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County Lawmakers Signal Pay Raise for Themselves

By David Propper

Does your Putnam County legislator deserve a pay raise? That's the question county lawmakers asked themselves last week as they continued to review the 2018 proposed budget.

During a heated week of budget review, county lawmakers debated whether they deserve a pay raise starting in 2018. Currently, county lawmakers--technically a part-time position--earn a little more than \$35,000 annually. If lawmakers approved their own pay raise, they would take home \$40,839 before taxes. It would make Putnam the second most lucrative place for a county legislator right behind Westchester County in this region, according to critics.

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino was steadfast in her support for the pay increase. She said county lawmakers haven't gotten raise in a decade. (Legislators got a \$703 increase last year for a cost of living adjustment.)

Lawmakers are also entitled to the county's health insurance plan, though some lawmakers do not take the benefit.

The increase is one percent, Nacerino said, if it were calculated on average over the last decade when the salaries remained flat. The percent pay increase from this year to next year would be close to 14 percent.

"And what is the justification for that," Legislator Dini LoBue asked, with Nacerino replying, "Well if you don't know the justification after nine years I don't think I can explained it to you in 30 seconds."

Nacerino argued legislators "underscore" their own value when they keep their pay stagnant each year. She called the additional \$5,000 a "fair assessment."

"I certainly have no reservations in advocating for an increase," Nacerino, who has been on the legislature for five years, said. "I think we perform a very

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Maloney, Local Officials Seek Solutions Against Drug Epidemic

By David Propper

The drug crisis in the Lower Hudson Valley and across the country has caught the attention of public officials across the political spectrum. Last week, a group of policy makers, including US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, came together to talk solutions.

A bevy of officials from the local, state

and federal level attended and spoke at an opioid summit Thursday morning, as well as leaders from local organizations that are dedicated to slowing the drug scourge in the region. The summit took place at Arms Acre, a drug rehab center in Carmel.

Rep. Maloney, a Democrat, said the

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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney updates Putnam County on federal action against the drug crisis last week.



County Executive MaryEllen Odell at last week's drug summit.

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Put Valley Boys Win in OT, Add to Historical Soccer Seasons in Tiger Town

In a year when the Lady Tigers have stolen much of the the thunder, members of the 12th-seeded Putnam Valley boys' soccer team -- including Alec Irving, Alex Caposito, Gabe Moise, Gabe Gecaj, Christian Lopez, Emilio Sanchez and Luke Zadrma -- celebrate their overtime triumph of No.5 Pleasantville after Alban Kalaj provided hit the winning penalty kick and keeper Brian McBride stopped P'ville's final attempt, giving the Tigers one of the biggest wins in program history. The Tigers advanced to the quarterfinals for one of the few times ever to face Rye Neck last night... see Boys' Soccer Notebook in Sports pullout.

Southeast Town Board Battles Over Budget Again

By Anna Young

Tensions flared Thursday night as Southeast town board members sought ways to stay within the New York State property tax cap, which would be broken if Supervisor Tony Hay's proposed 2018 budget was approved without changes.

Throughout the Oct. 16 meeting, Hay became frustrated with Councilwoman Elizabeth Hudak as she examined the budget's expenses and revenues. Hudak stated that there are various areas in the budget that have not been spent this year and the budget should reflect the appropriate amount needed for each town service.

"When you go through this budget, there's a lot of fat in the budget and we can tighten our belts," Hudak said. "It doesn't mean cuts, you're looking at the actual figures that happened in 2016 and what happened in 2017. I'm talking about saving money and not over taxing the taxpayers of Southeast in 2018."

Hay, who proposed a \$16.8 million town budget that would increase property taxes by 9.47 percent--well above the state-mandated cap of 1.8 percent, argued if Hudak removes any item from the budget, the town would subsequently

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Use of Force Regulations Discussed in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Legal justifications for the use of force was discussed by several Putnam County elected officials during a meeting sponsored by the Putnam County Firearms Owners Association held at the Paladin Center in Carmel on Oct. 18.

The discussion centered around Article 35 of the New York Penal Law on "Defense of Justification." Failure to follow the law

would make a person subject prosecution the standing room only crowd was told last week.

District Attorney Robert Tenny said there are several state regulations regarding the use of force. "You can't shoot somebody unless your life is about to be taken," Tenny said.

Justification for the use of force is a threat that "has to be imminent," Tenny

said. Article 35 states deadly physical force can be used when "your life is in danger," Tenny said.

Use of force is allowed in the state when a burglary is in progress in a person's home, Tenny said.

There are several allowances for the use of force in Article 35 including by a jail warden or prison personnel to maintain order; to prevent someone from committing suicide or by a doctor or someone acting under a doctor's direction to provide necessary treatment for the physical or mental health of a patient.

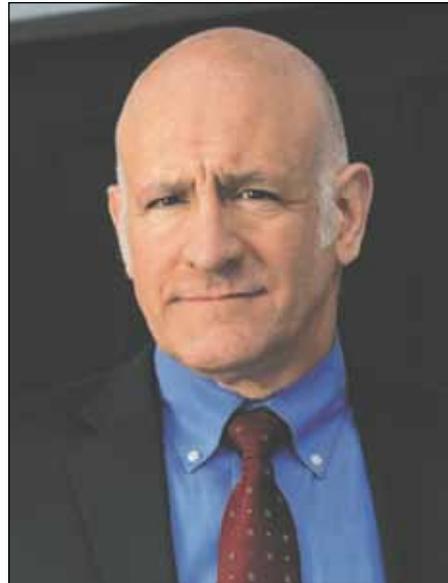
Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith

said the Second Amendment needed to be upheld.

"Firearms don't make us less safe," Smith said.

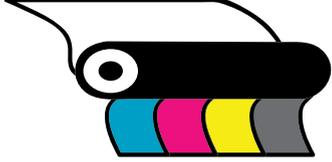
Putnam County has the lowest crime rate in the state with many of its residents owning guns, he said.

Former state Assemblyman Robert Castell, who worked for the State Police for 21 years before retiring, was among the speakers who criticized the SAFE Act gun control law as being too restrictive. The Second Amendment is under siege, Castell claimed.



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The top two law enforcement officials in Putnam County, Sheriff Don Smith (left) and District Attorney Robert Tenny, spoke at last week's forum.



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Q: Why is radiation therapy used for skin cancer?

A: Radiation therapy can cure skin cancer without leaving a scar – making it an excellent option for patients with skin cancer near the lips, nose, eyes, or other areas where a patient wouldn't want a scar for aesthetic reasons. It can also be a good choice for elderly patients who might not be able to tolerate surgery due health reasons. I treated a 90-year-old patient with a large basal cell carcinoma on her cheek and ear. Because of her age, anesthesia and post-surgical healing may have been difficult. Using radiation therapy, I was able to cure the tumor with a few weeks of radiation treatment, and she had a very smooth recovery.

Q: How does radiation therapy work?

A: Used primarily on basal or squamous cell skin cancers, the therapy relies on electron beam radiation to kill cancer cells. Radiation oncology has a long history of use and tends to work exceptionally well for skin cancer – the success rate is over ninety percent. Patients may experience some redness, dry skin, itchiness, or peeling skin – actually cancer cells respond to treatment by dying and falling off. Within a few weeks, healthy skin cells grow and usually leave no trace of treatment.

Q: I'm a little worried about exposing myself to radiation – is the therapy safe?

A: It's very safe: Radiation therapy precisely targets the cancer, resulting in minimal side effects and little or no damage to the surrounding tissue. Surrounding tissue, such as the eyes or sinuses can be protected by lead shields during the brief radiation treatments.

Q: What's the best way to find a good radiation oncologist?

A: Ask your dermatologist for a recommendation. Ideally, you'll get an oncologist who works closely with your dermatologist and, if necessary, a plastic surgeon. This is a priority at Northern Westchester Hospital, where the medical professionals involved in your care work will all consult together to agree on an individualized treatment plan for your diagnosis. Be sure to check that the oncologist has experience using radiation therapy for skin cancer and remember that, if at any time you don't feel comfortable with your choice, you may seek another opinion.

Sheriff's Office Probing 'Inappropriate' Relationship at Brewster HS

By David Propper

Disturbing allegations came out of the Brewster Central School District last week when a letter to parents revealed an investigation is underway to look into a possible relationship between a staff member and high school student.

In the Oct. 18 note, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte wrote the district was informed on Oct. 12 about an alleged inappropriate relationship between a staff member and a high school student.

'Student safety is of paramount importance and we find these allegations deeply troubling.'
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning.

District officials immediately contacted law enforcement, which would be the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. The matter is still under investigation as of Monday at press time.

