for weeks. Another trusty foundation planting of several varieties has been

hosta, also blooming in spires of purple and white.

In the spring, just a bit of time is required to trim spring flowering shrubs right after blooming for thicker growth and more blooms next year. And, just as you are tending to the perennial beds, the earliest spring bulbs will be blooming. Afterwards, be sure to deadhead them (remove the remains of the blossoms) but don’t remove the leaves. Let them die naturally so that they can feed the bulbs for next year.

For time efficiency, the concept of annual flower beds was replaced by a collection of urns in focused areas of the property, filled with non-destruct geraniums that last throughout the season.

Step two of my no-work garden is the easy way to keep weeds, invasive plants and deer at bay. The principal deterrent to weeds is to employ thick mulch doing its triple duty miracle work of retaining moisture while inhibiting weed growth, plus adding nutrients to the soil as it decays.

I have a money-saving trick in achieving a thick mulch look. Regular mulch can be quite expensive, so I ask my friends who cut and prune my trees to drop a full load of really clean chips near my driveway, and I use them in all my garden beds as a first layer. Then, I cover that layer with a mere skin of the more expensive mulch.

My third element for easy gardening

is to utilize certain products necessary to keep the invaders of the garden, both plant and animal, at bay. One is the fabulous Preen. Those tiny granules keep weeds from germinating. Another is Round-Up, which kills those invaders like grout weed that are not destroyed by Preen. I spray the Round-Up directly on the leaves of this garden predator and systemically, they die off.

The third product, Bobbex, keeps the deer from wishing each other bon appétit over my hosta and geranium flowers. (They don’t much like the rest of the plant.) While Bobbex must be sprayed at least once a month to continue its effectiveness, it’s a small price to pay to assure that you won’t lose an entire bed of plantings to one evening of deer indulgence. (Also, spray again if there is a heavy rain.)

Be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: “Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste.” With the tricks outlined here, you can enjoy the sweetness of the flowers and make haste in banishing the weeds, along with Bambi.

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Cervical Spine Disc Replacement: A Major Gain in Mobility

By Dr. Marshal D. Peris

If you have discomfort – such as neck or arm pain – due to problems with cervical spinal discs (those in your neck), you’ve probably heard of the fusion procedure. It’s a common surgical solution, which locks cervical vertebrae together permanently after removing damaged discs.

While this surgery offers excellent results, you need to know about a newer technique, called cervical spine disc replacement that leaves you far more mobile. Here, I explain this advanced and exciting treatment option, and help you determine if you might be a candidate.

The cervical spine is housed in the neck, with seven vertebrae separated by discs. Because cervical disc malfunction can impact the spinal cord, you can have problems throughout your body. You may experience neck or arm pain, weakness in the arms, numbness and tingling in the arm or hand or balance problems. Symptoms can be intermittent, chronic or triggered by specific activities.

Ultimately, all symptoms result from compression or narrowing (stenosis) of the space for the spinal cord or the nerves exiting the spinal cord. Stenosis occurs in various ways. As you age, your spinal discs lose height (that’s why we all get shorter), causing them to bulge. Picture



Dr. Marshal D. Peris

gently squeezing down on a cream donut – it gets shorter but also wider.

A bulging disc can press on a nerve exiting the spinal cord. At a later stage, the bulge can harden (calcify) into a bone spur, which can also compress a nerve. In the case of a herniated disk, you’re squeezing the cream donut so hard that cream leaks out. This disc material can

put direct pressure on a nerve.

Now, a sophisticated procedure called cervical spine disc replacement goes a step better for suitable candidates than traditional fusion surgery, which reduces movement. By replacing the damaged disc with an implant closely resembling a human disc, the procedure maintains the mobility of the cervical spine, in some cases even improving motion. In other words, your neck retains some – or has an even better – range of motion.

The best candidates are active people under 60 years who want to maintain greater mobility. In fact, post-surgery movement is so good that I don’t recommend the procedure for patients with existing arthritis in the neck joints. If you increase movement in a place with arthritis, you actually increase pain. While documented outcomes for cervical spine disc replacement are positive for 15 years, no longer-term data exists.

Following surgery, you will likely go home the same day. Take precautions for six weeks, then resume full activities. Northern Westchester Hospital is one of the few hospitals in the region to perform cervical spine disc replacement. Surgeons use the most advanced version of the procedure, which permits the implanting of two discs at once.

