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Conviction Overturned in 2007 Arson Case at Smalley's Inn

By David Propper

A man in jail for the last eight years accused of setting a local Carmel business on fire in 2007 was released from jail last week after it was determined by prosecutors that his conviction was based on flawed evidence.

Bill Haughey was exonerated last week, putting an end to a decade long ordeal where he never wavered on his claim of innocence after he was charged and eventually convicted by a jury of arson inside Smalley's Inn and Restaurant along Gleneida Avenue. With the help of an organization focused on freeing wrongly convicted inmates and the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, Haughey has a new lease of life, even though Smalley's Inn owners don't believe he deserves it.

Haughey spoke at the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation in the Bronx Wednesday about his quest to reach freedom. He particularly thanked the late Robert McMahon, the



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The now free Bill Haughey stands at a press conference last week.

former EMS commissioner for Putnam, who got a letter from Haughey in jail and then contacted retired fire marshals and Putnam residents Paul Roncallo and William Tulipane, to look into the case.

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Second Opinion Sought on Butterfield Project Ruling

By Neal Rentz

As the debate over the Butterfield Project continued at the May 26 Cold Spring Planning Board meeting, the village board of trustees previously agreed to hire an attorney to take a second look at the opinion from Village Attorney John Furst that the planning board needed an amended site plan approval for the change of use for the revised plan.

Developer Paul Guilaro is seeking to move the county senior center from Butterfield's building two, the originally approved location, to the Lahey Pavilion, located at 1756 Route 9D. The original plan was to keep the Lahey Pavilion as a

location for medical offices. If the senior center and an office of the US Postal Service are moved to the Pavilion, the medical offices that are now there would have to be transferred to building two.

At last week's meeting, Planning Board Chairman Matt Francisco announced the board of trustees' decision. The developer has contended that change of use approval was not required, though he was willing to discuss issues related to the changes.

The current requirement for the Pavilion is 35 parking spaces.

"It's a change of use and requires an updated plan," Francisco said, pointing to

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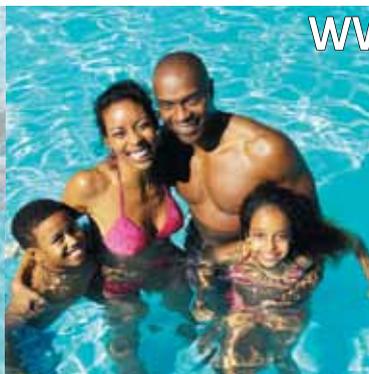
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While Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer and backyard barbecues, Putnam residents made sure to honor fallen American soldiers Monday during countless Memorial Day ceremonies and parades in the county. In Mahopac, plenty of residents came out to partake in the remembrance and show appreciation to veterans, living and dead. With American flags raised high and no shortage of patriotism, Memorial Day in Putnam was once again a solemn success.



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Levy Faces Lawsuit Stemming from Highly Publicized Case

By David Propper

Former Putnam County district attorney Adam Levy might be out of office, but he's still in hot water after a lawsuit against him was revealed last week.

Westchester attorney George Galgano, whose Levy's office twice indicted only to have the charges dismissed both times, is suing Levy for a "gross abuse of power." Other defendants named in the lawsuit include the district attorney's office, the Carmel Police Department and former prosecutors and investigators in the DA's office during Levy's tenure, as well as one Carmel police detective. The complaint was filed in federal court.

Calling the case a "campaign of serial perjury, evidence fabrication, and gross abuse of power," the lawsuit seeks unnamed monetary damages for unconstitutional violations of Galgano's privacy, damage to Galgano's reputation, and for malicious prosecution. The charges against Galgano have made it tougher for him to make a living practicing law, the suit states.

Levy twice indicted Galgano on charges of bribing a witness so she wouldn't testify against his client accused of rape, but both times a judge determined there wasn't evidence to show any wrongdoing by Galgano.

The motivation for Levy's prosecution of Galgano, the lawsuit states, is Galgano's "zealous" representation of accused rapist

Lani Zaimi, a supporter of Sheriff Don Smith who is a political enemy of Levy. The DA's office tried to "neutralize and discredit" Galgano so he would no longer be able to represent Zaimi, the suits states.

In one instance, Levy's office pasted snippets together of a longer conversation to "create the false impression" that Galgano was acting illegally, the lawsuits states. It also states that fabricated evidence helped lead to eavesdropping applications connected to Galgano's investigation.

Levy also swore in an affidavit that Galgano and associates were conspiring to stop an alleged victim in the Zaimi rape case from testifying, although no evidence existed to back up that statement, according to the suit.

In searching Galgano's home and office, the raids were comparable to when law enforcement goes after violent criminals, rather than legitimate businesses like a law firm owned by Galgano, the suit states.

The searches were "a stunningly hostile and aggressive display of authority that was designed to harass Mr. Galgano and destroy his personal and professional reputation."

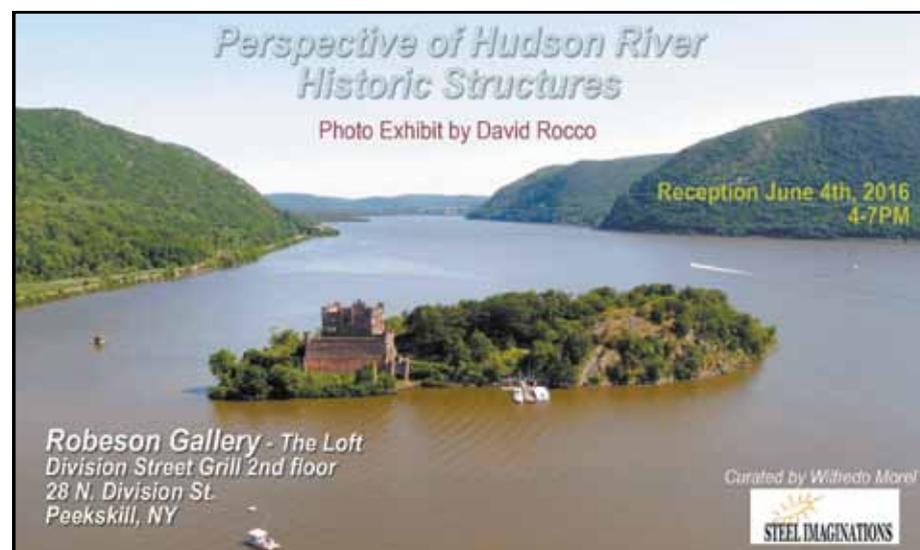
George Carpinello, an attorney for Boies, Schiller, & Flexner who is representing Galgano, said in a statement no person should face the abuse of office that Galgano was dealt.

"When prosecutors choose to exercise their power to settle personal vendetta, causing serious, unjust damage to the victim of that vendetta, that abuse cannot go remedied," Carpinello said. "Levy knew that the evidence he used to obtain the illegal wiretaps and search warrants and to secure the indictments would never hold up in a court of law."

A former assistant district attorney in the office, Lisa Ortolano, even resigned over the case, according to the suit. After she reviewed the case for months, Ortolano, in a memo, advised Levy against charging Galgano again after the first indictment was thrown out.