"Student safety is of paramount

importance and we find these allegations deeply troubling," Henning-Piedmonte wrote.

As the investigation continues, Henning-Piedmonte wrote that the suspected staff member would not be in

contact with any students. Details about the gender of the staff member or student were not disclosed nor what position the staff member held.

The district, working with the sheriff's office, has set up a 24-hour hotline for anyone who has information to share with respect to the matter. The hotline number is 845-808-4377. The district has also arranged for school counselors to be available to support students should it be necessary, Henning-Piedmonte wrote.

Southeast Town Board Battles Over Budget Again

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have to raise taxes in the future to make up for the lack of funds.

"For the past five years the town's employees have received everything they wanted. The only reason we are busting this tax cap is because the garbage contract came in at \$400,000," Hays said. "If it wasn't for the tax cap, I don't believe we'd be having this conversation today."

Hay has said the garbage pickup contract, which will be hiked by 26.4 percent next year, and town employee health insurance, which will rise by 11 percent, were the major reasons for the proposed tax spike, which would translate into an \$8 tax increase on the average

accessed house next year.

Hay added that his method of budgeting has been prudent during his tenure as supervisor, stating that when he joined the board he changed the entire structure of the budget. When he took office, the town's budget surplus was \$98,000, Hay said, adding that the surplus is currently \$1.9 million and the town's bond rating has risen.

"I can't believe I've done what I've done and I'm getting beat up for it. I got us to where we are and I'm telling you right now if you start removing any type of revenues or decrease expenses, you're going to put us where we used to be," Hay told Hudak. "I'm going to be right in the future."

'If it wasn't for the tax cap, I don't believe we'd be having this conversation today.'
Supervisor Tony Hay

Hudak told Hays he was taking her counsel too personally, advising that the town could save over \$1 million if the board takes a hard look at the savings.

"We don't have to break this cap," she said. "We can adjust the rest of the budget and the rest of our spending during the year to help us with the 2018 budget."

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt agreed with Hay, stating that while she doesn't

agree with him on everything in the budget, she would hesitate to question parts of the budget.

Hay continued to criticize Hudak, stating that she is handling the budget the wrong way.

"Accepting the budget you prepared is not doing a service to our town's people," Hudak said.

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Putnam Wears Purple to Raise Awareness for Domestic Violence

By David Propper

Putnam County employees, in a wave of purple, gathered last Thursday to shine a light on domestic abuse in hopes of preventing a type of violence not always seen in public view.

Dozens of county workers stood on the steps of the Historic County Courthouse last week to send a message that domestic violence of any kind is unacceptable and victims have support in Putnam. October is designated domestic violence awareness month and the color purple represents that. The county, led by County Executive MaryEllen Odell, partnered with the Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center for the annual event.

District Attorney Robert Tandy, on hand for the event, said there is so much domestic violence occurring that "people don't know about it." He said victim advocate organizations, like the resource center, have done a good job stressing to residents that domestic abuse isn't acceptable. The idea that it is only an internal family matter, as some people believe, is "nonsense," Tandy said.

Because people hide it, Tandy said it's tougher for the DA's office to prosecute it. The cases never land on their desk because people don't want to come forward, he noted. But when the office does become aware of these situations, Tandy said they are treated with the severity that is



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

County employees wore purple and posed on the steps of the Historic County Courthouse last week to raise domestic violence awareness.

warranted.

"People hide it, women hide it, they're afraid to talk about it," Tandy said. "Fortunately we're talking a lot more about it these days."

Women's resource executive director Ann Ellsworth said domestic violence is pervasive and isn't talked about because it has to do with people's family members and friends. This year's theme is dubbed "Not In My..." to stress domestic abuse

can happen anywhere, including in the home, at the work place, and in other locations and situations.

Ellsworth said domestic violence isn't always seen and unless it's physical abuse, rather than verbal or emotional, it isn't always evident.

"Our challenge is to engage the community in talking about it so that victims feel safe coming out about it, getting services," Ellsworth said. "Being

'Being abused in your family, in your relationship, poses very difficult challenges in getting help.' - Women's Resource Exec. Director
Ann Ellsworth

abused in your family, in your relationship, poses very difficult challenges in getting help because the person often in control is abusing the other."

T-Shirts were sold for \$10 and proceeds went toward the women's resource center. The women's resource center advocates and educates to serve women and children that might be facing domestic abuse.

"Raising money through the t-shirt sales, wearing purple and standing outside on the Historic County Courthouse steps during the day draws attention briefly to subject of domestic violence in Putnam," Odell said, according to a press release. "But Women's Resource Center's work is on-going. This is the least we can do to help bring awareness to the public about the problems too many residents of Putnam face as victims of domestic violence."



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Barrett Hill Proposal in Southeast Looks at Redesigned Plan

By Anna Young

Representatives behind the Barrett Hill housing project addressed the Southeast Town Board Thursday night proposing a redesigned plan for the land.

After the town board approved a multi workforce-housing zone for the project last year, the proposal has been reconfigured into a series of eight buildings allowing for 168 units. Planner Terri Hahn said with the project under the workforce-housing zone it is subject to a special permit.

The plan would convert 168 senior housing units approved in 2006 into partly priority housing for people with disabilities, school district employees, town employees, seniors, veterans, and first responders. Priority residents will occupy 50 units.

“The thought that we could have housing for teachers and professionals two miles from our campus would be

delightful,” 88-year-old resident Samuel Ross said during the Oct. 16 meeting. “This would be a joy, I see this as a dream in the years coming.”

Seventeen units will also be allocated for affordable housing. The affordable units would be offered to those that make less than 80 percent of the county’s median income.

Hahn said construction would take place on the already approved land, which will include use of an existing water and sewer system. She added that the proposed buildings would also be smaller than the original housing plan, with only one or two bedroom units. The building will be two stories in the front and three stories in the back, she said.

A number of recreational facilities will also be provided, including a billiard room, yoga, a play structure, walking and fitness trails, and a pool. Aggressive marketing will be implemented as part

‘The thought that we could have housing for teachers and professionals two miles from our campus would be delightful’ - senior citizen Samuel Ross

benefits agreement we will do aggressive marketing to those categories.”

While board members didn’t have much to say about the proposal, they debated for more than an hour regarding county recreation fees that were already approved by the planning board in August.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Hudak and Councilman Robert Cullen took issue with Supervisor Tony Hay and Councilwoman Lynne Eckhart separately addressing discrepancies with the recreation department without the consent of the whole board.

“I don’t think anybody should speak to any individual town board member about this, we should all be part of the discussion,” said Cullen, adding that he received a memo prior to the meeting stating that the recreation fees had been changed.

Hay admitted to speaking with the recreation department, doing research and finding problems within the numbers. The developer should take \$7,500 per lot, which is the current rate, he said.

“I brought it up at the last meeting that I did not agree with the numbers and I don’t agree with a lot of things being done,” Hay said. “Bottom line, it’s gonna be what it’s gonna be.”

Hay said the recreation fee would be discussed at a later meeting.

of the community benefits agreement between the property owner and the town.

Rose Noonan, Executive Director of the Housing Action Council, said the nonprofit organization would make people aware of the opportunities that are available and encourage of them to apply for housing.

“We have a multi-faceted approach to this marketing, which through our experience has had the neighborhood demonstrate results,” Noonan said. “Every community and every development is different, but when there’s the preferences that are outlined in the community

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important and integral job. We spend an inordinate amount of hours doing the job.”

LoBue, who has been on the lawmaking body for nine years, pointed out that in neighboring Dutchess, county legislators receive only \$15,400 annually. The population in the county is less than 300,000 and there are 25 different lawmakers.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt was shocked by the pay spike for legislators. She called it a “really, really big increase” at last Monday’s personnel meeting.

“So you think it’s fair if you are going to become the second highest paid within ten counties in this area, you think that’s fair?” Eckardt questioned.

Nacerino replied, “Absolutely.”

“I stand with conviction that this proposed raise is deserving for the job that we’ve done, we do and will continue to do,” Nacerino added.

At a budget review meeting Thursday, a few more residents spoke out against the possible raises. Mahopac resident Phyllis Hoenig said the pay for Dutchess legislators was dramatically less, even though the population is double that of Putnam’s. She also argued Dutchess legislators deal with “much bigger

problems” than in Putnam.

She thought the pay scale was too large for a small county where lawmakers only work part-time.

“How did we ever get to such high salaries,” Hoenig said. “And this is a part-time job.”