By Dr. Marshal D. Peris is co-director of spine surgery at the Orthopedic and Spine Institute of Northern Westchester Hospital and director of spine surgery, Mount Sinai Health System at CareMount Medical. Learn more at www.nwhorthoandspine.org/DrPeris.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on April 13, 2016, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition: **BOND PROPOSITION RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide capital improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a "Capital Bond Proposal,"

dated March 30, 2016, prepared by the District with the assistance of Kaeyer, Garmet & Davidson, Architects, P.C. (the "Proposal"), available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk and on the District's website, consisting of the construction of alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, and the Chappaqua Public Library; including construction of additions and interior reconstruction and reconfiguration space to create global and STEAM learning centers and new public library space; upgraded science, auditorium and other educational space; building code, ADA, roof, door, window, ceiling, floor, security, lavatory, locker, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning improvements; playground and athletic field improvements including installation of synthetic turf fields and field lighting; and curb, sidewalk, paving, masonry and other building exterior improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Proposal may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form: **BOND PROPOSITION YES NO RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, including the Chappaqua Public Library, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of

said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, up to June 9, 2016, five (5) days prior to the Special District Meeting. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) beginning June 9, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during school business hours from the School District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Monday, June 13, 2016. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

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Be Wary of the Information on a Wine Label



By Nick Antonaccio

What is the first description you seek out on a wine label? Is it on the front label? The rear? And which term have you trained yourself to capture, the one that transmits data from your

eye to your cerebrum as an attractor or a detractor, to tempt you to proceed further in selecting the wine for purchase?

Conversely, which descriptor or term do you seek out last? The single fact that is not of significant interest to your purchase decision – or your enjoyment of a particular wine?

This week I'm focusing on the latter category, and a term that at times is difficult to find on the front or back label.

Not that the terms in the first category – most influential – do not warrant a discussion of their own. Hardly so. There are many confusing terms on wine labels that we attempt to absorb and interpret. I am focusing on California wines in this column, but other states and countries have their own sets of regulations.

1. Simply because a wine label states the grape varietal, if it does at all, is not a de facto statement of fact. Cabernet Sauvignon on an American wine label may indicate that the contents are comprised solely of this varietal, or that, by law, it is simply the dominant grape in the wine bottle.

For example, California wine regulations stipulate that any wine sold which is 75 percent or more of a single varietal may carry that grape name on its label without disclosing the other grapes used to blend with it. That leaves significant leeway to winemakers seeking to produce their own distinctive wines, while still appealing to a particular consumer sensibility. That Cabernet Sauvignon mentioned above may have one or more additional grapes added to the bottle.

2. A Napa Valley designation on the label indicates that a minimum of 85 percent of the grapes were grown in that broad geographic area. The remainder may have been sourced elsewhere.

3. Vintage? There is a 5 to 15 percent leeway in blending different vintages into a wine, depending on where

the grapes were sourced.

While the perceived definition of the above terms may be disconcerting to some, winemakers have been given regulatory leeway, ostensibly to produce the best wine for retail sales.

On to the term that many consumers seek out last.

The one label fact I find receives the least attention, when compared to other label terms, is alcohol content. While important, many consumers are not as concerned regarding the alcohol levels in wine as compared to hard spirits. All alcohol consumption is potentially dangerous and should be diligently monitored – on the label and in the glass.

Just as there are regulations governing the label statements for grape varietals, origins and vintage, so too are there for alcohol content. And just as there is leeway for other wine terms on a label, so too are there for alcohol content.

By regulation, wines of 14 percent alcohol content or lower are allowed a variance of 1.5 percent. Above 14 percent, a variation of 1 percent is permitted. That Cabernet Sauvignon referred to above may have a stated alcohol content of 13 percent, but an actual level of up to 14 percent. Likewise, a number of California

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*'There are many
confusing terms on
wine labels'*

Zinfandels with stated alcohol of 14.1 percent may be alcohol bombs of up to 15 percent.

When disclosing alcohol content, such a variation may be the borderline between sobriety and inebriation for some. The Alcohol Research Group in California found that two glasses of 15 percent wine have a similar effect on the average person as three glasses of 12 percent wine.

Next week I'll report on the results of a study that analyzed the actual alcohol, compared to the stated level on the labels, of over 100,000 wines. Higher or lower than the stated level? And why? Stay tuned. This study also addressed other phenomena contributing to the recent rise in the alcohol content in a number of wines.

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.

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Art on Display:

Jean Tock's new exhibit, entitled "Looking and Seeing" will be on view in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from May 2-29.

The Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library is currently exhibiting artwork created by Mahopac High School Studio art students. The show, featuring POP ART inspired work, will remain on view through May 1.

Mahopac Library is hosting a theme show entitled "Lace" which features paintings, watercolor, photography, mixed media, as well as handmade lace items created by local crafters. The show will be on display in the Third Floor

Gallery at Mahopac Library from April 1-29; a public reception will be held on Sunday, April 10, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday April 29

Try Four Different Dance Styles with this unique Spring Class: Dive into Dance with a new Spring Combo Class. Spring into summer with this fun new class that includes Hip Hop, Tap, Jazz and Lyrical. The class meets for 8 sessions on Fridays from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for ages 7-12. Cost is \$160. For more information, Seven Star School of Performing Arts at www.SevenStarSchool.com or call 845.278.0728

Sunday, May 1

Come join Putnam Lake Fire Department at their Mother's Day Breakfast. Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Coffee and Tea will be served. 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Putnam Lake Fire Department at 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson. (near the War Monument) Adults: \$6. Children \$3. Contact person: Michael Ercole at 1-845-284-5791.

Tuesday, May 3

The Reads at Reed Book Club: When We Were GrownUps" by Ann Tyler. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact

845-225-2439 with any questions."