She explained search warrants and eavesdropping applications in Galgano's case were obtained through "materially false and perjurious submissions" to the court, according to the suit.

Levy ordered Ortolano to retract her previous memo and pen a new one supporting another indictment and personally re-present the case to another grand jury, the lawsuit states, and instead she resigned. She could not be reached for comment prior to press time. Levy could not be reached for comment. Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari declined comment in accordance with department policy.



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Q: What can cause excessive pain before, during, and after my period?

A: A potential cause is endometriosis. Endometrial cells released by the endometrium – the tissue that lines a woman's uterus – latch onto the ovaries, bowel, or elsewhere in the pelvis. The new tissue behaves the same as it does in the uterus: It thickens, breaks down, and bleeds with each menstrual cycle. This can irritate the surrounding tissue, leading to pain and excessive bleeding.

Q: How can I tell if I have endometriosis?

A: Symptoms can include painful periods; pain during intercourse; pain during bowel movements or urination, especially during your period; excessive bleeding and infertility. In fact, endometriosis is often first diagnosed when a woman is seeking infertility treatment. It can also be mistaken for other conditions that cause pelvic pain which is why it is important to tell your OB/GYN if you experience any of these symptoms.

You may get a pelvic exam to check for possible cysts or scarring. Ultrasound can also reveal the presence of cysts or scarring, but the only way to accurately diagnose endometriosis is with a procedure called

laparoscopy. A surgeon makes a tiny incision near the naval and inserts a small camera called a laparoscope to look for endometrial growths.

Q: Can endometriosis be treated?

A: Yes. Treatment starts with over-the-counter pain medications such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) or naproxen (Aleve). If that doesn't ease the pain, many women benefit from hormone treatment, such as birth control pills or other hormone-blocking drugs that help shrink the endometrial growths. If symptoms persist, surgery may offer a solution. A hysterectomy can give relief for women who are not planning to have children; for women hoping to preserve fertility, a more conservative surgical procedure called resection can target and remove endometrial growths. Don't assume that agonizing, lengthy periods are normal. Get yearly exams and be sure to discuss any symptoms you find bothersome.

Did you know?

Women who have a mother or sister with endometriosis are six times more likely to develop the condition.*

*National Institutes of Health

After One Candidate Drops Out, Two Dems to Primary for Senate Seat

By David Propper

A candidate for the New York State Senate, Debbie Carter Costello, announced she's suspending her campaign for the 40th senate district last Sunday, setting up a Democratic primary between the two remaining Democrats.

Carter Costello, a Cortland councilwoman, said in a statement a Democratic primary, regardless of how spirited and positive it may be, "could seriously undermine our biggest priority: getting Terrence Murphy out of office."

That now leaves Pound Ridge resident Ali Boak and Patterson resident Andy Falk to fight it out in September for the Democratic nomination before facing Murphy, a first term senator, in November. The Democratic candidates have all been critical of Murphy for multiple reasons, challenging how ethical he's been during his first term in office.

Carter Costello said she is backing Boak for the senate seat and encouraged Falk to follow her lead and also drop out of the race for party unity. Boak recently came out on top in the tri-county convention of Democratic committees from Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. She said she defeated Falk by 22 percent on the second ballot. Carter Costello was a distant third place finish.

"Being asked to run for Senate has been one of my life's great honors, and



Ali Boak

this campaign has been humbling and heartening," Carter Costello said. "I thank my many campaign volunteers, organizers and donors for their strong and enthusiastic support."

But Falk doesn't plan on dropping out and doesn't think a primary fight would hurt the Democrats' chances of beating Murphy.

Falk said he was only dedicated to the hardworking men and women of the district and would not let party bosses



Debbie Carter Costello

sway whether he goes forward in the race. He doesn't believe a primary would hurt the Democrats' chances of beating Murphy, citing Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney had a highly contested Democratic primary and still went on to beat Republican Nan Hayworth in the general election.

"I'm fighting for people that don't have a voice," Falk, who ran for state assembly twice and Patterson supervisor once, said. "I'm an independent person."



Andy Falk

Boak, in an email, said she applauded Carter Costello for putting the interest of the Democratic Party and district residents first by uniting behind one candidate.

"This decision demonstrates her commitment to the Democratic Party and to turning the 40th Senate District blue," Boak stated. "With Albany corruption continuing to get worse, it's vital for Democrats to come together to elect to take on the entrenched interests that are undermining our region."

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Relay For Life Chairperson Proves Early Detection Makes Difference

By David Propper

Mahopac resident Mike Dacey doesn't mind talking about his battle with testicular cancer. While others might be hesitant to discuss a sensitive topic, Dacey is open and relaxed when describing his experience.

The more someone talks about their own story, the more others will listen and in the future it might actually save their life, he stresses. Dacey, who just finished his freshman year of college, was 16 when he got the news nobody ever wants to receive. But because of early detection, he's fortunately now just another healthy, normal college kid; a normal college kid that will be this year's Mahopac Relay For Life honorary chairperson that takes place next week at Mahopac High School, starting at 7 a.m. Saturday and ending 24 hours later.

"I talk about it all the time," Dacey said of his cancer fight. "I just think it's important to tell people because it's not very known. My type of cancer is not very known and very, very common, which I didn't know."

Dacey is the kind of person that looks everything up online if he thinks something is wrong with him. He considers himself a "hypochondriac."

"I still do that now," Dacey said. "And just from what happened, I think it's pretty understandable."



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Michael Dacey at a past Relay For Life doing the Survivor Lap.

When he discovered a possible cyst on his testicle, he googled "lumps on the testicle" and as usual with the Internet, a thousand different things popped up, including cancer. But as he went through the symptoms in more detail, they all matched with cancer. That's when Dacey became concerned and called the urologist.

After getting it checked, it appeared cancer was the cause and he had emergency surgery two days later,



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Mike Dacey and his Relay team.

removing the cancer-stricken areas. Yet, Dacey wasn't out of the clear yet.

Doctors, after performing a CAT scan, saw there were lymph nodes in his stomach that were inflamed. Dacey went to Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City and another surgery -- four hours long -- was performed to prevent any potential spreading. Seventy abdominal lymph nodes were removed and all were found to be negative.

At that moment, Dacey was cancer free and has been for the last two years. He is monitored for ten years and as time goes on, the checkups become less frequent.

Overall, he had two surgeries and never went through chemotherapy or radiation. From start to finish, his ordeal was roughly a month and a half.

"You're 15, 16, you don't think anything's going to happen to you," Dacey said. "And now after all this, you're not invincible. Everyday you've got to live life, because you never know."

Mike's mother, Debra Dacey, said everything happened so quickly the family didn't even have time to react. It was almost like operating without thinking about it, she said. But Dacey knows her family had the best possible scenario and others have had so much worse.

"I don't think until everything happened it started to hit us," Debra Dacey said. "It's still something that you think of everyday, you can't get away from it. Obviously, the further out we go, the better."

Dacey was still up at school when Tracey Walsh, the community manager that helps run the impressive event each year, called him out of nowhere and asked him to be honorary chairperson. While she didn't pressure him, she did stress he would be a perfect fit. Last year, Mahopac was one of the top fundraisers in the entire country.

