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Fatal Patterson Car Crash Ends in Plea Deal

By David Propper

The case of a fatal car crash that occurred in Patterson in 2015 reached a conclusion last week when a Pawling man pleaded guilty for his part in the wreckage.

Christopher Osborne, 45, who was accused of driving under the influence of morphine that resulted in the deadly crash, admitted his guilt in court on Jan. 29, Putnam County District Attorney

Robert Tendy told The Putnam Examiner. He pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated vehicular manslaughter, which is a felony.

The investigation into Osborne began on April 29, 2015 when New York State troopers responded to a two-car auto collision on Route 22, just north of Route

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Mahopac's on Callie Time! Indian Senior Leads Quest to 3-Peat



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Mahopac edged Lakeland-Panas/Put Valley 175 to 174.55 behind the first-place All-Around performance of Indian senior Callie Johanson (37.20), who edged Lakeland-Panas' Amanda Grigas (36.7) for top honors. Johanson (above), the two-time reigning Section 1 All-Around champion, and the rest of best in Section 1 were set to compete in last night's divisional tournament at Odyssey Gymnastics Center in Mahopac, with the qualifiers competing in Thursday's Section One Tournament at Carmel High School (3:30 p.m.) where Mahopac hopes to three-peat as Section 1 team champions.

Brewster Math Students Recognized for Charitable Efforts



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The Brewster High School chapter of Mu Alpha Theta has been chosen to be highlighted in the National organization's February newsletter. Mu Alpha Theta is the National Math Honor Society based out of the University of Oklahoma. Its members come from 2,100 high schools across the United States, and 20 foreign countries. The BHS Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta has been chosen to be highlighted because of the charitable they do for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through their annual spring Math-a-thon.

After One Month, Captain in Sheriff's Office Resigns

By David Propper

After a month on the job, one of the captains selected by new Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley is out.

Edward Swarm, who joined the sheriff's office to be the captain of road patrol, has stepped down from his job, as of last Thursday, the sheriff's office confirmed in a two-sentence press release. Swarm resigned, the sheriff's office said, due to personal reasons.

"We wish Ed the best of luck," the press release stated.

Swarm had 24 years of experience with the New York City Police Department, rising through the ranks.



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Edward Swarm, now former captain of road patrol for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office

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Patterson Community Church Makes Fundraising Push

By David Propper

The Patterson Community Church, which dates back to the 1700s, is seeking donations to recover the costs of a roof replacement the church pursued last year.

With holes large enough for small animals like squirrels and mice to sneak inside, the church's fellowship hall was in need of a new roof, which set them back \$14,000. Now, church leadership is asking the community to help the church recuperate those depleted funds and is also raising money for a new furnace. A fundraising sign is posted outside the church for drivers passing by and the church has made several social media posts seeking donations.

Overall, the historic church is seeking \$20,000. So far, the church has raised \$4,000.

Pastor David Frost, who has been with the church since 2009, stressed the fellowship hall isn't just for church members, but every person in town.

The fellowship hall is critical to the church and overall community because it's where the church's blue door thrift shop is located, which is open every Thursday and Saturday, Frost said. Any person can come in and rummage through clothes or even household items, Frost said, like dishes, pots and pans, and lamps.

In a way, it is a gathering place for the community.



The Patterson Community Church is raising money after it replaced its roof last year and seeking the community's help

"In order to continue that outreach to the community, we really felt we had to take care of the roof," Frost said. "It set us back a good piece of change."

At first, members of the church tried to make repairs themselves, but the project was too labor intensive and professional workers were required. Frost said the new roof should take the church "well into the

future."

The church property has three different buildings: the fellowship hall, the sanctuary building and former grange building, which are all very old. A furnace has to be replaced inside the grange building, Frost said.

The church has about 40 dedicated members, Frost said, but the church

makes it a point to open its doors to the entire town. In addition to the bustling thrift shop, the church has a food pantry that hands out food twice a month and on special occasions like Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"The underlying message with the fundraiser is really giving folks a chance in participating in helping the community directly," Frost said.

Frost explained he tries to convey to town residents that the Patterson Community Church is as inclusive as possible. While some churches only look for membership, Frost said the church focuses on getting as many people as possible to help the greater community.

A penny social was held last weekend that was open to everyone and there are events coming up in the spring that are open to the entire town. Boy Scouts and the youth club of the Patterson Rotary also use the grange building.

Frost said the church has a stellar relationship with Sauro's Deli and Town Square Pizza, which is owned by the same family, and Patterson Rotary. The three organizations all work together, Frost said for the betterment of Patterson.

"If we're doing the right thing, the resources will be there," Frost said.