Wednesday, May 4

Make a Mother's Day Basket. 4:30 p.m. Not sure what to get mom this Mother's Day? Can't get out of the house to buy her something? Make her a special, surprise basket! All supplies are included! Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar

Trivia Bingo Night: Patterson Library. 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Trivia will host another great night of Trivia Bingo! A little bit of luck and general knowledge is all you need for a chance to win fantastic prizes! Come solo or bring a group of

friends and have a blast! Ages 18+ only. Registration Required. Space is limited. Kids 7+ play in the main library while parents play. Kids 3+ can stay with staff for stories and crafts. Kids must be registered. To register or for more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program. ay 6

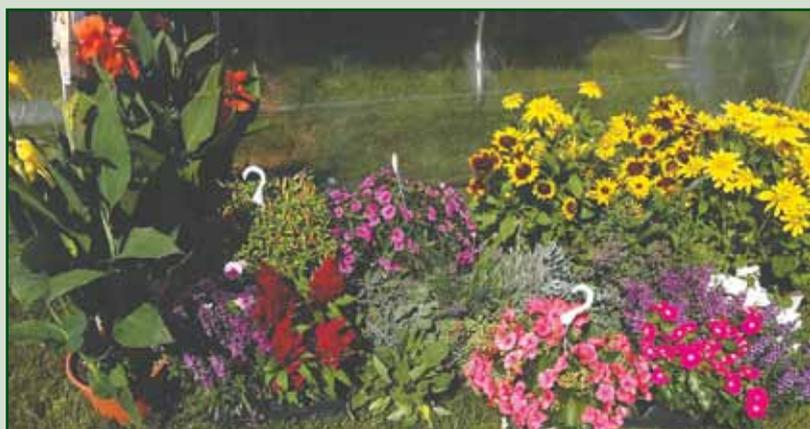
Kids Yoga (ages 5-7) Friday, May 6, 13, and 20 at 4:30 p.m. Take a deep breath and relax with Sarah Gilchrist as she guides children ages 5-7 through a fun and soothing 3 week yoga session! Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Lake Carmel Boat Auction

The Lake Carmel Park District will hold a boat auction at the Lake Carmel Maintenance Building on 8 Champlain Road, near Beach #5 off route 312, in the Town of Kent on Saturday April 30 at 9 a.m., with a preview time of 8 a.m. The 21 boats available include but are not limited to: Canoes, Flat and V Bottom, Paddle, Pontoon, and Sail Boats. The auction is open to the public. Cash, Money Order or Certified Checks only will be accepted. Boats are sold as is and must be removed from the property that day. For additional information please call the Lake Carmel Park District Office at (845) 306-5602 or email at lcpdclerk@townofkentny.gov

The Master Gardeners' May Plant Sale

If you're interested in a great selection of plants chosen for success in Putnam County then mark your calendars for Saturday May 14, and prepare to be there at the starting gun, because this is one plant sale where the plants move faster than you ever imagined! The Master Garden Volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension will host this sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parking area of Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1 Geneva Road, (off Route 312 - upper DMV Parking Lot) in Brewster. The event features an incredible variety of tomatoes including heirlooms and organic tomato and vegetable plants. There will be native and pollinator-friendly perennials and shrubs, aromatic and culinary herbs in addition to bulbs, annuals and ornamental Perennials. Also native plants grown by or specifically selected by the Master Gardeners of Putnam County will be available. Master Gardeners are on hand to answer your questions about planting, nurturing and harvesting, so you'll be sure to have a successful gardening season. Don't forget to stop at "Our Favorite Gardening Gear", an area full of specialized tools, gardening gloves, soaps, hand-crafted hypertufa planting pots and other select gardening items. Free soil pH testing will also be offered. Bring a 2-cup sample of your garden soil in a clean container and a Master Gardener volunteer will determine the soil's pH (acidity or alkalinity). It can make a real difference for your plants. For additional information check our website: Putnam.cce.cornell.edu or call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738.