He's been involved in Relay For Life in the past, but since he was personally affected, it means much more to him and he's ready to take on a bigger role this year.

"It was really exciting," he said "I totally wanted to do it."

Dacey is back home for a few months after spending his freshman year at the University of Hartford. Although there are sporadic checkups to ensure the cancer has stayed away, life is essentially back to normal, with Mike working a couple jobs over the summer and hanging with friends.

"The only difference is I'm all scarred up," Dacey said, referring to the two scars from surgeries. "Which isn't a big deal."




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Patterson Pursues Competitive Grant for Downtown Reboot

By David Propper

In hopes of jumpstarting a lagging business district in the Hamlet of Patterson, Supervisor Rich Williams has applied for a New York State grant that would provide money for a downtown revitalization initiative.

At a town board meeting last Wednesday, Williams revealed the plan to go after the grant that was due last Friday. The grant would give money toward a study about improving the downtown district. The hope would be to make it more alluring to visitors, taking advantage of walking and biking trails, Thunder

Ridge Ski Area, and Great Swamp already in town.

The funding could transfer the hamlet into a community center and tourist destination, Williams said, which would capitalize on the open space the town has to offer. The proximity to the train line could also draw visitors to Putnam County. By building on the downtown, it could also draw more jobs, Williams added.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has a program that offers a grant to one community in ten designated planning areas throughout the state. Patterson could

be competing with other municipalities in several different counties in the Lower Hudson Valley. Williams called it “very competitive” and the winner is determined by a regional economic development committee.

But even if the town doesn’t grab the grant, Williams vows to move forward with a stronger business development. Williams, who made bringing more business development a campaign issue last election, said he met with the planning board recently to discuss what the town must do in order to make the hamlet more economically sustainable.

One complication is extending the water system and the expense associated, Williams, the former town planner, said.

“If we don’t get the grant we’re still working on revitalizing the hamlet area, but we’re just going to have to do it on a much slower scale,” Williams said, noting the possible costs of rebooting the area.



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The Patterson town board at its May 25 meeting, where a grant for downtown revitalization was discussed.

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The two fire marshals determined there was no evidence to throw Haughey in jail, leading to a push to get him out.

Other reviews by fire experts also came to similar findings, attorney for Haughey, Rita Dave, said during the press conference. The origin of the fire, a major component in arson cases, wasn't even properly determined, Dave noted. Dave also said there were previous electrical fires at the restaurant and it wasn't the first time a fire had occurred at Smalley's. The investigation also didn't begin until 13 hours later, Dave said, a major flaw.

"For an innocent person every day in prison is too much," foundation leader Jeffrey Deskovic said. "Wrongful convictions are not rare, I wish they were." (Deskovic was convicted for a murder he didn't commit in the 1990s in Peekskill. Because an investigator from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department helped in convicting Deskovic, he sued Putnam and won \$10 million.)

Haughey was serving a ten year sentence.

Putnam DA Bob Tandy, said he first heard of Haughey's plea of innocence in the form of a letter when he first announced he was running for the office he now holds. Though Tandy has gotten plenty of letters from inmates as a former defense attorney, many of them that are thrown out. But this

one struck Tandy differently. After talking with Haughey in prison and reviewing the case himself, Tandy had a hard time understanding how he was convicted on the evidence presented.

Once Tandy became DA, he looked into it further and formed a conviction integrity review committee that also determined that the case seemed too flimsy to sustain a conviction.

The Putnam DA's office joined Haughey's attorneys in his application to dismiss the case and release him.

"There was a quote-on-quote investigation, it just wasn't a complete investigation," Tandy said. "There are things that should've been done that weren't."

Tandy, who will inevitably put people in jail during his tenure as DA, admitted it was gratifying to help someone get out of prison.

"The job of a district attorney's office is to do justice and so in Mr. Haughey's case it involves having an innocent man released and that is a rewarding feeling," Tandy said.

Haughey, in an interview, said his time in prison was traumatic. Since he's been out, Haughey has taken long walks and met his young great-niece and great-nephew. His first meal out of jail was a steak. Haughey now lives in Florida and said he's contemplating practicing law

considering his dive into the legal world for the past decade.

"People don't realize what you lose when you go to prison," Haughey said, adding. "It's been a long eight years and like I said from the very beginning, I didn't do it and took me eight years to prove I didn't do it."

While it was a bittersweet day for Haughey, Smalley's Inn owner Anthony Porto Jr. was left wondering how prosecutors let someone go that he believes is clearly guilty. He claims Tandy's office didn't want to hear about any existing evidence or his family's side of events.

"I trusted the (justice) system," he said. "Now I don't."

Tandy said he explained to the family why Haughey was being released and the lack of evidence in the case.

The night of the fire, Porto told Haughey in the bar this would be the last time he ever drinks in his establishment because of Haughey's past terrible treatment of one of Porto's friends. Haughey walked in and out of the tiny bathroom where the fire started several times before the smell of smoke was detected, Porto said.

Porto claimed Haughey, who jumped into action when the fire was discovered, oddly knew exactly where the fire started and put it out. Porto claims he saw Haughey pat down brown paper towels to stop the fire, and that a smoke-eater didn't start the fire, which Haughey's lawyers



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Smalley's Inn and Restaurant.

believe could have started it now. Porto thinks the paper towels were used to start the fire by Haughey and claims the smoke-eater wasn't plugged in.

Porto said since the exoneration has been made public, people have passed by and hurled insults at his father who sits outside on a bench in front of the restaurant. If he ever saw Haughey again, Porto said he'd call him every name of the book.

"I know who started that fire, Bill Haughey knows who started that fire," Porto said. "And God knows who started that fire."

But Haughey, whose mother still resides in Putnam, said he never plans to go by Smalley's again. He said everyone is entitled to their own opinion, including Porto, even if it's wrong.

"I will not even go near it," Haughey said.

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Community Fondly Remembers Courageous Garrison Woman

By Rick Pezzullo

A Garrison woman who courageously battled Stage 4 liver cancer for more than three years was fondly remembered last week by family, friends and others she touched during her difficult experience that triggered an outpouring of community support.

A Celebration of Life for Brittany DiDonato, a 2007 graduate of Walter Panas High School who lived just over the Cortlandt border in Continental Village, was held on May 25 at Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant in Cortlandt for the 27-year-old, who died May 15.

Friends and supporters of DiDonato expressed their admiration on Facebook for the young mom of a four-year-old daughter, Lucy Wynn, who remained upbeat throughout her illness. During an interview with the Northern Westchester Examiner in May 2013, DiDonato said, "I hope to go (to the doctor) one day and they say it's gone."

A member of Team Brittany, created by DiDonato's sister Alyssa and friend Brittany Hays to help raise money for DiDonato's medical expenses, stated DiDonato's main mission in trying to overcome a grim diagnosis that came about following a routine medical exam when a large tumor was discovered was to be healthy for her daughter.