During the budget meeting, Nacerino and LoBue once again quarreled with LoBue stating fellow lawmakers “could care less” about public comment over the pay hikes. Nacerino countered by calling LoBue’s claims “unfounded and disingenuous.” She also said LoBue’s criticism was “sour grapes” after she lost her bid for reelection during a September Republican primary.

Nacerino pointed out in past budgets when other elected officials received pay jumps, county legislators kept their salaries steady. She noted Putnam lawmakers don’t get additional monies to chair certain committees like Westchester officials do. The only lawmaker that gets more money is the chairperson of the legislature.

LoBue, the sole lawmaker to voice dissent for the proposal, said no one goes into government for big bucks and claiming there hasn’t been a pay bump in a decade isn’t a fair justification to get one this year.

Legislator Paul Jonke, who has been on the legislature for two years, said

he’s never heard a county population or county budget used as yard stick for how much a salary should be. He noted Dutchess’ budget was actually less than Putnam’s even though Putnam has a smaller population.

“This little county has a higher budget than Dutchess County,” he said, when rationalizing the pay increase.

Legislator Toni Addonizio said

collectively, the Dutchess legislature is paid more overall than Putnam’s because Dutchess has triple the number of lawmakers.

Legislator Carl Albano noted the county has kept the overall budget tight and that some lawmakers do work close to 40 hours weekly.

“We’re working hard,” Albano said. “I know I’m working a lot of hours.”

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The 74rd Annual Business Meeting of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County will be held on Thursday November 9, at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill Street, Mahopac at 6:30 pm. This business meeting is free, open to all and will include the election of members to the Board of Directors, presentation of enrollee certificates and adoption of the Association’s Revised Constitution.

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layers of government, regardless of political party, needs to work together to solve the opioid crisis. He said the Lower Hudson Valley is the epicenter for the drug epidemic in New York and since he's been in office it's only gotten worse.

"This scares the hell out of me," Maloney said.

On the federal level, Maloney said there are several pieces of legislation to fight the drug scourge, including the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA.). Maloney called it the most important legislation in 40 years concerning the opioid issue and focuses on prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement, criminal justice reform, and overdose reversal. The bill is funded at \$181 million annually, which Maloney said is 20 percent of the funds sought from the previous presidential administration.

"It's a good start," Maloney said.

Maloney included legislation within CARA that is meant to fast-track certain prescription drugs to production with anti-abuse methodologies that would make it harder to crush or enhance the high of the drug for non-medical purposes.

He stressed that drugs prescribed from doctors need to have better oversight and would like to see Narcan, a lifesaving antidote that can reverse side effects of a drug overdose, more available to families living with a drug addict. A distinct difference needs to be drawn between criminals that should be in prison and drug addicts that need treatment and not hard jail time, Maloney said.

When asked about New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's national push against rampant drug abuse, Maloney said he hope there isn't a disconnect between the rhetoric and policy. Quality and affordable health insurance is necessary to help counter drug addiction, Maloney said.

There is also a bill that would limit a prescription to seven days unless a person goes back to a doctor to get approval for more, Maloney said, which is already law in New York.

Republican County Executive MaryEllen Odell said drug addiction can hit a family member at anytime and "your whole world crashes in on you."

Odell said over the last six years, Putnam has developed "one army" against addiction where all the stakeholders in the community come together to help drug addicts and prevent new drug users. She noted emergency service personnel and local law enforcement are trained to administer Narcan.

Odell said in order to stop the drug epidemic, officials must look at how

addiction begins. For instance, Odell said it's important to get useless prescription drugs out of the medicine cabinets. She argued doctors and pharmacists must be more responsible when prescribing drugs.

And Odell announced in the coming weeks she would request the county Legislature approve legal action against pharmaceutical companies.

"It's about accountability," Odell said. "You need to stop with the ridiculous amount of drugs that are being pushed out through our physicians and their sales reps and their lobbyists need to be held

accountable.

State Senator Terrence Murphy, a Republican, said pharmaceutical companies should be "appalled" at what they've done. He called it "incredible" how hard the drug crisis has hit New York.

Rather than dropping drug addicts in jail, drug traffickers should be targeted, Murphy said. He stressed mental health needs to be a priority for addicts and longer periods of treatment need to be available.

"I've seen incredibly sad stories," Murphy said of the drug epidemic.

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Sheriff Smith says you are, but are you really?

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BAUS Donates to Kent Toward New Playground

By David Propper

With the Town of Kent starting up the construction of an inclusive playground soon, a local institution donated a large sum of money to help pay for it.

The Buddhist Association of United States, which has a monastery in Kent along Route 301, donated \$10,000 to the town's planned playground. Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming accepted the check last Tuesday, expressing her gratitude to BAUS members.

Fleming said the all-inclusive playground would be for children of

all abilities and accessible to kids with physical handicaps so everyone can play together. The playground will be built at town center where the library, police station, and town hall are. Fleming credited a town employee for recommending the determined location where the ambulance corp. is across the street in the event of an accident.

"I thought that was brilliant," Fleming said of the location.

The contractor has been hired and the colors for the playground equipment have been selected, she said. She hopes the



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Supervisor Maureen Fleming with BUAS members last week.



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The Buddhist Association of United States donated 10,000 to the Town of Kent last week.

playground opens by the end of the year.

When the BAUS approached the town about making the donation, Fleming said the town wanted to find a project they could contribute to that would make them proud.

"To actually contribute to something lasting," Fleming said. "And that would do good for the town."

The Venerable Abbot Hui Tsong said

through a translator that the donation comes from the compassion of the heart. He wants to see children from all religions benefit from the park.

Good deeds are achieved when everyone gets involved, Abbot Tsong said.

"The town has been very helpful to us, we're like neighbors," Abbot Tsong said through a translator. "We're helping each other."

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The complimentary program provides alternative therapies to patients as they undergo surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. The hospital has contracted with Liberation Yoga of Mahopac to bring an array of services including yoga classes, massage therapy, reiki, reflexology and meditation.

"This new program enables us to provide whole mind and body care to the patients that need it the most," said Maureen Pace, Putnam Hospital Center's director of clinical services.

Dr. Lyda Rojas, breast surgeon and medical director of the breast cancer program at Putnam Hospital Center, and Dr. Vinita Agarwal, chief of pathology at Putnam Hospital Center, both on the hospital's medical staff, cut the ribbon this week on the Integrative Health program located on the hospital campus in suite 114. The suite has a yoga studio and two rooms for therapeutic services. Nutritional counseling and lymphedema treatments are also housed in the suite.

The opening of Integrative Health comes on the heels of the hospital's accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers



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Dr. Lyda Rojas, center, and Dr. Vinita Agarwal, right, cut the ribbon on the new Integrative Health program at Putnam Hospital Center as PHC Foundation director Priscilla Weaver looks on.

(NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons and only granted to centers committed to providing the highest level of quality breast care to its patients.

Radiology at Putnam Hospital Center

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To learn more about the Integrative Health program, please call 845-628-0007. For more information on breast



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New yoga studio in the Integrative Health suite.



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care at Putnam Hospital Center, please visit <https://www.healthquest.org/cancer/breast-cancer-putnam-hospital-center.aspx>.

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Obituaries

Harold Hansen

Harold Hansen, age 85, died on Sunday, October 15, with family in the Somers Manor Nursing Home. He was born on December 6, 1931 in Yonkers to Karen and Olav Hansen. Harold attended George Washington High School in Washington Heights, Manhattan, N.Y. He studied at New York University and served in the United States Navy protecting our country during the Korean War. Harold was a proud and active member of the Brewster V.F.W. Post 672 where he was respected and admired by friends and fellow veterans. He married Patricia Durkin Hansen in 1972 whom he loved and adored until her passing in 2001. Harold devoted his professional life as a salesman in the transportation industry in New Jersey. Harold loved baseball, playing pool, golfing, the ocean and ultimately being with family and friends laughing and enjoying life. Harold was a dedicated brother to his two brothers (Thomas and Peter) and sister (Christine). Harold will be lovingly remembered by his children, MaryLou (Mark), Linda (Tom), Carole, Roy (DawnMarie) and Kathleen (Sean). Harold will also be fondly remembered by his seven grandchildren, Anthony, Benjamin, Kelly, Nicholas, Brittany, Ryan and Patricia along with his great-granddaughter, Sabrina. Our family

would like to thank the angels in our father's life that cared for him at home, The Plaza at Clover Lake and finally at the Somers Manor Nursing Home with such love, dignity, humor and respect.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Harold's name can be made to the Friends of Senior Citizens of Putnam County, 110 Old Rte. 6 Carmel Hamlet, N.Y. 10512.