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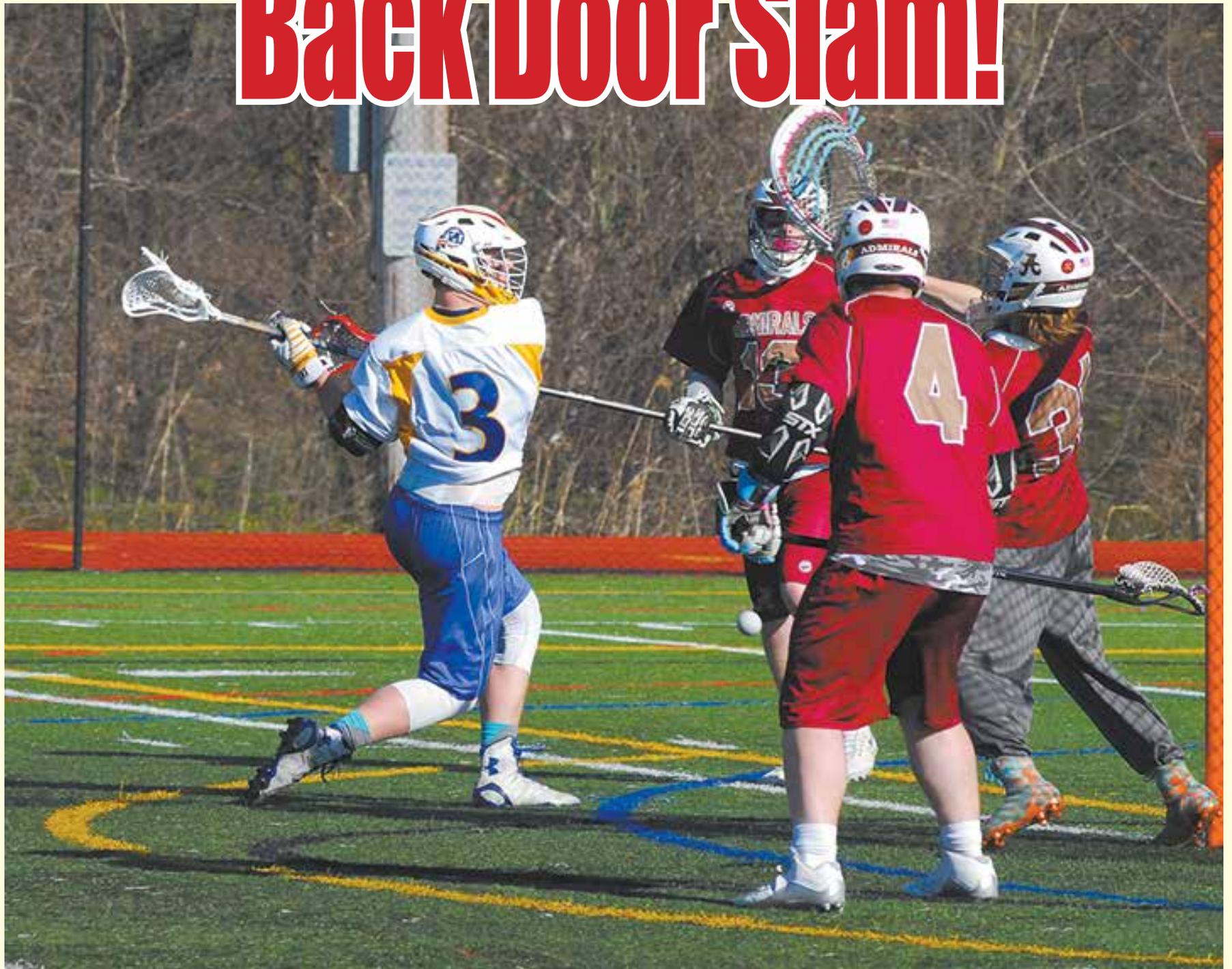
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Back Door Slam!



Foley Notches Hat Trick in Mahopac Triumph of Arlington

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac senior M Dan Foley went for the hat trick, including this nifty behind-the-back tally in last Tuesday's 15-8 win over Arlington. The Indians didn't fare quite as well in Thursday's showdown with league rival Lakeland/Panas when the state-ranked (No.18) Rebels raced out to a 6-0 lead and settled on an 11-6 win and the fast track to the league title... see Boys' Lax Notebook

Resurgent Somers Exceeding All Expectations but Its Own

Lakeland/Panas Still Rolling in Class A, Rocks Mahopac

By Ray Gallagher
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As the simple-minded Gomer Pyle used to say on the age-old Andy Griffith Show back in the 1960s: Surprise, surprise, surprise! For those of you who have nary a clue about Gomer Pyle, just Google it! But indeed the local lax circuit is just bursting with surprises in 2016. I'm not sure there's a bigger or more uplifting

championship-pedigree systems.

Why, it wasn't long ago that some quick-to-squawk folks in Somers were wondering if they made the right choice by hiring DeGregorio, an All-Section byproduct of the great Yorktown system and former collegiate All-American. But after wins over state-ranked (No.11) Class B John Jay and Class C heavyweight Bronxville (No.11), it turns out DeGregorio knows exactly what he's doing.

"It may sound boring, but the work that these 27 guys put in at practice is awesome," the second-year coach said. "The starters may get to perform on the field more, but they have been pushed by all the guys a practice. These last two wins were a result 27 guys working hard together, believing in themselves and doing whatever it takes improve."

The recent, brutal six-game stretch included Class A powers Fox Lane and Lakeland/Panas, plus Class B favorite Yorktown and potential Class B challenger Rye;



Mahopac's Tom Wilson clears zone in win over Arlington.

bombshell than the one coming out of Somers; where Coach Vin DeGregorio's Class B Tuskers (6-4) have taken a page out of the NFL parity script and "turnd up" their season.