"Brittany was and always will be the



Brittany DiDonato in a touching moment with her daughter, Lucy Wynn, in 2013.

strongest person I know. She lived life to the fullest, even after her diagnosis and comforted others when they were falling apart," the Team Brittany member posted. "The only comfort I find at this time is looking at Lucy and seeing her mom---a strong willed, opinionated, happy, smart

'I don't think Brittany ever realized the size of the impact she had on our community.'
-Michelle Carter Verna.

and caring little girl."

"I was lucky to have met her a few years ago and will continue wearing my Team Brittany bracelet as a reminder of her strong will and caring personality and to treasure each day as it is our last," Lindsey Fitzgerald wrote.

The Kathleen T. Marks Memorial Foundation stated DiDonato was the first patient they were able to help with medical relief and provide her with a custom wig.

"Brittany was a huge part of KFM. She also became so much more to us than

we ever knew possible," the Foundation stated. "She had a fighter's heart and spirit. You're a skyscraper sweet Brittany. May you rest in peace."

A GoFundMe account is in the process of being set up to establish a college fund for Lucy.

"I don't think Brittany ever realized the size of the impact she had on our community," stated Michelle Carter Verna. "They say it takes a village, let's help ensure Lucy can afford college."

Besides her daughter, DiDonato is survived by her parents, Janice and Joey; her brother, Joseph; her sister, Alyssa; brother-in-law, William; her niece, Renny; and her Godson, River.

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Business of the Week

Sun Dog Signs Carmel

By Nancy Sorbella

All around Putnam County there are new signs—business signs, town line welcome signs, cultural signs, personalized home signs and even a few street signs—all detailed, carved—often with gold leaf, meticulously painted, often with intricate custom detail.

Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Manitoga, The Garrison, Welcome to the Town of Kent, Mahopac, Pawling, The Mahopac Library, Middlebranch Veterinary, The Lantern, Cargain Funeral Homes—are just some of these signs—all the custom creations of Drew Howland, owner of Sun Dog Signs in Carmel.

Located inconspicuously in a barn on the Howland family's sprawling compound at 1408 Peekskill Hollow Road, Sun Dog Signs has been quietly impacting the visual landscape of the Hudson Valley.

Sun Dog Signs began in 1998 as a creative outlet, a response to years toiling in the world of corporate communications where Howland had been an Associate Director at ABC News. Always handy, with an affinity for wood shop, carpentry and construction, while still logging long hours in the city, Howland built a spec house and performed extensive renovation on his and wife Michele



Drew Howland, owner of Sun Dog Signs in Carmel.

Berdy's country home, the eighteenth century centerpiece of the property that they and their two sons currently call home.

Around this time, while biking around Cape Cod he discovered a custom sign shop where every sign was hand carved on wood with exquisite detail. There was a house, the sign shop and the owner's family. "The set up really resonated with me. I liked the combination of the family home and the shop on the same property." Says Howland when describing the scenario he found, and "you can tell a lot about a place by looking at the shop, and

this one was impressive." But there were misgivings as well. "The work was very labor-intensive and time consuming. It could be hard to make a steady living."

Fortunately, after this encounter Howland learned about Jay Cooke of Hyde Park, VT, a renowned art director, production manager and one of the top sign makers in the country. But unlike the Cape Cod artisan, Cooke perfected his craft using urethane and other synthetic products enabling the business to run efficiently and not just as a hobby. Howland was able to study with Cooke for two weeks, learning his techniques and working on the CNC router, which, upon being introduced to this instrument of efficiency, understood, "oh, this is how you are able to turn sign making into a business." Says Howland, "I was totally fascinated by the business; the design, computers, technology and this cool tool, the CNC router."

Having "learned the language" of sign making from Jay Cooke it was time to

take the business to the next level. "I used his business model as a blueprint for my own", and insulated the barn, a former dirt floor stable, and officially christened the business Sun Dog Signs because it "sounds friendly, we have dogs, and I was inspired by the Black Dog of Martha's Vineyard. It's logo-driven and easier to remember than the Drew Howland Sign Company."

Sun Dog Signs are made to order and can take up to 5 weeks to deliver based upon complexity and of course how busy the sign shop is. All signs are made of a durable high density urethane and won't hold water nor expand or contract. All are painted with latex paint and last up to 15 years or more. The business has expanded to include many other sign formats over time.

Sun Dog Signs does most of its business through referrals, word of mouth and through an ongoing Eagle Scout project through Carmel Recreation at Sycamore Park. Scouts design and raise money for specific signs for the local park and all are created by Sun Dog Signs.

The shop is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Drew can be reached at 845-228-6447, at sundogsigns@comcast.net and at www.sundogsigns.com and on Facebook.

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Zika Action Plan Underway in Putnam

Officials from the Putnam County Department of Health met with town supervisors in Carmel, Southeast, Putnam Valley and Patterson this week to discuss coordinated efforts for enhancing mosquito education and control. The health department will be providing the towns with "mosquito-control kits," complete with instructions on removing standing water, mosquito larvicide tablets called "dunks," and mosquito repellants. These free kits will be available to residents through their towns upon request beginning in early summer, as long as supplies last. Meetings with remaining towns are being scheduled for later this month. Educational presentations are planned for televised Town Board

meetings so residents can tune in.

"Mosquito control efforts are only as successful as our public outreach and education," says Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell. "I am pleased our health department and towns are working together to coordinate messages to home owners. Removing mosquito breeding sites around their homes by eliminating water is our first and our best line of defense. Avoiding bites is number two."

Interim Health Commissioner Michael Nesheiwat, M.D., has been providing ongoing guidance to local healthcare providers on Zika virus transmission and the importance of travel restrictions for pregnant women. "Our health care

providers are well informed and are considering Zika virus in diagnosis of patients who have traveled to the affected areas," Dr. Nesheiwat says. "Although we have not yet had a case of local transmission, we are remaining diligent in efforts to decrease this chance through stepped up surveillance and ongoing education."

Health department nurses have been responding to calls from concerned residents, who have travelled or who may be pregnant, and coordinating lab testing with their healthcare providers.

Environmental health staff at the health department have also been tracking mosquito activities to watch the numbers and types of mosquitoes breeding in

the area. Currently no mosquito species known to carry Zika virus have been found in Putnam this year.

Still, mosquito surveillance and control professionals can only do so much. The cornerstone of any successful mosquito control program is a well-informed public. Information distribution has begun with outreach through traditional, website and social media channels, as well as in-person education to community groups and at health fairs. To request a speaker for a community gathering, please call the health education unit at 808-1390. A schedule of the televised Town Board meetings will be posted on the Health Department's website when available.

Gas Pipeline Construction Continues to Draw Protestors

By Rick Pezzullo

Construction of the controversial Spectra Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline is well underway in the area, but that hasn't stood in the way of protestors doing everything they can to slow the process.

On May 21, 21 people were arrested after standing together and blocking Spectra vehicles from entering or exiting a construction site on Route 9 in Peekskill. The peaceful protest, which included Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina and Councilwoman Kathy Talbot, started at Blue Mountain Reservation in Cortlandt. Catalina and Talbot were not charged by police.

Four days later, two protestors locked themselves in a renewable-energy powered, 20-foot recycling shipping container directly on the pipeline route in Peekskill. The sustainable home's two occupants, Jane Kendall, a 65-year-old retired New York mother of two, and Lee Stewart, 29, an organizer with Beyond Extreme Energy, have walked across the country to raise awareness about climate change as part of the Great March for Climate.