James J. Smith

James "Jim" J. Smith, 64, of Mahopac, died suddenly on October 16. Mr. Smith was born on May 12, 1953 to the late, James S. and Elizabeth (Price) Smith, in Brooklyn. In 1973, Jim opened and operated Jim Smith's Martial Arts in Yorktown. He was known as Hanshi Jim Smith and brought the martial arts instruction style of Goju-Te Karate to Westchester and Putnam Counties. However, his greatest accomplishment of all was being a loving and proud father to James and Christine. In his spare time, Jim enjoyed crafting beautiful works of art made of wood, but most of all he enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love, devotion and dedication to family, friends and the community will continue to grow in our hearts. He survived by his two beloved children; James J. Smith of Hoboken, NJ

and Christine F. Smith of White Plains, and his loving sister; Linda Sutherland of Warwick, Rhode Island.

Oliver Muniz

Oliver Muniz, 43, of Putnam Valley, died on October 18, at Hudson Valley Hospital. Mr. Muniz was born on July 8, 1974 to Luis and Olga (Rivera) Muniz in Yonkers. On January 22, 1994, he married the love of his life, Christine Kopfensteiner in Yonkers, and together they were blessed with two children; Kayla and Brianna. In his spare time Oliver was an avid fan of the NY Yankees,

Lebron James and enjoyed watching the Fox News, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Oliver was a devoted husband, loving son, father, brother, uncle, cousin and a friend to many. He will be dearly missed by all of those who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years Christine, his loving parents, Luis and Olga, his two most cherished children; Kayla and Brianna and his three loving brothers; Luis, John and Dennis.

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Business
of the Week

GoodFellas Deli and Pizza Mahopac

By David Propper

When Andrew Wiktor was 16-years-old, he worked for a deli in Lincolndale and could have never imagined he would one day have his own deli. But he enjoyed the experience enough that when he wanted to do something different, he decided to open up GoodFellas Deli and Pizza many years later.

GoodFellas offers a wide variety of food to choose from, including hot food, cold cuts, and pizza. The deli also offers an extensive catering menu and with Thanksgiving coming up, the business is offering an entire turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

GoodFellas opened two years and one month ago. Wiktor, a Somers resident, was in a completely different career field, but was searching to do something else. He most recently worked full time as a recruiter for a medical school in Europe with his father for 18 years. When his friend presented the opportunity by putting the location on the market, Wiktor took advantage of it.

"I like food, I like dealing with customers and was willing to go with the experience," Wiktor said. "It's a lot of hours."

Wiktor likes that he gets to see the people he serves face-to-face and isn't



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Somers resident Andrew Wiktor behind the counter at his business, GoodFellas Deli and Pizza.

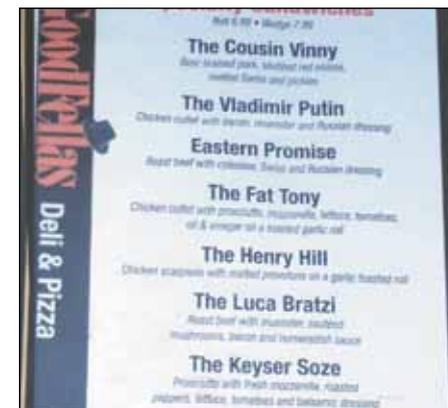
stuck behind a desk for much of the day like in his old job that he'll still do part-time. He also had to travel a lot so his new business allows him more time at home with his family, including his wife and two small children who will come to the deli to see their father at work.

"It's 24-7," he said. "There's always something on your mind, there's always something to do."

And one creative twist to Wiktor's deli

is the different names of the sandwiches he determines, which are named after famous mobsters real and fictional. Wiktor said he loves seeing his customers look at the menu and giggle right before they're going to order.

His personal favorite names are the Fat Tony (a mobster character from The Simpsons) and the Vladimir Putin (a sandwich that has Russian dressing.) Wiktor said even though Putin isn't



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Some of the names of sandwiches at GoodFellas.

considered a classic mobster, he could easily be considered a worldwide gangster.

The name GoodFellas, of course, comes from the movie and Wiktor's interest in Italian mobster movies.

With so many delis and pizza places in the area, Wiktor said he tries to ensure GoodFellas delivers quality food everyday, with much of the credit going to his chef who puts out a different hot table daily.

"I love my customers," he said. "I love the hamlet of Mahopac."

GoodFellas Pizza and Deli is located at 716 Route 6 and its phone number is 845-621-1234

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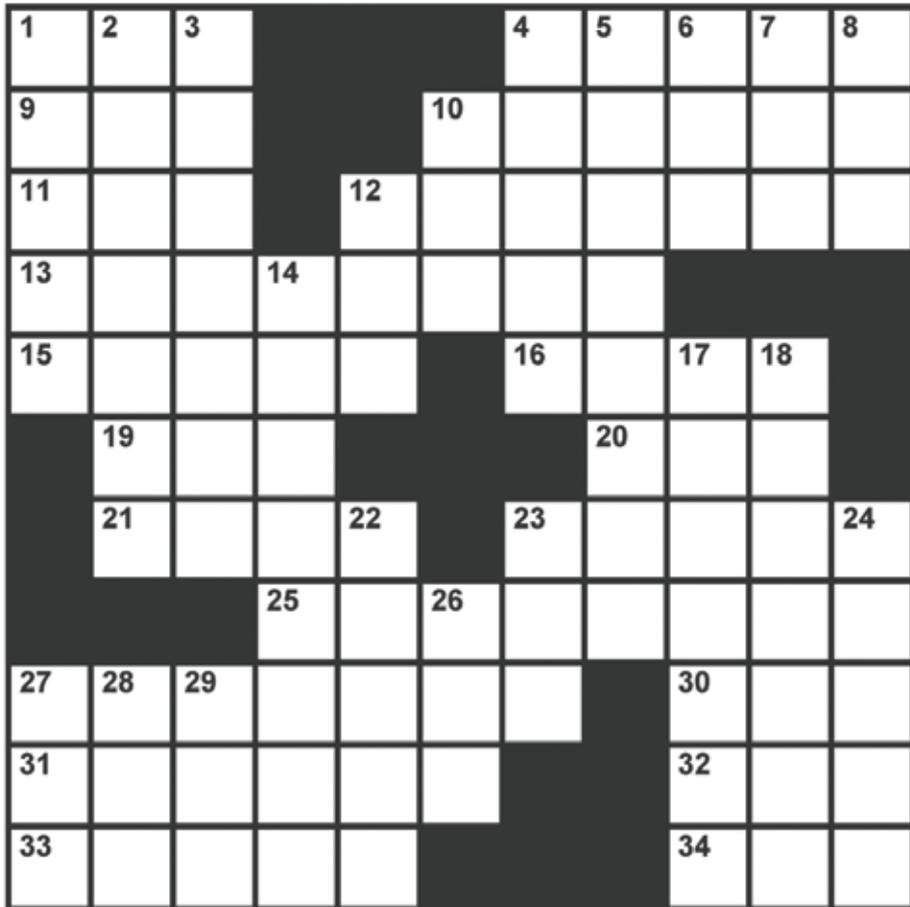
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 24

Across

- 1. Media outlet
- 4. Buffett's birthplace
- 9. Director Jean- ____ Godard
- 10. Copier component
- 11. Horrible!
- 12. Clear
- 13. Apprentice
- 15. Belonging to race car driver Busch or Peekskill
- 16. General's insignia
- 19. Bother, with "at"
- 20. Law and Order actor, with T
- 21. Liquid sediment
- 23. Collect
- 25. Shredded
- 27. Kind of counter
- 30. Memorable time
- 31. Explorer Henry would dine at this Peekskill American restaurant The ____ Room
- 32. "Rocky" studio
- 33. Braying equines
- 34. Okay!

Down

- 1. Collide
- 2. Agog
- 3. Library goer
- 4. Leaves out

- 5. Hurried
- 6. Paleontologist's estimate
- 7. Egg layer
- 8. College major
- 10. Ornamental plant
- 12. Speech fillers
- 14. Ballplayer nicknamed "Charlie Hustle"
- 17. Special instruction college
- 18. Rise from virtual extinction
- 22. Copter predecessors
- 23. Uncouth one
- 24. Annoys in the in-box
- 26. Sticker
- 27. Chinese brew
- 28. Vienna's land, abbr.
- 29. Mormons: Abbr.

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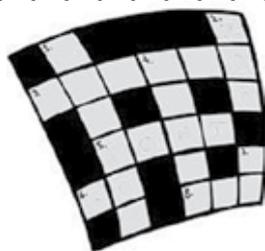
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All of this can be accessed online at www.vote411.org in an easy-to-use electronic format. Citizens can enter their addresses, compare candidate information and print a customized sample ballot. Other election information, including registration, absentee ballots, etc, is also available on the Vote 411 website. In the upcoming weeks, citizens will be able to find information about upcoming candidate forums taking place in their area and/or across the state.