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DA's Office Clinches Conviction in Domestic Violence Case

By David Propper

A Putnam county man was recently convicted for assault in the 3rd degree and endangering the welfare of a child stemming from a domestic abuse incident, the Putnam County District Attorney's Office announced last week.

Anthony Scarfone was found guilty in a jury trial last week after he was arrested more than a year ago for allegedly attacking his girlfriend in their home in the presence of their child, who was 15 months at the time.

The victim suffered bruising to her neck, shoulder, and cervical strains at the hands of Scarfone, the DA's office stated. The child was not harmed.

"I want to sincerely thank this woman for having the courage to come forward and to stay the course despite numerous delays during the pendency of this case," District Attorney Robert Tendy said in a statement. "We will not tolerate domestic violence in our community and we encourage everyone to speak up about it. No one should be a victim of domestic violence, and we will do all we can to prevent it or hold accountable those who commit it."

A jury of three men and three women needed only three hours of deliberation

'We will not tolerate domestic violence in our community and we encourage everyone to speak up about it.'- DA Robert Tendy

before reaching their guilty verdict.

The case was tried by assistant district attorney Patricia Rau and assisted by assistant district attorney Melissa Lynch. Presiding over the case was Putnam Valley Justice Louis DiCarlo.

DiCarlo will determine Scarfone's sentence on April 5 at Putnam Valley Justice Court.

Victims of domestic abuse can contact the DA's office at 845-808-1050 or contact the Putnam-Northern Westchester Resource Center at 845-628-9284.

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311. A 2003 GMC pick-up truck, driven by Osborne, was traveling northbound when he crossed over the double yellow lines into the southbound lane and struck a 2015 Subaru Forester, operated by Mario Riccobon, of Carmel, with his wife Jean Riccobon in the passenger's seat.

Jean Riccobon was pronounced dead at the scene. She was 63. Mario Riccobon suffered serious injuries and Osborne dealt with minor injuries, authorities said at the time.

Tendy said Osborne could face up to three years behind bars. Sentencing is March 27.

Osborne was evaluated by a drug recognition expert following the crash and was accused of being impaired as a result of drug use. A blood test determined Osborne had been under the influence of morphine at the time of the fatal crash, police said. Tendy said he wasn't legally prescribed that morphine.

Osborne was originally arrested on a slew of charges stemming from the accident, including aggravate vehicular

manslaughter, aggravated criminally negligent homicide, manslaughter in the 2nd degree, aggravated vehicular assault, vehicular assault in the 1st degree, vehicular manslaughter in the 2nd degree, assault in the 2nd degree, and vehicular assault in the 2nd degree, all of which are felonies.

After an indictment was granted, Osborne turned himself into police on Aug. 7, 2017 and was arraigned by Putnam County Judge James Reitz. It's unclear why it took more than two years from the time of the crash for the state

police to arrest Osborne.

Tendy said the Riccobon family gave the DA's office approval to make the plea deal with Osborne. The lead prosecutor on the case, Joe Charbonneau, met with Mario Riccobon numerous times throughout the case, Tendy said.

"We would not have done this without his acquiescence," Tendy said. "We thought all things considered, this was the best plea for everyone involved."

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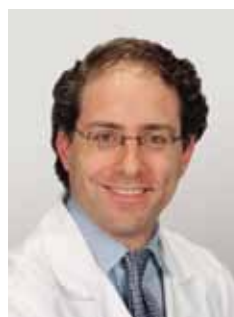
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Mahopac Chamber Pushes Carmel to Update Master Plan

By David Proper

What will business districts in the Town of Carmel look like decades down the road?

That's the question Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce members, particularly Thom Iannicari and Larry Zacks, are trying to get answered as they work with town officials to plan for the future of the Hamlet of Mahopac and Hamlet of Carmel. The two men, who are co-chairs of the chamber's legislative advocacy board, put together a position paper months ago titled Carmel Vision 2020 that puts down the priorities, improvements and changes the town should consider.

Most pressing, Iannicari and Zacks said, is updating the town's master plan within the next 18 to 24 months. Across Carmel, town officials, business owners and interested residents all realize there are improvements in the town that should be made and planning for the future now--instead of years later--is significant, the men said.

Iannicari, who works in insurance, said the chamber took a stronger legislative role when the town board tried to pass a signage law--unpopular with business owners--that ultimately failed three years ago. When Iannicari spoke out at the meeting, he said the town needs a road map before laws are enacted that



Thom Iannicari, left, and Larry Zacks are the co-chairs of the legislative advocacy board for the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

affect businesses.