"I was inspired by the fierce, loving determination in the voices of the 13

Resist AIM members who disrupted a FERC public meeting to call out the commissioners for their complicity in the destruction Spectra represents," Stewart said. "It is an honor to take up temporary residence in New York on the route of the AIM pipeline."

"Spectra has placed all of us on a destructive path and in harm's way. Today this simple small house, built from reused and repurposed materials and powered by renewable energy, stands on the AIM pipeline path to halt construction," Kendall said. "We are at a critical stage in this struggle, with project completion scheduled for November. Each day more trees are cut, more blasting takes place, and more pipeline is laid. It is necessary for us to stop this project now."

Kendall and Stewart were later charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration charges after police reportedly used industrial saws to open the container and extract the pair.

Spectra Energy is replacing 26-inch diameter methane gas pipeline with 42-inch pipeline. A portion of the pipeline runs within 1,500 feet of Indian Point's nuclear reactors and 105 feet from critical safety infrastructure at the Buchanan facility. On March 3, 2015, FERC issued an operating certificate for the pipeline, basing part of its approval on an assessment from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that the pipeline posed no risk to Indian Point.



Obituaries

Raymond J. Hirsch

Raymond J. Hirsch, Sr., 91, of Patterson, formerly of the Bronx died on May 23. He was born on October 13, 1924 to Fredrick and Rose (Miley) Hirsch in the Bronx. During World War II, he proudly served our Country with the US Navy. Before he retired, he worked at IBM for 35 years, first on Madison Avenue in NYC then later on in White Plains, NY. In his spare time, Raymond was very active in his community and was a past Commander of the American Legion Post 774 in the Bronx. He is survived by his five loving children; Kathleen O'Connor, Patty Ann Cody, Jane Dobbins, Laura Sherry and Raymond J. Hirsch, Jr., his ten wonderful grandchildren and five adoring great-grandchildren all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Kathleen. He will be dearly missed by all, yet, his legacy of love and devotion to his family and friends shall continue to grow in our hearts.

Anne DeSerio Natell

Anne DeSerio Natell, a 54-year resident of Brewster, died Monday May 23, at

Putnam Ridge Nursing Home. She was 93 years old. Mrs. Natell was born July 9, 1922 in Bronx, daughter to the late Marcus and Anna (DeMartino) DeSerio. Anne graduated from Evander Childs High School, Bronx, NY. On August 25, 1943 she married the love of her life Raymond George Natell in the Bronx, NY. He predeceased her after 66 years of marriage on December 24, 2009. Mrs. Natell was a social worker with the NYS department of Social Services for over 20 years before retiring. She was a member of CSEA, the Italian Ladies Society of Brewster, The Southeast Seniors and the Brewster Belles Red Hat Society. She also volunteered at the Eagle Eye Thrift Shop in Brewster and was a retired senior's volunteer program Putnam Hospital Center Auxiliary. Anne is survived by her children; Michele (John) Scott of Wingdale, NY, JoAnn (Jon) Maguire of Charlestown, RI, Raymond (Loretta) Natell of Pearl River, NY and Brian (Mary) Natell of Yorktown Heights, NY, her sister Julia Pera of North Salem, NY, 5 grandchildren; Sandra, Sean, Maggie, Andrew and Marissa and 3 great grandchildren; Lindsay, Jake and Aiden.

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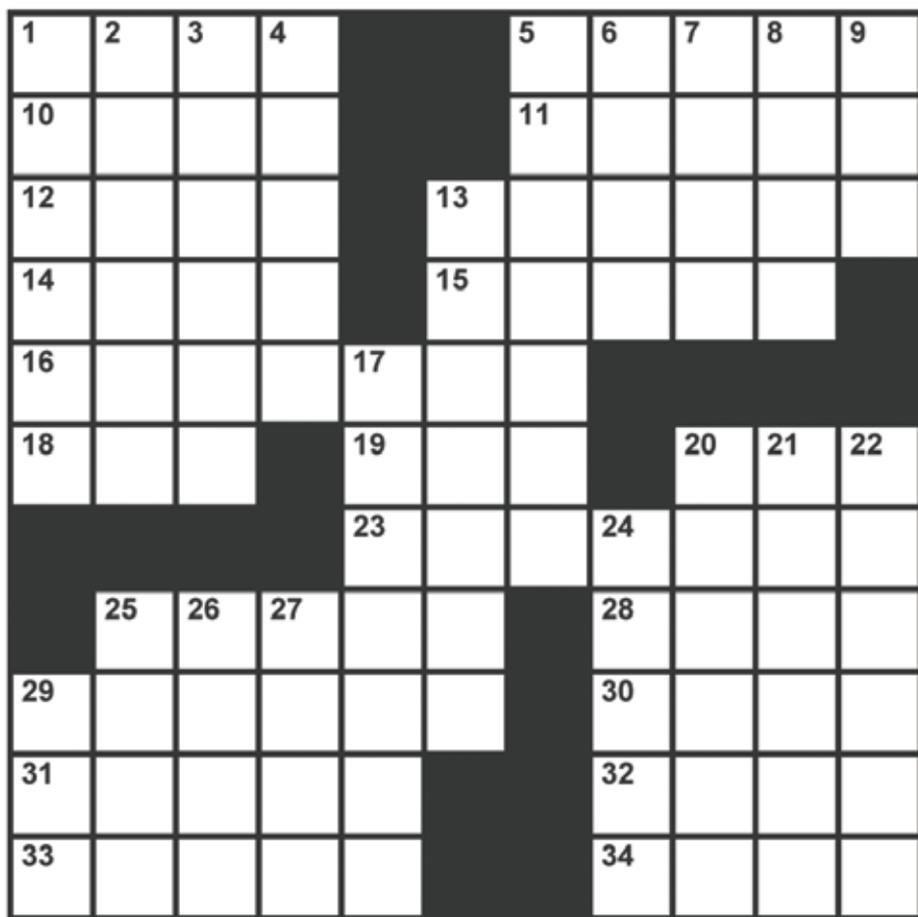
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Classes are conducted by members of the Cornell University faculty, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators, members of the industry and selected senior Master Gardeners Volunteers. As a Master Gardener Volunteer trainee, you'll receive an extensive resource manual which contains the texts you'll need for each class plus materials on ecological lawn care, pruning trees and shrubs, tree identification and much more. The fee of \$375 covers guest speakers, the resource manual, all course texts and additional materials.

Each Master Gardener Volunteer makes a commitment to 30 hours per year of volunteer activity for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's Environmental Horticulture and Natural Resources educational initiatives. If that sounds like something you'd enjoy, we hope you'll apply to become a Master Gardener Volunteer. Your first step? Contact Kate Everitt, Environmental Horticulture and Natural Community Educator and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator, at 845-278-6738 to learn more and receive your application packet.