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Brewster Theater Company Presents 'You Can't Take it With You'

Brewster Theater Company brings the eccentricities of family and the love of living a full life to its staging of the classic comedy "You Can't Take It With You." BTC's production, on its home stage at Drew United Methodist Church's Sloat Hall, features the close-knit Vanderhof family pursuing their, often odd, ambitions at home. However, their routine is disrupted when a daughter with a regular job wants to bring her fiancé and his Wall Street family to dinner.

From the Director, Dan Friedman

Making his directorial debut with BTC, Dan Friedman of Carmel has directed productions for the Darien Players, the Westport Community Theater, The

County Players, YCP Theaterworks and CT Playmakers.

"I'm very appreciative of the opportunity to work with this group," Friedman said. "I'm very impressed with them as an organization."

While the play premiered more than 80 years ago, Mr. Friedman noted it's as relevant today as it was in 1936. "People should come and see this production because it's a classic American comedy and, although it is dated, it has never gotten stale. It's one of the templates for all of the stage comedies that have come after it," Mr. Friedman said.

The cast

The show is being co-produced by Stacy Dumont of Patterson, Jenna Isabella of Ossining and Brandy Hughes of Danbury, Conn. Set designer and artistic director for this production is Christopher Gladysz of Brewster and New York City. Stage manager is Kait Balfe of Brewster. The cast features Robert Ansbro of Mahopac; Nate Brewster of Brewster; Emma Burke-Covitz of Carmel; Jenna Isabella of Ossining; Vincent LaRusso of Brewster; Stephen Zerilli of Carmel; P.J. Mansfield of Stormville; Carolyn McCarthy of Brewster; Sean O'Hara of Carmel; Marty

Posner of Patterson; Diane Preston of Mahopac; Stephen Ross of Carmel; Patricia Sebastian of Mahopac; Ken Shelby; Leigh Trifari; Trevor Latasa; Sean Latasa and Laurel Lettieri. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27; Saturday, Oct. 28; Thursday, Nov. 2; Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Oct. 29. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens.

Drew United Methodist Church is at 28 Gleneida Ave. in Carmel.

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CHS Drama Club Announces Cast for 'The 39 Steps'

The Carmel High School Drama Club proudly announces the cast of "The 39 Steps." Deanna Prekalaj and Andriy Gura, under the guidance of the club's Drama Advisor, Margaret Carey, direct the this wildly entertaining comedy. The talented cast of 25 Carmel High School students includes Samantha Altman, Alieyah Brown, Franchesca Cabrere, Julie Daza, Allison Devane, Julia Field, Jake Groundwater, Olivia Hamilton, Benjamin Hitchcock, Lauren Hoffmann, Caitlin Krause, Hannah Loughran, Ayden Mallegelo, Lena McKee, William Meyers, Madeline Olsen, Jovani Perez, Elizabeth Pulley, James Purr, Allison Sanel, Beck Spears, Liam Tuffy, Anthony Velez, Aidan Wilk, and Natalie Wright. CHS Senior Cat Fox is the Stage Manager for the 21 student crew including Alicia Brancato, Meaghan Connors, Madeline Donohue, Mary Esposito, Adam Friedman, Matt Gianfransisc, Stef Guggisberg, Luke Herrera, Nicola Kelly, Kaylie Mallegol, Hannah Malone, Kaitlyn Musial, Caitlin Pachonka, Sara Peterson, Tessa Price, Lydia Rubin, Robert Sarracco, Juilianna Schroder, Angelina Trongone, Tyler Wheelock, and Meg Young. Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! Performances will be held on October 27 and October 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a special matinee on October 28 at 2 p.m. at Carmel High School, Casey Hall 30 Fair Street, Carmel NY. Advanced tickets are available online at carmeldramaclub.weebly.com

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Letters to the Editor

Smith Does Excellent Job Keeping Putnam Safe

I'm writing to support Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith for re-election. Sheriff Smith has done an excellent job in our community during his past four terms.

Sheriff Smith and his entire staff have worked hard to make the Putnam County Sheriff's Office one of the best in New York.

Read more about Sheriff Smith, his accomplishments and vision for leading in the future at www.sheriffdontsmith.com. Putnam County under the leadership of Our Sheriff Don Smith has brought all law enforcement and emergency services personnel together to achieve the ultimate goal of becoming the Safest County in

New York State in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and it is expected again when the year ends this year.

I congratulate the entire staff and Sheriff Don Smith on this accomplishment and ask you to vote for Our Sheriff - Sheriff Don Smith, on Nov. 7.

Kevin McConville
Cold Spring
Retired MTA Police Chief

McConville ran for county sheriff in 2009 and 2013.

Langley Highly Qualified for Top Cop Job

There are two candidates on the ballot for Sheriff this year. One of them, Robert Langley, has 23 years of hands-on policing experience in the Putnam County Sheriff's department. He's been in corrections, on patrol, in forensics, in investigation. If that's not enough, he's been a volunteer fire fighter in Mahopac

and Garrison for a combined 22 years.

To say that Robert Langley is qualified for the job of Sheriff is a major understatement. He's pledged to return integrity to the Sheriff's office, and, boy, do we need that.

The other candidate on the ballot, Don Smith, is brazenly running for reelection,

despite the fact that his personal vendettas have already cost taxpayers \$125,000.

The top cop in the county costs us money. And there are more lawsuits likely to come against Smith. How much more will he cost us?

I urge independent voters and voters in all parties to look at the records of both

men, and cast your votes accordingly. It shouldn't be difficult to choose Robert Langley, and for a return to integrity in the office that needs it most.

John Plummer
Cold Spring

Southeast Dem. Chairwoman Disputes Jonke's Assertions

I read county Legislator Paul Jonke's letter to the editor last week with great interest. While I don't question Mr. Jonke's support for Bob Cullen and Liz Hudak I do question his command of the facts.

In fact, in their first two years in office Cullen and Hudak voted for 27 percent in tax increases for the residents of Southeast. This hardly represents any

financial acumen or the "hard work" to which Mr. Jonke refers. In addition, after their first year in office Southeast's fund balance was left at around \$98,000. All additions to the fund balance since then have been due to Town Supervisor Tony Hay, who is also the town's chief budget officer.

I like Bob and Liz but after eight years in office I know that Southeast can do

better. By electing John Lord and Melinda Montanaro we know that we'll have fresh, hardworking individuals who will keep a close watch on fiscal issues while ensuring our town zoning is honored and not changed for developers who insist that 'bigger is better'.

On November 7th, I'll be voting for John Lord and Melinda Montanaro because we deserve even better government than we

have now.

Cathy Croft
Brewster

Croft is the chairwoman for the Southeast Democratic Committee.

Constitutional Convention Could Clean up New York

Do you want to clean up Albany? See lower municipal and county taxes?

Now's our chance! Vote yes this November 7 on the referendum for a Constitutional Convention for New York State.

You'll see the referendum listed along with two others on the reserve side of your ballot.

The proposed Constitutional Convention is a once in a generation chance to enact long overdue ethics and

home rule reforms. It will rectify state gerrymandering, our byzantine court system and out-of-date voter registration laws.

During her 2018 budget presentation, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell noted Albany's unfunded mandates gobble up 70 percent of the county's expenses and all of it is property tax levy. This burden has helped stifle economic growth and prosperity here for too long.

Limiting or ending unfunded state

mandates is reason enough to vote yes on the Constitutional Convention referendum in our view.

To learn more, watch one or both of these informative online videos:

-The forum hosted by the Mahopac Library and the League of Women Voters of Putnam County. Type in "NYS Constitutional Convention Panel Discussion LWV/Mahopac Library."

-WNYC's "The Brian Lehrer Show Should New York Hold a Convention to

Amend the State Constitution?" debate with Gerald Benjamin, associate vice president for regional engagement and director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz.

John and Alexandra Ballantine
Brewster

Langley Only Trustworthy Candidate in Sheriff's Race Support Sheriff Smith For Four More Years

As far as I am concerned there is only one trustworthy candidate running for Putnam County Sheriff - Robert L. Langley, Jr.

Not only is he honest, he has had 23 years of experience in all areas of police work - from patrol duty, forensics and corrections.

I know that under Langley's leadership as sheriff he will restore honesty, respect and integrity to the office of Sheriff.

Leonora Burton
Garrison

We are writing to express our support for the reelection of Sheriff Donald Smith.