Likewise, Coach Jim Lindsay's state-ranked (No.18) Lakeland/Panas Rebels (8-1) have done similarly on the Class A scene. Granted, both the Tuskers and Rebels are what we consider perennial powers, but both are coming off considerably sub-par seasons by the standards we hold them to in this neck of the woods. So to see each of them excelling at the high levels they are currently experiencing is only a surprise given last year's debacles. And make no mistake; Somers, at 8-11 last year, and L/P, at 5-11, is a genuine mockery of their

all four losses that could have spelled the beginning of the end. But when the chips were down, the Tuskers cashed in on wins against Class B heavyweight John Jay and Class C power Bronxville, essentially salvaging their season. Six-straight losses during that stretch, no matter how tough it was on paper, might have signaled doom. Instead, the Tuskers dug deep.

"We knew going in that this stretch of schedule would be difficult, but the boys proved that they had the toughness and resiliency to work through it," DeGregorio said. "Our four long sticks -- Evan Kielyka, Jake Cordes, Aldo Kacsmaracwicz and Jack Baukham -- have been very methodical on D. They have been doing a great job forcing teams to take low percentage shots. Sophomore G



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Somers' Vincent Cartelli is a big part of the rise of the Tusker in 2016.



Somers' Joe Hamshell and the Tuskers are boldly pronouncing themselves as Class B contenders with wins over Jay and Bronxville last week.

Tyler Carr (14 saves vs. JJ, 7 vs. Bronxville) has come up big in tight spots.

"Offensively, we play unselfish and patient," the coach added. "Against Bronxville, we had four different players combine to score seven goals (3 of the 7 assisted). Against Jay, five different players scored eight goals (Jake Cordes scored the game winner on an unassisted 50-yard run). Nick Vece did a great job for us at the face-offs (9-14 against Bronxville and 8-16 against Jay). In our last few games we have had production from Graham

Roediger, Mike Couture, Vince Cartelli, Andrew Lowman, Jack Kessler and Mike Cliff. Really, we've had balanced scoring."

Over at L/P, Lindsay is just another Lindsay, and that should say enough in lacrosse circles. From his dad, Jim, a longtime coach and A.D. at Dobbs Ferry, to his brother, Sean, one of the finest lax players in U.S. history, the Lindsay boys know the game inside out. And when they have the right blend of talent and the leadership -- like they currently have in guys like Siena-bound M Kevin Prunty,



Mahopac's Tommy Murray rips goal in win over Arlington

Mercy-bound Jojo Cortese and Hartford-bound D Nicky Vazquez – the Rebs are always a force. These three cats were varsity freshmen the last time the Rebels won it all, and wouldn't it be special to buff up their legacy with a second sectional title,

we have a lot of lacrosse to play and a lot to get better on come playoff time.”

Thursday's 11-6 thrashing of Mahopac – in which Kevin Prunty dropped a hat trick and set up four other tallies -- has put the Rebels squarely in the driver's seat as



Mahopac's Aidan Hynes scoots in transition in win over Arlington



Mahopac's Ryan Dugan cranks shot in win over Arlington.

especially given all the Prunty's – Conor, Brian and Kevin -- have meant to L/P lax the last decade.

“It would mean everything to me, Jojo and Nick,” Prunty said of a title. “All we've been thinking about since our early end last year. It would definitely mean a lot to the family legacy, too. Hopefully, I can be the first to have two titles in the family, but

the preeminent contender to pre-season favorite Fox Lane, which really hasn't done anything in the past to distinguish itself as “the favorite”. Will the Rebel Yell?

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr's Class B Huskers (6-4), ranked No.5 in NYS, have handled every team in Section 1 this season and has been tried and tested

by national powers, so there is still no indication that the Huskers won't be the last team standing when all is said and done, until they meet No.1 Manhasset and all hell breaks loose on June 8th at Hofstra (God willing). Still, looking past No.17 Rye, Somers or anyone else in Section 1 would be their undoing.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (8-1), ranked No.18 in NYS, can't afford any slip-ups between now and May 7th when the Huskers come a knocking; that means taking care of Rye, Wappingers, Brewster, Suffern and the rest of the posers standing between the Rebs and a 14-1 mark heading in to the Murphy Cup game, which should have some added zest this season.

No.3 SOMERS – Coach DeGregorio's Class B Tuskers (6-4) probably need to be more concerned with that 10-5 loss to Rye than anything else that happened the past two weeks, seeing how Rye – and John Jay -- probably stands between Somers and a championship playdate with Yorktown. But since Rye struggled with Harrison, we're hoping the 5-goal loss to the Garnets was an aberration more than a potential playoff portent.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Coach Mohammed/Tanzi-led Class A Indians (3-6) continue to feed upon the “We'll wake up in May” philosophy, but time is running out for a team that was handled by Lakeland/Panas last week. Nobody saw last year's run to the finals coming and it seems more far-fetched at this point in time, unless the Indians buy in to “Captain's Speak”. “Still just focused on May,” senior Christian Donahoe said. “People forget we weren't playing well until the very end of the season last year when we were one step away. I don't think we've put together a whole 48 minutes since Northport. We have the talent

were just not playing good lacrosse for four quarters.” Or this from senior Dan Foley: “We've been inconsistent, we've had stretches where we look amazing and are clicking on all cylinders and we've had stretches where we look unorganized and sloppy. The good thing is, these losses against good teams are showing us what we need to work on, and I think we're gonna start putting whole games together.”