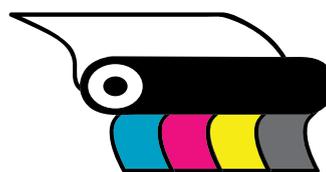
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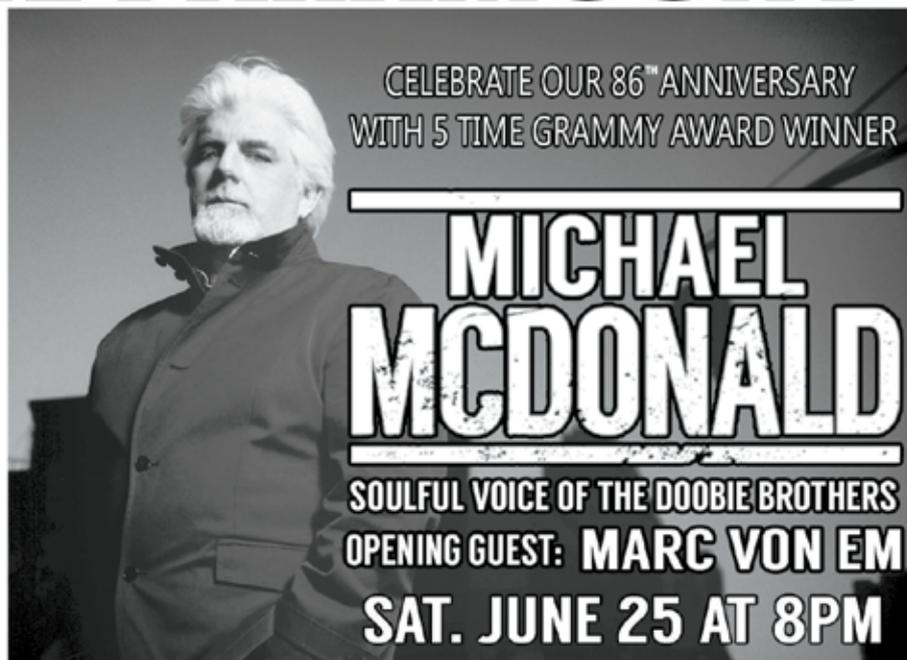


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Putnam Hospital Center ER physician to appear on NBC Spartan Race

It was about a year after Dr. Freya Dittrich stopped nursing her twins that she picked up obstacle course racing.

Now, three years later, this mother of four and night-shift Emergency Department physician at Putnam Hospital Center, will flex her skills in June on NBC's new show, "Spartan Ultimate

Team Challenge."

Dittrich's team, "Freya's Slayers," consisted of three of her family members, Scott Kelly, Ryan Donnelly and Cybil Donnelly, and elite Spartan racer, Jackie Landmark.

Freya's Slayers faced off against two other teams on a mile-long obstacle

course that included getting over a sheer, 25-foot slip wall.

"We had to form a pyramid and get everyone up," Dittrich recalled. "That was definitely the hardest obstacle."

The challenge was filmed in Atlanta in December, but viewers will have to tune in to see how Dittrich's team did.

To train, Dittrich said she spent a lot of time carrying 50-pound buckets of rocks, climbing ropes and doing pull-ups.

Besides the NBC show, Dittrich will compete in nine Spartan races this year.

"It keeps me sane," said Dittrich, 43, of Brewster. "I'm not a trainer. I've made it a priority, but I have other strong priorities."

While Spartan racing may not be for everyone, incorporating some form of exercise can be, she said.

"My whole bend on all of this is that this is what works for me, but everyone can find something active that does the same for them," she said.



Dr. Freya Dittrich being filmed by NBC at work at Putnam Hospital Center. Photo courtesy of Putnam Hospital Center.

"Spartan Ultimate Team Challenge" premieres June 13.



Dr. Freya Dittrich competing in Spartan Ultimate Team Challenge. Photo courtesy of NBC.

Stroke Survivor Improves with PHC's Speech Therapy

Five years ago, Lorna Armbruster suffered a stroke that left her unable to speak. Speech therapy helped her regain her ability to talk but a seizure disorder she developed after the stroke set her back.

Still, she has diligently continued to go to speech therapy and has seen great improvement not only in speaking but in writing, reading and recall.

"I'm trying to show how this (speech therapy) really helps people," said Armbruster, who formerly worked at Putnam Hospital Center as the assistant director of nursing for surgical services. "I want people to understand that you can keep on going, you can do this."

Jenny Kalanz, a speech-language pathologist at Putnam Hospital Center for more than 10 years, has worked with Armbruster from the start on skills that include repeating one- and two-word syllables and saying words and phrases from memory.

"The old mentality was that a stroke patient's level of function after six to nine months was their new norm," Kalanz said. "We now know that there are changes in brain plasticity and if you continue working on a skill, you can make progress."

Kalanz also works with patients who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, Parkinson's disease, post-concussive disorders and cancer. She provides cognitive therapy to TBI patients, helping



Lorna Armbruster, on left, with speech-language pathologist Jenny Kalanz during a recent speech therapy session.

them with strategy, organization, memory and attention. She trains Parkinson's patients to speak louder using the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT).

Armbruster's daughter, Katherine Kittle, said the improvement she has seen in her mom is "incredible."

"The progress she makes here gives her so much confidence and to keep at it," Kittle said.

Armbruster agreed and is determined to sharpen her skills through speech therapy.

"I want to be able to do everything before I had a stroke, so I have to keep going," she said.

May Crowning of Mary Held at Saint John the Evangelist



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Over 150 recent First Communion receivers gathered with parishioners on May 22 on the lawn of the Saint John the Evangelist. This celebration was held in the beautiful outdoor prayer garden. All were lead by Pastor, Father Quinn from the church to the garden in order to honor Mary in the May crowning. Special rosary beads were given to each of the children complements of Sacred Heart Gifts and Apparel. The beads were blessed by Father Quinn, special prayers were said and a pizza lunch was served after on the lawn for all the parishioners who attended. For more photos or information visit sjtemahopac.org.

How Homeowners Feel About (or Fear) Maintenance Needs

A survey just released by ServiceMaster reported that a whopping 92 percent of homeowners feel unprepared to address home maintenance needs.

How could that be, I wondered? With all the DIY resources we have on television and online, and especially if we're young homeowners, surely we feel more fortified than that with the maintenance tasks at hand in owning a home. If we're not handy ourselves, what about Angie's List and HomeAdvisor for professional help?

But ServiceMaster – the company that includes such well-recognized brands as American Home Shield, Merry Maids and Terminix – has released its findings with some confidence, surprising as they may seem.

Conducted among nearly 2,000 adult homeowners and prospective homeowners, the survey indicates that 58 percent of respondents feel unprepared to address home maintenance needs and 54 percent say they are not very knowledgeable about them.

The survey found that there has been an average of four calls for home maintenance service among homeowners over five years, spending an average of \$2,202. It further shows that 83 percent say it would be useful to have one resource



By Bill Primavera

to help with multiple home maintenance needs.

As for the most onerous tasks, homeowners feel least prepared to tackle HVAC maintenance and structural repair due to weather damage.

Also, 41 percent of homeowners and prospective homeowners say they wouldn't know who to call if they had a home maintenance need in the next three months.