Putnam County has the distinction of being the safest county in New York State under the leadership of Sheriff Smith. He is a staunch defender of the constitution and has publicly defended our Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Sheriff Smith warmly celebrates our new citizens but is opposed to the idea of sanctuary cities. The safety of Putnam County is his first priority.

Sheriff Smith has a distinguished

record of service to our country. In these uncertain times in which we live, the office of sheriff can take on much importance. Read about the powers of the "shirereve" (a sheriff in England before the Norman Conquest).

It is for these reasons we urge you to support Sheriff Donald B. Smith for Putnam County sheriff.

Sal and Paulette Califano
Cold Spring

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Montanaro Would be Tireless Advocate for Southeast

I'm writing this letter to endorse Melinda Montanaro for Southeast Town Council. No great surprise, since she's my wife. But I also happen to strongly believe that she is someone who will work competently to create a better Southeast for all of us.

Now, there's a good chance that Melinda has already knocked on your door and spoken with you about the issues that matter to you. She isn't talking with people in our community only because she is asking for their vote. She really

does believe that democracy requires open dialogue between elected officials and the people they represent. If you have an opinion on any of the issues our community faces, you will find Melinda to be a great listener.

Some people are "detail-oriented" – well, Melinda redefined the term for me. She succeeded professionally because she was so well informed and so well organized. She brings those virtues to virtually everything she does.

Melinda is a tireless advocate for what

matters most to us, a vibrant community reinforced by a strong local economy. You will find also that she brings a fresh, unbiased perspective to local government. Her background in project management and accounting qualify her to handle the challenges we face moving Southeast forward.

For those of you who have chosen your candidates, I encourage you to get out and vote! For those of you who don't believe it makes much difference who is elected, I ask you, for the sake of

our entire community, to reconsider. Please understand that by spending a few minutes in the voting booth to cast your ballot for Melinda, and also for her running mate John Lord, you will be supporting the capable administration of our town, which is what we all want to see.

Gabriel Montanaro
Brewster

Sheriff Smith Puts County Finances in Peril

In a state Supreme Court trial in June, Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith admitted to misleading the public with false statements about Adam Levy who was the District Attorney. He apologized to Mr. Levy. What was the real consequence? The judgment was against Mr. Smith personally, but he paid only \$25,000 of the \$150,000 settlement. Taxpayers paid the \$125,000 balance thanks to the 100

percent Republican Legislature who did not call for Smith's resignation or even issue a reprimand. Sheriff Smith has been decidedly unapologetic in seeking a fifth, 4-year term. Adding to the disgrace, the County Republican Committee endorsed him.

Next up is \$45 million civil rights case against Sheriff Smith, three of his top aides, and Putnam County. In May a

U.S. District Court judge ruled that the case could proceed based on plausible arguments that Sheriff Smith had engaged in malicious prosecution without probable cause to charge Alexandru Hossu for child rape. Mr. Hossu was acquitted in 2014 after being jailed for one year awaiting trial. To put \$45 million in perspective, Putnam County has a \$153 million budget for 2017 and \$6 million

insurance coverage.

On Election Day, November 7, vote for Robert Langley, Jr. to restore integrity and sound management to the Sheriff's Department.

Bradley D. Schwartz
Brewster

Smith Has Returned Integrity to Sheriff's Office

Robert Langley, candidate for Putnam County Sheriff, who is opposing incumbent Sheriff Donald Smith stated that it is time to restore integrity to the office of our county sheriff. Beside reminding voters that Langley served most of his career under former Sheriff Thoubboron, who county residents ousted by electing Smith, I need to share something I witnessed regarding Smith that warmed my heart convincing me

he was the right man for the job. At a deputy cadet graduation ceremony early during Smith's tenure, Sheriff Smith concluded by addressing the cadets by reminding them that "you don't work for the Sheriff Department of Donald Smith, but rather for the Sheriff Department of the PEOPLE of Putnam County. Smith further reminded the cadets that in everything they did, even when apprehending an alleged suspect, that they

demonstrate respect and professionalism. The same holds true today. Besides being superbly trained our deputies are forever professionals in every sense of the word thanks to Sheriff Donald B. Smith who, besides being our Sheriff who has restored professionalism and respect to the office to which he serves, is also a retired U.S. General with qualities that he has blessed residents of Putnam County with during his tenure. Putnam County needs a man

like Sheriff Smith. To those who chant the rhetoric of change along with the slogan "a cop's cop", ask yourself if you want to return to the situation that we had before we were blessed with Sheriff Smith.

Andrew Powers
Mahopac

Papas Has Qualities Kent Town Board Needs

I write to encourage Kent residents to vote for Town Board Candidate Stephen Papas. I have had the pleasure to work with Stephen on the Kent Lakes Committee. I know him to be eager and sincere. He brings skills and experience that will benefit our community.

Stephen has volunteered needed

expertise in his field of grant writing, displayed a willingness to work hard and shown an exemplary consideration of other people's viewpoints.

Although newly formed by Supervisor Maureen Fleming, the Lakes Committee has great potential for researching and improving the quality of all the lakes in

Kent.

That Papas has thrown his hat into the race for an open seat on the Kent Town Board does not surprise me. In fact, it thrills me. He is exactly what we need on the Town Board – knowledge, hard work, and a collaborative spirit.

Since we have an opportunity to

elect new Board Members on Tuesday, November 7, I urge all Kent voters to cast one of those votes for Stephen Papas.

Beth Herr
Kent

Several Questions Persists Over Smith's Actions

I'll admit that I haven't followed every bit of news regarding Sheriff Don Smith and the legal disputes that he's been embroiled in, but as Election Day approaches, I think that we all could use some clarity. I'd like to appeal to your publication to answer a few questions that might help voters like myself make an informed decision on November 7th.

Questions that I have regarding Sheriff Donald Smith:

- As of today, how much have Sheriff Smith's legal fees cost the taxpayers of Putnam County?
- How much can the county be on the hook for as ongoing legal action proceeds?
- Is there a limit to how much the county

can pay?

- Is it true that the Sheriff has a second home in Florida? If so, how much time does he spend in said residence vs. here in Putnam County?

With so much going on these days it's hard to stay informed. Honestly, I wouldn't have expected a Sheriff's race to rise above the fold, but it seems we have

a unique choice in Putnam County this year. I thank you for your journalistic contributions to our community.

Ana Silverlinck
Cold Spring

Letters to the Editor

PBA Endorsement of Smith Speaks Volumes

I am writing to support Sheriff Don Smith for re-election. As a retired law enforcement officer with over 25 years experience I know first hand what it takes to be an effective leader of a large department like the Putnam County Sheriff's Department where experience matters. When I read that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association endorsed Sheriff Don Smith I knew who I was going to support. The following is a quote from the Sheriff's PBA endorsement letter of Sheriff Don Smith:

"You have worked tirelessly to ensure that Putnam County remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. You have led the local fight against the

opioid epidemic, advocated for our most vulnerable populations, protected our families, secured our businesses, safeguarded our infrastructure and respected our hard-earned tax dollars."

In vision, in experience and in leadership, you are the lawman that Putnam County deserves. Throughout a lifetime of public service, you have remained dedicated to our shared values, our community and our country. You have instilled in us the confidence needed to confront our toughest public safety concerns."

The PBA endorsement of Don Smith speaks in volumes to me. Who knows both candidates better than those who worked with both candidates for many

years?

Putnam County being ranked the number one safest county in New York State is not a fluke. It is a result of great police work by all police departments in Putnam County working together to achieve a goal of keeping us all safe.

The choice is clear, do you want a Sheriff in Don Smith who has a terrific record of leadership and assuring that our families and county are safe or a liberal democrat in Robert Langley who is from the party of Sanctuary Towns/Cities? In Phillipstown (Langley's hometown) the only town in Putnam County where the entire town board is Democrats they recently adopted a sanctuary town resolution declaring their town a safe haven for illegal

immigrants. Do we need a democratic sheriff who is from the party and town that is Pro-Sanctuary Town/City? What's next? Will the democrats be pushing a countywide sanctuary resolution?

Please join me in voting for Sheriff Don Smith for re-election on November 7, 2017.

Robert Buckley
Mahopac

Murray Best Choice for State Supreme Court

There is no more important office up for vote this November than Supreme Court Justice. Our Constitution empowers Judges, whom "we the People", elect to protect our persons, property and rights in disputes among us and against corporations and our government. Linda

Murray worked as my legal advisor when I was City Judge for years. Mrs. Murray has the knowledge, experience and dedication to finding the fair and just result in every case, no matter how hard she must work to achieve justice. Linda Murray has earned your vote for Supreme

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John B. Garrity, Esq.
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Letters to the Editor

Smith Has Served County Residents with Distinction

Citizens of Putnam County, on Nov 7 you will vote to select who will serve you in important elected positions in Putnam County including the office of Sheriff.