With all due respect, gents... it's time to strap it up and win at least 5-6 of the last 7 (I seen your schedule), or I'll be a non-believer going in, which takes an awful lot for me to say.

No. 5 HEN HUD – Coach Solly's Class C Sailors (7-4) are starting to play like serious contenders for the Class C crown again, but I still have a hard time getting past things like P'Ville (17-5) and Somers (13-7). Perhaps it was going to take some time for this unit to get into a rhythm but I need to see them close on a 3-2 run or better to think they can erase that 12-goal deficit between the Sailors and the reigning champion P'Ville Panthers, ranked No.6 in NYS. Do the Sailors have enough in the tank to deal with them, No.11 Bronxville and upstart Briarcliff (No.5), which has seen a spike in power under Coach Rob Anderson, another former Yorktown twig extending the branch of success.

HM BREWSTER – Coach Honey's Class B Bears (4-4) are still coming up short against the next tier and it doesn't get any easier with Yorktown, L/P, Somers and Fox Lane on deck.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach Ignatz's Class C Tigers (5-7) should be 8-7 before a season-finale run at Brewster. If they go down without a peep in the playoffs, though, we'll chalk it up to yet another sub-sub-par campaign in a town searching to find its once-dominant lax identity.

Sports

Girls LAX Notebook

Round 1 Goes to Somers in Clash with Yorktown, 11-10

By Tony Pinciaro

Even though the 0-7 record may not indicate it, Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman has noticed her young Tigers coming of age.

"The girls have been working extremely hard in practices and pushing themselves in each game, only getting better," Hyndman said.

However, Putnam Valley was not able to break into the win column, which was frustrating. The Tigers put that frustration to rest when it defeated Beacon, 18-6, for victory number one.

Maddie Deegan and Kaitlyn Phillips each had four goals in the win. Deegan added three assists and Phillips chipped in with two.

"The girls needed this win and really deserved the win," Hyndman said. "The girls knew coming into the season we had a tough schedule and they knew they had to really push themselves to take the team, as a whole, to the next level. If we want a chance to go to sectionals and make it to the next phase we have to remain determined and dedicated to practices and these next eight games."

Putnam Valley asserted itself early and never looked back.

"We had outstanding draw control by both Maddie Deegan and Jacklyn Phillips that really aided in the win," Hyndman said. "I always tell the girls when you win the draw, you win the game so I think the girls really saw that this game."

"Our transitioning was really great this game, as well as the communication on both defense and attack."

Jackie Phillips, Emma Rippon and Steph Wagner scored two goals apiece and Phillips set up four goals. Gillian Hanson and Jess Denike added a goal and an assist apiece.

Along with the daily progress, Hyndman has been impressed by her girls' grit and



Somers G Jess Monaco is forced into point-blank situation against Yorktown goal-scorer Rilea Fusco in 11-10 Tusker triumph.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers soph Teagan Lucchese lets out a roar after scoring back-to-back goals in Tuskers' 11-10 win over Caileigh Lampersberger's (20) Yorktown Huskers

determination playing against much larger schools.

"The girls did much better than others had expected, against these bigger schools who are typically known to have great lacrosse programs," Hyndman said. "Although we lost, coming out of these games, the girls really saw the potential they had and how they are right on the cusp of a breakthrough. The tenacity, drive, and love for the sport is what I've seen the most that makes these girls keep pushing through the season. They know their capabilities and they won't stop until they have succeeded. I'm excited to see what they can do in our next eight games."

SOMERS remained undefeated with victories over Arlington, 11-9, and **YORKTOWN**, 11-10. Somers trailed Yorktown, 7-5 at halftime. The Yorktown game may very well have been a preview of the Section 1 Class B Championship game.

Junior A Livy Rosenzweig had a game-high five goals and Teagan Lucchese and Gabby Rosenzweig had two apiece against Yorktown. Hannah Tiso and Sydney Ericson each had a goal and an assist.

Casey Duff finished with a hat trick and two assists and Rilea Fusco had three goals for Yorktown (7-3). Somers held high-scoring Katie Comerford to one goal.

Somers (9-0) opened with the victory over a determined Arlington team, which trailed 7-5 at the half.

Gabby Rosenzweig had three goals and three assists and Lucchese added three goals. Izzy LaRocca and Livy Rosenzweig contributed two goals apiece.

"We started out the week slow but ended

on a high note," Somers coach Jaime Prysclak said. "We are just starting the second half of our season and playing Arlington and Yorktown was just what we needed to help us realize where we stand at this point and what we need to continue working on."

"Composure played a major role in both games last week and fortunate enough for us, the team was able to see that and make adjustments to help them be successful on the field."

Yorktown rebounded from its loss to Somers to hand rival **LAKELAND/PANAS** a 17-5 setback. Comerford netted seven goals and added two assists. Rilea Fusco finished with a goal and five assists and Casey Duff contributed a hat trick.