When buying a home, most people think first about the financial responsibility and don't always calculate the time, labor and expense that home maintenance requires.

It can be overwhelming to think about all the tasks involved in a year. While much of it can be done on one's own, which I did when I was younger, it gets to the point where it's more practical in later years to have the pros come in and do it.

I can understand the prospect of going into panic mode as a first-time home buyer. How well I remember my first day when there was a thunderous rainstorm and the roof leaked. My first call was to a roofer and a new roof was my first major expense. That was before the Internet and I had to rely on the Yellow Pages and neighbors' recommendations.

I first learned of the ServiceMaster survey from a blurb in USA Today with the title "It Takes a Village to Maintain

a Home." I reflected on all of the maintenance providers I've collected and relied upon through the years, and those that I've written about and recommended to readers of this column who have called in.

Below is a list of suppliers I find that I've recommended most frequently.

Flooring: Absolute Flooring of Yorktown, 914-245-0225, www.absoluteflooring.com, 1735 Front St., Yorktown Heights. When it came time to replace my kitchen floor, owners Mary and son Bryan Fellbusch treated me like family and gave me the best installation job imaginable. Diane Darby in the showroom is terrific for info.

Cabinetry and Woodworking: Woodtronics, 914-962-5205. Jan Efraim's cabinetry work is magnificent.

Contractor: Franzoso Contracting, 914-271-4572. Whether for windows, siding, roofing or the big contracting jobs, Franzoso is the home improvement source of distinction.

Electrician: P&K Electric, 914-962-3581. Pete and Ken take good care of me in my offices and at my home. There's 24-hour emergency service, too.

Fencing: Campanella Fencing, 845-628-2200, www.campanellafence.com. Tony Campanella is the consummate fencer.

Insurance: Albert J. Chapman Agency, Inc., 914-962-5778, www.albertjchapman.com. Bob Chapman is a second generation insurer and the most attentive provider

I've ever encountered.

Landscaping/Lawn Maintenance: Martino Landscape Contractors, Inc., 914-962-0757. The Martino family got to know my property and, true to their slogan, take care of it as if it was their own.

Landscaper/Snow Removal: Fitz's Landscaping, John Fitzpatrick, 914-618-1549, www.fitz-landscape.com. For total landscaping design and lawn maintenance needs.

Mold Remediation: Oxygen Sanitizing Systems, 877-224-3080, www.newindoorair.com. When my office library was attacked by mold, owner Valerie Maziarz brought this wonderful service to my rescue.

Painter: Joe Pascarelli, 914-330-3889. "Fireman Joe" not only paints inside and out, but can tell you about fire safety and check your smoke detectors.

Plumber: Goldberg Plumbing & Heating, 914-962-3498, www.goldbergplumbing.com. Dave Goldberg may say he's retired, but he still responds when there is an emergency. His son-in-law Doug Marr is "The Plumbing Guru" now.

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Living Vicariously Through the Cellar of a Wealthy Collector



By Nick Antonaccio

We read with envy the numerous accounts of rare, high-end wines sold in the marketplace. Collectors enter into bidding frenzies to acquire wines from highly rated wineries and

highly rated vintages.

However, for most of us 99 percenters, after we read of these wines changing hands amongst a few rich collectors, we never hear of them again until the next sale.

How many of you have enjoyed these wines?

When was the last time a friend offered you a Mouton Rothschild wine from the French region of Bordeaux? Even the most recent vintage sells for hundreds of dollars.

When was the last time you purchased an acclaimed wine from a well-regarded vintage when you dined at a fine restaurant? High-end collectors' cellars contain

wines that are 50, 60, even 70 years old.

Here's the rub: The investors in high-end wines seek out trophy wines for bragging rights, not imbibing rights. Rarely are bottles of older vintages

of highly regarded wines ever opened for the sheer pleasure and enjoyment such wines afford. Rather, they sit in an expensive temperature-controlled underground cellar, simply on display as trophies.

There is a consensus amongst those in the wine trade that the rarer the wine, the less likely it will ever be consumed. It will merely make the rounds of auction houses, garnering escalating prices with each passage of ownership.

So it was with great interest that I followed a highly anticipated auction held last weekend. William Koch, of the famous industrial and philanthropic Koch family, sold a portion of his famous cellar holdings at a Sotheby's auction. Koch has been collecting wines for decades, amassing one of the largest collections of trophy wines in the world.

The details of

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

the auction are mind-boggling: 20,000 bottles were sold, garnering a record-setting \$20 million.

Koch's collection is highly concentrated on the rarest and most expensive French wines. The highest price, among many record-setting lots for sale, was for 10 bottles of 1945 Château Mouton Rothschild, a highly prized Bordeaux. It fetched a record \$343,000. That equates to an astounding \$34,300 per bottle, \$6,700 per glass and \$1,340 per ounce.

I noticed several ironies surrounding Koch, his cellar and the auction. He has unlimited financial resources to satiate his interest in collecting wines. And satiating his palate, he has done.

But now he finds that he has perhaps collected more wines than he can logically expect to appreciate – or enjoy. He decided it was time to circulate the wines to other collectors, and realize a significant return on investment.

The irony is at 76 years old he has come to realize he will not live long enough to consume a fraction of the remaining 23,000 bottles in his collection. Worse, for a number of these wines, he may outlive their drinkability. He claims to own a long lineage of the most famous French

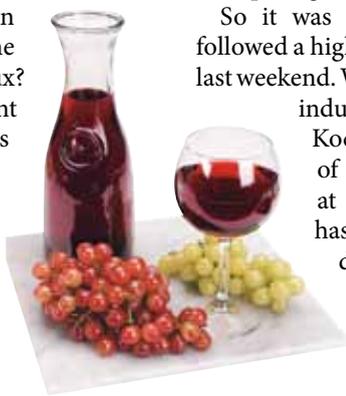
wines, from 150 years of Château Lafite Rothschild production and 100 years of Château Latour.

Sotheby's has validated and certified the authenticity of all the wines sold at auction. This is critically important to any potential buyer. But perhaps more so for Koch's inventory. He has been the victim of several major frauds, in which he relied on others to authenticate rare wines he purchased at auctions, only to discover a number of years later that the wines were counterfeit.

The irony: Sotheby's is certifying Koch's wines at auction in the face of this sordid history of frauds. Potential buyers were being asked to place trust in Sotheby's opinion, not knowing if any counterfeit wines were hidden in the auction lots.

The sale of a portion of Koch's stellar cellar brings out my envy and frustration of observing this world-class game from the sidelines. So much great wine to behold; so few people to enjoy it.

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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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. (Prevaling 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 as-

sistance of Kaeyer, Garment & 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 airconditioning 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

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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. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be

available for inspection by qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) until the day of the Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. **BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: April 13, 2016**
Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC ,LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228.** :Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARUSO & CARUSO, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.** Purpose: any lawful purpose.