Since 2002, my father, Sheriff Don Smith has provided outstanding leadership. My family has proudly shared my father with you for over 19 years and with our country for over 45 years as he has served us faithfully in two of the noblest professions in which one can serve.

It is not by accident that all federal, state, and local law enforcement are working together, sharing resources, information

and are working together as a team with the ultimate mission of keeping us all safe.

My father has built an outstanding record of public service and seeks to continue his positive leadership approach in continuing effective and efficient programs and policies. His leadership style has earned the respect and endorsement of the people he leads and has provided stability and innovation in the Sheriff's Office.

As the son of the Sheriff, I have had to grow thick skin over the years due to negative campaigns against him and

personal attacks. However, I am confident in the people of Putnam County for seeing through these negative schemes and campaigns that do not stand for anything productive and viable for the future of Putnam County.

As his son, and a member of his family, I know him well and know first hand his work ethic and his heart. I can attest to the fact that he always puts the welfare of the citizens of Putnam County and the mission of keeping Putnam safe as his top priority.

After losing my mother to breast cancer,

my father has continued to pursue the mission of keeping Putnam County safe and I know he still has the fire in his belly to serve and lead us well as his service for protecting you is part of his DNA.

Please take a moment to look at Sheriff Smith's website and review his experience, accomplishments and initiatives for the future at www.SheriffDonSmith.com.

Please support Our Sheriff with your vote on Tuesday November, 7th! I am confident he will never let us down.

Chris Smith

Proposed Pay Raises for County Lawmakers Not Deserved

On Monday evening, October 16th I attended a County Legislature Committee meeting. The meeting focused on the 2018 budget and proposed raises for various Putnam County employees and elected officials.

Some of the proposed raises were hefty but it was especially shocking to hear that our part-time Putnam County Legislators would be voting themselves a \$5,000 raise. Their salary will increase from approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 (a 13.95% increase). In addition, all nine legislators are eligible for health benefits

that cost taxpayers approximately \$18,000 for a family plan.

Chairwoman, Ginny Nacerino insisted that the increase was reasonable as the Legislators hadn't gotten a raise in ten years. Except for a \$700 cost of living raise last year. A fact Nacerino conveniently omitted until pointed out by Legislator LoBue.

Chairwoman Nacerino was uninterested in facts especially when it came to salary comparisons between neighboring counties. When Dutchess County was mentioned, Ms. Nacerino

insisted that there was no comparison as Dutchess is a smaller county. When it was pointed out that Dutchess has almost three times the population (and is more than three times the size geographically) this didn't seem to matter. For the record, the 25 Dutchess legislators make \$15,400 a year and represent approximately 11,778 residents per district. Putnam Legislators will now make over \$40,000 while representing approximately 10,988 per district. In other words, Dutchess Legislators represent more residents and earn two and a half times less than Putnam County Legislators.

In light of these unfortunate and undeserved raises, 2018 will be an opportune time to seriously reconsider the structure of our county government. Less would be more, far more, for taxpayers. Let's really scrutinize our County government and see where it can be streamlined for efficiency and thrift. Let's consider a return to a Putnam County Board of Supervisors. Enough is enough.

Lynne A. Eckardt
Brewster

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The Teddy Bear House, a Tudor, is Up for Sale

Every house has a story, some more exciting than others, but there's always some kind of story, even with new construction if you consider what has gone into its planning and construction.

In my career as a realtor, I've had the pleasure to represent some houses with extraordinary stories, including my own, the Ebenezer White House, circa 1734, in Yorktown Heights, which I recently sold. Now, my real estate partner Michael Pierce and I have just listed the Michtom House, built in 1926 (aka The Teddy Bear House), in Cortlandt Manor.

And why, you might ask, is it called The Teddy Bear House? Because it was built as the country refuge for the family of Morris Michtom, the toymaker who developed and manufactured the original teddy bear in the early 20th century, inspired by President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. With the success of the teddy bear, Michtom went on to establish the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co.

A perfect example of the Tudor period, the four-bedroom, 2,000-square-foot Michtom house sits on an acre on Briar



By Bill Primavera

Lane, a sleepy, tree-canopied road that harks back to a time when the area was primarily for leisure time activity for the well-to-do from the city.

Its owners, Diane and Bob Frissora, have lived in this sturdy structure with its stucco outer walls and slate roof since 1971 and are emotional about placing it on the market, especially Diane.

"It's where we raised our family," she said.

Bob Frissora, a builder, looks at the prospect of a sale more practically, saying "How could you build a house like this today? What would it cost using these materials?"

A special prospect of this particular property is that it has an adjacent one-acre buildable lot that is zoned two-family, which is rare for upper Westchester.

"This lot can be incorporated into the deal for the house – or not," Bob said, "so it could be a family compound or purchased along with the house as an investment opportunity."

There aren't many true Tudors in upper Westchester like the Michtom home. The style flourished in America from 1890 to 1940, and the area at that time was mostly



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

The Michtom Tudor House, aka "The Teddy Bear House" in Cortlandt Manor, is now up for sale.

small homes and summer cottages, rather than grander structures like this one.

In more urban settings, the style referred to as Tudor was based on a mix of late Medieval and early Renaissance styles. European-trained architects, influenced by Old World styles, brought the eclectic, asymmetrical Tudor style to America toward the end of the 19th century. Built for wealthy homeowners, Tudor houses were of solid masonry with elaborate decorative stone and brickwork. They were sometimes called "Stockbroker Tudor" because their financially successful owners had frequently made their wealth in the booming 1920s stock market.

These homes featured such elements as steeply pitched roofs, decorative half timbering and embellished doorways.

"Basically, this is a lower Westchester kind of home in upper Westchester – at an upper Westchester price," Bob Frissora said. "How can you beat that?"

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In the Land of the Rich, There's Opportunity for the Persevering



By Nick Antonaccio

In my two most recent columns, we've explored the rarified air of the high-end wine auctions for rare wines. Typically the domain of the one percenters, it might seem that these auctions are the playgrounds and/or the battlefields of the rich. Auction houses carefully curate their offerings; the average price of a bid lot typically tops \$3,000.

It would seem these stratospheric prices exclude anyone seeking to purchase and enjoy wines beyond those available in their local wine shop. For some wine consumers, who have developed a fine palate and wish to enjoy finer wines, the concept of attending an auction is intimidating and beyond their credit card limits.

Fear not, all ye who live vicariously through the checkbooks of those you silently envy.

Cast aside your trepidation. Step into the world of wines otherwise hidden from view in the catalogs and sales sites of auction houses. Expand your palates and your appreciation of older wines. Delve into the world of fine wines – at prices not much

more than a mortgage payment or a student loan installment obligation.

So, if you can rationalize a splurge or two, follow me down the path of the new age of bidding on wines not found in the brick and mortar world – the digital world of electronic auction bidding.

Just as the Internet has democratized most goods formerly entrenched in shoe leather sales, so too with wine.

Yearning to avail yourself of an older bottle of Bordeaux or Burgundy? Ever wondered what the taste and aromas might be of your favorite California Cabernet Sauvignon after a few years of aging?

Look no further. Your furtive quest may be satiated through digital technology.

The Internet has advanced the ability of procuring wines from the comfort of your home, office, coffee shop or anywhere you can find a Wi-Fi connection.

Here's how.

Open an account with an electronic auction house.

Several brick and mortar houses have established collector-friendly sites. Simply create

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an electronic account and you're ready to delve into the world of wine auctions.

One of the earliest virtual auction houses is Winebid.com. Many of its offerings are small lots, even single bottles; some may be won

for under \$50.

Most of the high-end houses offer Internet bidding, which tend to be of lesser cost. A favorite among bargain seekers is Heritage Auctions.

A few hints:

1. Decide which regions or vintages you're interested in beforehand. Auction houses offer online catalogs you should browse before the auction begins. You'll avoid the stress of the fast-paced atmosphere of more aggressive bidders.

2. You don't have to bid in the live online auctions. Perfectly acceptable are pre-auction bids that set the maximum you wish to bid on select lots. Let the auction house manage the bidding for you.

3. Price-check retail prices of wines you plan to bid on at the website wine-searcher.com. It's a fine reality check of reasonable market prices.