"The team came out ready to play against Lakeland/Panas after a disappointing

day against Somers," Yorktown assistant Coach Lauren McAulay said. "We got excellent offensive contributions from a number of players and our defense did a great job limiting their shot opportunities and goalie was outstanding behind them."

Lakeland/Panas (7-2) ran its winning streak to seven consecutive with triumphs over Hen Hud, 13-12, and North Salem, 15-12, before falling to Yorktown.

The Rebels won in thrilling fashion against **HEN HUD** (3-3) as Valerie

Perkins scored on an 8-meter shot with three seconds remaining in the game.

Carlyn Mucci finished with four goals and continued her torrid scoring pace throughout the season. Gianna Napoli, Kelsey McCrudden, Emily Kness and Perkins each had two goals.

Katie Bradbury found the net five times and Mucci scored four for second consecutive game in the win over North Salem. McCrudden added three goals and two assists.

BREWSTER (6-3) was facing a five-goal deficit in the second half, but the Bears dug deep and rallied to an 11-10 win over **MAHOPAC** (6-3).

"I couldn't be prouder of my girls," Brewster first-year coach Sara DiDio said. "Mahopac came out strong in the second half and scored two goals, but we chipped away one goal at a time and came back to tie the score with 43 seconds left."

MaryKate Loney evened the score and then Lauren Craft finished off a Marina Souza feed with five seconds on the clock.

Loney finished with a team-leading four goals and Megan Beal and Craft each had two goals. Souza collected two assists.



Yorktown's Ashley Stilo makes her move on Somers' Hannah Tiso in Tuskers' 11-10 in over Huskers.

"Meagan Beal did an amazing job all over the field, especially winning seven draw controls," DiDio said. "Last week was a tough week for our defense, and I was proud of their control and composure during this game. Emily Schaub and Amelia Cuomo had great games in goal for us."

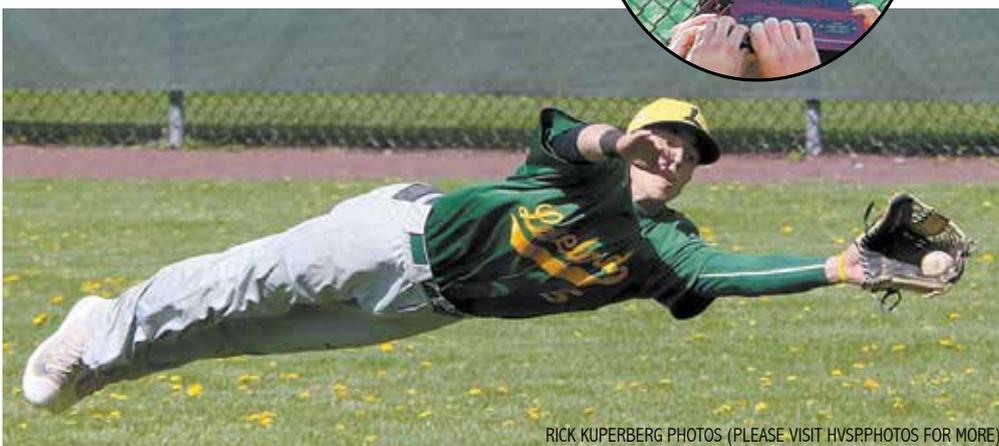
Gabby Light led Mahopac with a hat trick and Marella Verde and Ali Korin had two goals apiece. Diana Good finished

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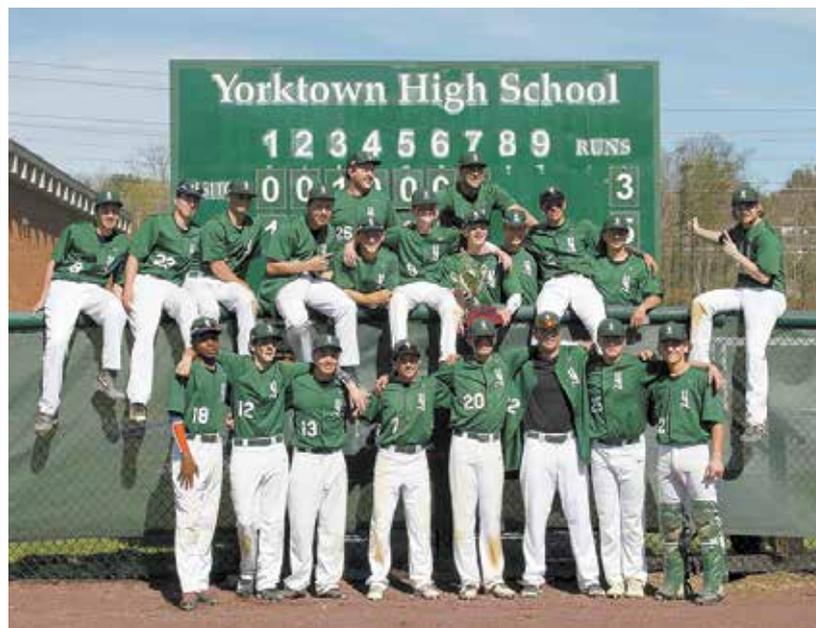