THIS A LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, "LLC" BELLA GLO BEAUTY SPA LLC. Article of organization filed with State Secretary of New York, SSNY on November 19th 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon who process against it may be serve. SSNY shall mail all process to: **570 North Avenue, suite B. New Rochelle, NY 10801.** Propose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY

shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SHRUB OAK INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004.** Purpose: any lawful acts.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 3151 STONEY STREET, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004.** Purpose: any lawful acts.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPARKLICIOUS MOUNT KISCO, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: Robert McGuinness, 28 Main Street Redding CT 06896, Principal business address 333 N. Bedford Rd. Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUSIC LECTURES LLC
FIRST:The name of the Limited Liability Company is MUSIC LECTURES LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")
SECOND:The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:**The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Westchester. **FOURTH:**The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:**The Company is organized for all lawful pur-

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Students from the Longview School in Brewster are displaying their artwork in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Library. This diverse show will remain on view through June 20; the visitors can see the show during regular Library hours.

Improvisation: Dates: June 3 – June 26. Friday – Sunday, 12:00 – 6 p.m. Location: Gallery 66 NY, 66 Main Street, Cold Spring. Opening Reception: June 3 – 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Phone: 845-809-5838. Website: www.gallery66ny.com Cost: Free to the Public

Perspective of Hudson River Historic Structures: Photographer: David Rocco. Peekskill Open Studios: June 4 – 5, 2016. Opening Reception: June 4, -4 p.m.- 7 p.m. Division Street Grill's. Robeson Gallery – The Loft. 28 N. Division Street. Peekskill

Farmers Markets:

Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market: The Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market hopes to exemplify its connections to the community to provide local economic opportunity as it showcases sustainability. 15 Mount Ebo Road South Brewster. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more info: <http://www.hudsonvalleyfarmersmarket.org/>

Ongoing Monday's

Artists' Drop-In at Reed Library Mondays 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

New Parent Chat Group at Kent Public Library: Every Monday from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Moms, Dads, and caregivers are invited to attend. The group focuses on babies, ages birth to three year-olds.

It is a great way to to meet new parents and network. It provides a platform to discuss parenting issues, exchange ideas and make friends! Siblings are welcome! This group is facilitated by Child Health Nurses from the Putnam County of Health. Registration is requested, but not required. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Ongoing Tuesday's

Open Computer Help: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. Do you have computer questions? Then check out Patterson Library's weekly computer help sessions! Sessions will be held every other Tuesday, at their new time, from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. and every other Thursday from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. An instructor will be available to answer any computer question you may have and no appointment is necessary! Dates and times are subject to change. For more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program.

Ongoing Saturday's

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First Saturday of Each Month: Next Market is June 4th. June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct.. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange. 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. Free admission - Come look and shop!

Vendors Wanted:

Vendors Wanted for Rent-A-Space Community Tag Sale. First Presbyterian Church located at 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac will host a RENT-A-SPACE COMMUNITY TAG SALE Saturday June 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or Shine. Refreshments will be available. Vendors are wanted. Double parking space \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tables are available for rent @ \$10 each, set up starts 8 a.m. For more information please call 845-628-2365 or email presby411@verizon.net

Save the Dates:

Friday, June 17 : Free Putnam Valley's Annual Sunset Concert Series Kickoff. Acoustic Solo Scott Test 6:00 p.m., Dirty Stay Out Band to follow. 156 Oscawana Lake Rd & Town Park Lane. Open to the public & family friendly. Food & beverages for purchase. All park amenities available during concerts. Other concert dates include: Friday, July 1. Dinner in the Park with Frank & Dean Block Party 6 p.m. Saturday, July 16 50's, 60's Music by Teenchords & 5 Creations 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 29: Top 40 Cover Vertigo, 7 p.m. Thursday, August 11: Them Bones 7 p.m. Saturday, August 20: Disco Dance Party: Elektrik Company 7 p.m. FMI: <http://pvpr.com>, pvprconcerts@gmail.com or call 845-656-5296. Concerts subject to change.

Tuesday, May 31

The Fundamentals of Watercolor Painting. The Kent Public Library. 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. and continuing weekly for 3 weeks. Janine Spittle will be the teacher. Come and learn the fundamentals of watercolor painting along with some of the different techniques that are used in this medium. All materials will be provided. Registration is required. Attendance at all sessions is requested. This is not a drop-off program, parents are asked to stay in the Library. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

Wednesday, June 1

Pete Seeger: The Story of His Music & Life. Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. 7 p.m. Folk singer Pete Seeger impacted the world with traditional folk songs, songs of activism and protest, songs from around the world and his own anthems of affirmation. Robert Cohen, an

accomplished speaker, has been lecturing on American folk and popular music for over a quarter of a century and will share his vast knowledge and experiences working with Pete Seeger at the New School in this fascinating presentation filled with songs and stories. 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.

Thursday, June 2

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors Registration. William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, to using an iPad, to Digital Photography. To view the available classes visit us at www.putnamrsvp.com/clc. Register in person or call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach basic computer classes, please call.

Saturday, June 4

Hike Great Hollow for National Trails Day: 11 a.m. Hike for an hour or two on the trails of Great Hollow Nature Preserve with the preserve's land steward. Moderately difficult hike, but open to all ages. Please dress appropriately and bring water. If you have questions, email John at jfoley@greathollowct.org. Hikers will meet at Great Hollow Nature Preserve, intersection of Haviland Hollow Road in NY and Route 37 in CT.

Big Truck Day June 4th at Kent Library: 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Kent Library's parking lot will be filled with construction trucks from the highway department, a police car, fire engines and more! Last year even a tank showed up to be part of Big Truck Day. Families are invited to touch, climb on, and explore these impressive vehicles in a supervised environment. Children may even get to honk the horn! (The library parking lot is not a quiet place on Big Truck Day.) Meet the people who drive the big trucks and police cars, and learn about the important jobs they have in our community. This is an especially fun program for young children. The rain date is June 18th. No registration needed, just stop by! The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Reed Memorial Library presents Summer Reading Kickoff Party: noon-3 p.m. Featuring Vega Gymnastics, My Gym, UMAC Martial Arts, games, prizes, llamas and more. Event held 1/2 block from the library on the lawn of Gilead Church 9 Church St Carmel, NY. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

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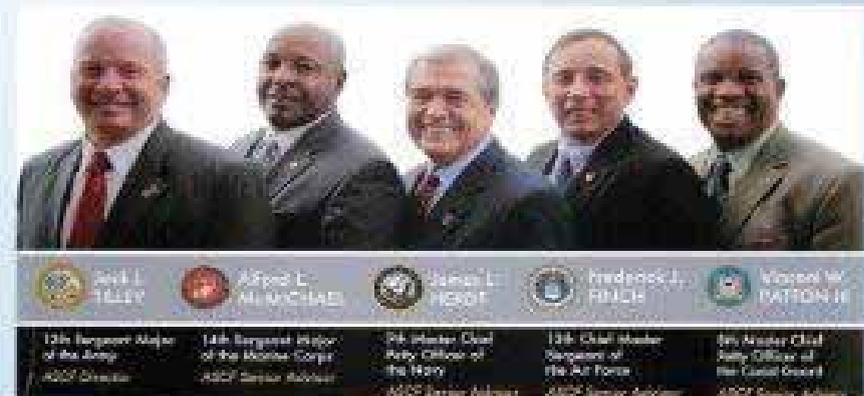
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