4. Don't be overly concerned with vintage ratings. My maxim: there are excellent wines from poor vintages and mediocre wines from great vintages. Many fine wines are hiding right in front

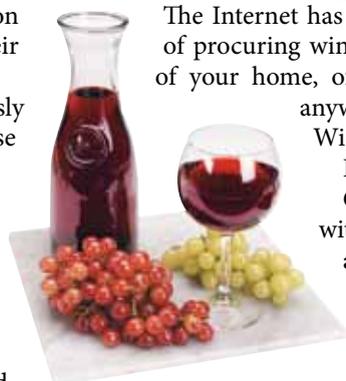
of us in full view, obscured by a critic's blanket assessment of a vintage.

5. Perhaps the greatest bargains (relatively speaking) are wines that are noted as having torn, stained or faded labels. They may not be trophy wines, but they will afford you the opportunity to taste a rare wine at a reasonable cost.

6. Remember that online auction sites are in the business of generating profits for themselves. Be sure to factor in the mandatory buyer's premium and, oftentimes, shipping charges. These may add an additional 20 to 25 percent surcharge to your purchase price. Your \$300 to \$400 purchase may ultimately cost you up to \$500.

Are online auctions the panacea for forlorn wine consumers, envious of high-end investors? You decide. As for me, a brief encounter with an aged nectar of the gods is a sublime experience, even if infrequent.

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Vendors Needed:

Vendors Needed Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 2nd St. James the Apostle School Gym Contact Barbara Howard @ 914-980.-122 for more detail information.

Tuesday:

Portraiture: Capturing Likeness and Character Drawing Class: Reed Library through November 21, 10 a.m. to noon. In this series of six classes students will learn both basic and refined techniques using graphite pencils. Individual attention will be given to both beginning and advanced artists. Registration required, please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Boy Scout Troop Weekly Meeting: Troop 1 of Mahopac invites all boys 10 years and older (5th grade and up) to see what Scouting is all about at Lakeview Elementary School, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We meet every Tuesday that school is in session. No previous Scouting experience is required! You do not have to be a Cub Scout to become a Boy Scout. For questions, please contact Scout Master Joe Link (914) 760-2574 or jlink@linklandsurveyors.com

Spotlight Family Support Group: Mahopac Library, Periodical Room 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m. Oct 24th, Nov 7th, Nov 21st, Dec. 5th & Dec. 19th. This is a guided recurring support group for family and friends suffering with the effects of a loved one that has a problem with drugs or alcohol. For more information contact Drug Crisis in our Backyard 845-842-1212. No registration is required.

Spanish Class: Are you interested in learning one of the most romantic and widely spoken languages in the world? Mahopac Public Library is offering a 10-week Beginning Spanish Class for adults, led by Marcos Fernandez, starting on Tuesday, September 19. In this one-hour class, which is held from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., students will learn to speak and read Spanish in a useful, fun, and interesting way. If you are traveling to a Spanish speaking country, or just want to brush up on your language skills, this class will give you the confidence to ask questions, shop for food or other items, make future travel plans, order meals in a restaurant, and much more. The class fee is \$40 per person; registration with payment is required. Cash, check, or credit card is accepted; stop in and register at the Library's Information Desk.

Wednesdays:

The Putnam County Marine Corps League: Monthly meeting at the Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel, NY at 1930 on the second Wednesday of the month. (10/11/17) If you are a U.S. Marine or FMF Corpsmen Veteran, Reservist or on Active Duty we

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Thursdays:

Drawing Inspired by Nature: Reed Library through December 14, 10 a.m. to noon. With pencil, colored pencil, pastel, and charcoal participants will explore proportion, color and value while drawing birds, animals, landscapes, and botanicals. Registration required, please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Story Time: On Thursdays at 11 a.m. children 2-5 years old can participate in a Spanish story time – no registration needed. (La hora del cuento para niños de 2 a 5 años (sin registro previo). For more information about these new Spanish story time programs, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Fridays

JOY OF DANCE: dance/movement therapy for people with Parkinson's Disease. Joy of Dance is a dance/movement therapy group for people with Parkinson's Disease. This ongoing group meets every Friday, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Seven Star School of Performing Arts, Brewster. To register contact Marie Carstens at 347-742-6591 or email at mccarstens21@yahoo.com. Pre-registration is required. Sessions are \$15/person, a caregiver or loved one is encouraged to join for an additional \$5

Save the Date & Purchase Tickets: November 11, Swing 'N Patterson 1942 "Christmas on the Home Front": Patterson Rec Center, 65 Front St. Patterson It's 1942, step back through time to the golden age of swing in the 1940's. Swing, jump and jive the night away to the sounds of live big band music. You'll be surrounded by memorabilia from WWII, antique military vehicles and living historians dressed in original US, British and allied military uniforms of the period. You are encouraged to attend in 40's vintage attire. Dinner and dancing tickets only \$40 in advance. Buy tickets here, or call to reserve, and we can hold tickets at the door for you. Dinner is served from 6pm-7pm Deadline for dinner tickets is Nov. 1. General admission without dinner 7 p.m. \$20 at the door. Check Facebook here for more pics. Tickets Available at: The Duffle Bag 1270 route 311 Patterson. Call for details 845-878-7106

Wednesday, October 25

Madeleine DeNitto from Garrison Concierge will present a workshop at the Desmond-Fish Library for those who are considering ways to make their homes and lifestyles more sustainable. 1:30 p.m. She will discuss ways to reduce clutter, waste and your utility bills. You will learn habits you can create for living a healthier, simpler and more peaceful lifestyle while helping the environment. Topics will

include green cleaning options and how to avoid dangerous toxins that are in our living spaces, plastics, foods and toiletries. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison, NY. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

3rd annual Pumpkin Glow! 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Proud of your carved Jack O' Lantern? Bring it to the Kent Town Green in front of the library. Enjoy apple cider, popcorn, donuts & more while we wait for the sun to go down and the Jack O' Lanterns come to life! This event is open to the public. What do you need to bring? Just your carved pumpkin. The Library and Kent Recreation Department will provide LED lights. *Rain Date is scheduled for Monday, October 30th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. No registration required. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes

Alzheimer's Resources for Caregivers: 6 p.m. In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? Join us for this 2-part program to hear practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis. Registration is requested. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100

Thursday, October 26

The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club: United Methodist Church Hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. The expected speaker is Beth Casso, who will discuss Medicare updates and changes. Dues will be collected for 2018. Coffee at 1 p.m.; meeting time 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

Middle School Book Group: 3:30 p.m., Join us for pizza and discussion! Copies of *Maybe a Fox* by Kathi Appelt are available at the Circulation Desk. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Spooky Halloween Magic Show for Grades K-5: 5 p.m. Celebrate Halloween at Mahopac Public Library's Spooky Magic Show with Stephen Christopher! Dress in your own Halloween costumes and enjoy Magic Stephen mesmerize and amaze you in this fun family-friendly show. Sponsored by the Friends of the Mahopac Public Library. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Friday, October 27

Hitchcock Meets Hilarious in Carmel High School's Production of "The 39 Steps": The Carmel High School Drama Club presents also, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a special matinee on October 29 at 2 p.m. at Carmel High School, Casey Hall 30 Fair Street, Carmel NY. Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This thrilling tale is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, vaudeville routines and some good old-fashioned romance! You will follow our hero, Richard Hannay, played by Aidan Wilk, as he attempts to clear his name for a murder and find out about "The 39 Steps". Along the way he meets an array of interesting characters. Among them are lovely women who aid him, salesmen who distract him, police who are chasing him, and thugs who are ruffing him up. Professor Jordan played by Benjamin Hitchcock, holds the secret to this mystery. Come find out what transpires during this movie come to life! Space is limited. Advanced tickets are available online at carmeldramaclub.weebly.com

Teen's Spooky Library Escape: 6:30 p.m., You have suddenly woken up, alone in the darkened library. What happened? To your dismay, the library is closed and you find yourself locked in for the night. Then you remember, this is the library that was haunted by a teen who had accidentally passed away when a bookshelf collapsed on her. The ghost, Lonely Lesley, is said to be wandering the stacks, looking for her friends who didn't help her. You don't know when she'll come, or if she is nice or evil. Do you really want to find out? No! You and your team will have 1 hour to solve a series of riddles, decipher the clues and escape the library before Lonely Lesley gets you. Registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139. To register for most programs at Mahopac Public Library, call 845-628-2009, ext. 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Saturday, October 28

Ragamuffin Parade & Trunk-or-Treat Event: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Markel Park 559 North Main Street, Brewster. Registration begins at 9 a.m., Parade at 10 a.m. Followed by: Trunk-or-Treat Event FBC Brewster 460 North Main Street, Brewster. Prizes for best costume! Performances by Mad Science & Balloon Sculptor. Music, Trick-or-Treating, Popcorn & Cotton Candy



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