Yorktown Snags Cup in 35th Rendition of Sorrentino Memorial Game

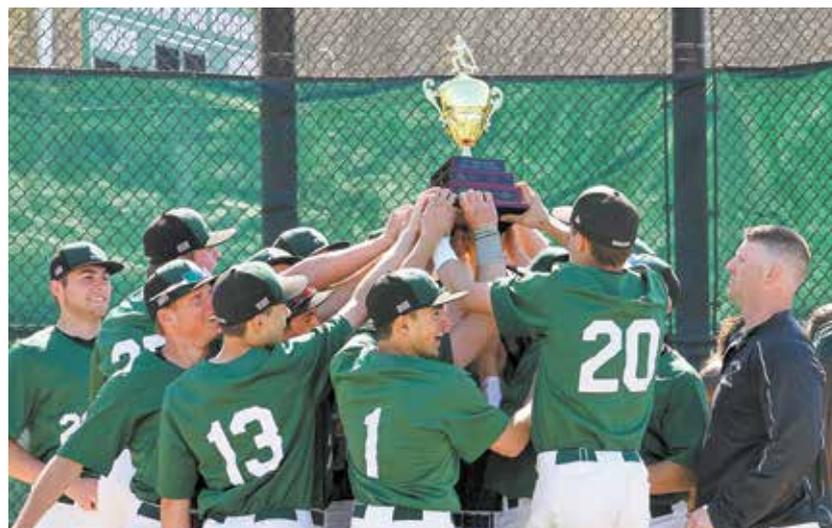
Yorktown winning P James 'Great White' Sharkey took a bite out of Lakeland in 5-3 Husker win. Sharkey allowed a run and whiffed nine Hornets in 5.1 innings for Yorktown's 5th Sorrentino Cup win in a row.



Lakeland OF Albin Brucaj makes the play of the day in the 35th annual Sorrentino Cup game, which the Hornets lost to Huskers, 5-3.



The Yorktown Huskers pose with the coveted Sorrentino Cup trophy after knocking off rival Lakeland by a 5-3 count last Saturday.



Huskers display their genuine emotional connection to the Sorrentino Cup after defeating Lakeland 5-3 to win 35th annual clash behind Jake Bichler's 2 doubles, 2R, RBI.

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with one goal and two assists and Morgan Kirby had two assists.

"A game like this is a test to our resolve," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "How will our team respond? Who will step up and strengthen areas we need to work on?"

"I hate to see a team come back and beat us like that, but I still believe you learn more in a close loss than in any other game because any one thing could have been the difference in the game. We need to play consistently from start to finish, and we will be working on that heading into our game against Wappingers."

Mahopac showed Lieto that it has a short memory. Instead of focusing on the last-second loss, Mahopac put the game behind it and responded by doubling up Wappingers, 12-6.

Korin finished with four goals and two assists and Good added two goals and four assists. Vicky Moundroukas and Kirby each had a goal and an assist.

Tara Ravoli won 12 of 16 draw controls and also picked up eight groundballs. Korin was second on the team

with six pickups.

"We are very excited to get another league win to remain undefeated at 4-0 in the league," Lieto said. "We have finished the first round of our double-round league play by defeating each team once. Three of the four league games were on the road as well so we are looking forward to getting these league teams into Mahopac."

"Once again our defense led the way today. Emily O'Shea and Chelsea McNulty were solid in the net and Alyssa Kirby and Katie Semenez led the way in front of them. Katie even got in on the scoring with the first varsity goal of her career. Tara Ravoli and our girls on the draw circle were stellar giving our offense multiple opportunities."

OSSINING (2-3) opened the week with a 15-5 win over Beacon before suffering a 15-4 loss to Horace Greeley.

Sam Cozzolino scored five goals and added two assists and Gabby Rama had a hat trick in the win. Jaida Strippoli added two goals and an assist.

Hen Hud split two games, a 13-12 last-

second loss to Lakeland/Panas and an 18-1 victory over Pawling.

Hen Hud coach Mary Honovich said every player on the roster had either a goal or an assist against Pawling. Heather Riefenhauser scored her first varsity goal

and defenders -- Katie Luposello and Melanie Porras -- tallied their first goals of the season.

Montana Garrett collected four goals and three assists in the loss to Lakeland/Panas.

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Organic Pomegranate Glazed Salmon

*A Reduction of Organic Pomegranate Juice, Orange Juice,
Cilantro, Garlic & Italian Shallots on a Blackened Salmon
Steamed Spinach*

Blackened Yellowfin Tuna

*In a Chili Lime – Ponzu Sauce, Baby Arugala,
Vietnamese Chili Paste*

Filet Mignon Portabella Stack

*With Italian Shallots in a Tawny Port Wine Reduction
Topped with a Balsamic Grilled Portabella*

San Francisco Ciopponeo

*Mussels, Vongole, Clams, Calamari, Wild Shrimp, Wild Sole,
Scallops with Sautéed Onions, Garlic, Carrots,
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