Iannicari said the last master plan was from almost 20 years ago and is severely outdated. Because it is so old, the town begins to rely on spot zoning and business owners aren't as attracted to the town, Iannicari said.

He wants a task force created and public meetings scheduled. The more input, the better.

"Things are starting to move, Iannicari said. "The town is talking about planning more and more and that's a good thing."

Iannicari said the plans regarding economic growth needs to ensure politics remains on the sideline and good governance stands strong.



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Business development is critical, both men stated. Right now, only 17 percent of the town's overall revenue comes from businesses. Zacks and Iannicari call it "unsustainable."

Improving infrastructure, cleaning up the commercial areas and having a plan, Iannicari said would make the town more attractive to businesses that will bring office jobs, retail, and possibly light industrial companies.

"The whole bottom line of Vision 2020 was to start a town-wide conversation," he said. "Not just with business people and politicians, but also residents involved and let's see what they want that's economically feasible."

Zacks, who works in real estate, noted implementing sewer and crafting zoning laws would make the area more alluring to businesses that are currently skipping over the town. By examining the master plan, planning advocates are pinpointing what zoning would go in different areas.

He mentioned it would not make sense to put an elegant restaurant right next to a gas station. Matching industries that can compliment each other and making areas more walk-able is important, Zacks said.

By the town tackling planning, it could give officials and stakeholders the ability to apply for grants necessary to make the proposed improvements. Zacks and Iannicari said they've met with town officials several times and described them as very receptive and willing to work with the chamber. Everyone at the table brings a different experience resulting in a larger overall scope, Zacks noted.

"The process is very onerous right now in getting projects approved," Zacks said. "So we're losing good projects to Danbury and to other areas so we're looking to make the planning process work better."

Ultimately, Zacks wants to see the area become eye appealing and economically functional.

"Going 50 years out, we want to have a vision of this so we're just not making short term decisions," Zacks said. "So we have a long term perspective."

The Carmel Central School District would like to invite residents to attend our upcoming Community Conversation on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Kent Elementary School.

The purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for community participation in open discussions about the development of the district's 2018-2019 budget. We understand there are many factors to be considered when looking to provide a budget that is responsible to the taxpayers, yet addresses the educational needs of all students. Over the past few years, the ideas generated at these types of discussions have been used in developing the school district budget, and we look to do the same this year. Please feel free to share this with your neighbors, friends and interested community members.

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Murphy Presents Local Food Pantries with Fat Check

This past Thanksgiving, two local food pantries were grateful to the more than 400 runners that participated in Senator Terrence Murphy's First Annual 5k Turkey Trot. The nearly \$6,000 raised through the Turkey Trot registration fees and T-shirt purchases were donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry in Mohegan Lake and St. John's Food Pantry in Mahopac, with each organization receiving a check for \$2,836.18.

On January 24, Murphy invited members from both organizations to his District Office to express his gratitude for the service they provide to needy families and to present them with their checks. "The enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and camaraderie displayed by the runners was awe-inspiring," said Murphy. "I want to thank and recognize the runners for coming out and supporting our first Turkey Trot. No one was there for personal glory. Everyone who participated ran or walked because they knew their donation was going to keep a family from going hungry. The best part is every cent we raised goes toward the food pantries."

"We are thankful for the support. It is heartening to know there are so many people in our community who are willing to help others." Deacon Bernie Moran, Director of St. John's Food Pantry and his wife, Teri, who serves as the Pantry's Coordinator, were on hand to meet with Murphy and accept their share of the proceeds.

"The race was a wonderful way to get people in the community together," said Mrs. Moran. "The money that was raised is appreciated and needed. We should have one of these races every week!"



Senator Murphy partnered with the Taconic Road Runners, Club Fit, AFC Urgent Care, JV Hot Bagels and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce to organize, run and provide supplies for the race.

After One Month, Captain in Sheriff's Office Resigns

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He started out as a patrol officer, later becoming a sergeant and then lieutenant of detectives.

Langley, a former investigator with the sheriff's department, unseated longtime Republican incumbent Don Smith last November in an upset win.

A couple of weeks after Langley beat Smith, the Philipstown Democrat

announced he wasn't going to retain any of the five captains that served under Smith. In mid-December prior to taking office, he announced his own command staff and then on Jan. 19 a ceremony was held to swear in the five captains, including Swarm.

During the ceremony, Langley said of his new captains, including Swarm, "I'm very honored to have them serve with

the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. They are exemplary people."

There is currently no timetable for when a new captain would be hired, a sheriff's office spokesperson said. In the meantime, Lieutenant Kevin McManus will be in charge of road patrol, according to the sheriff's office spokesperson.



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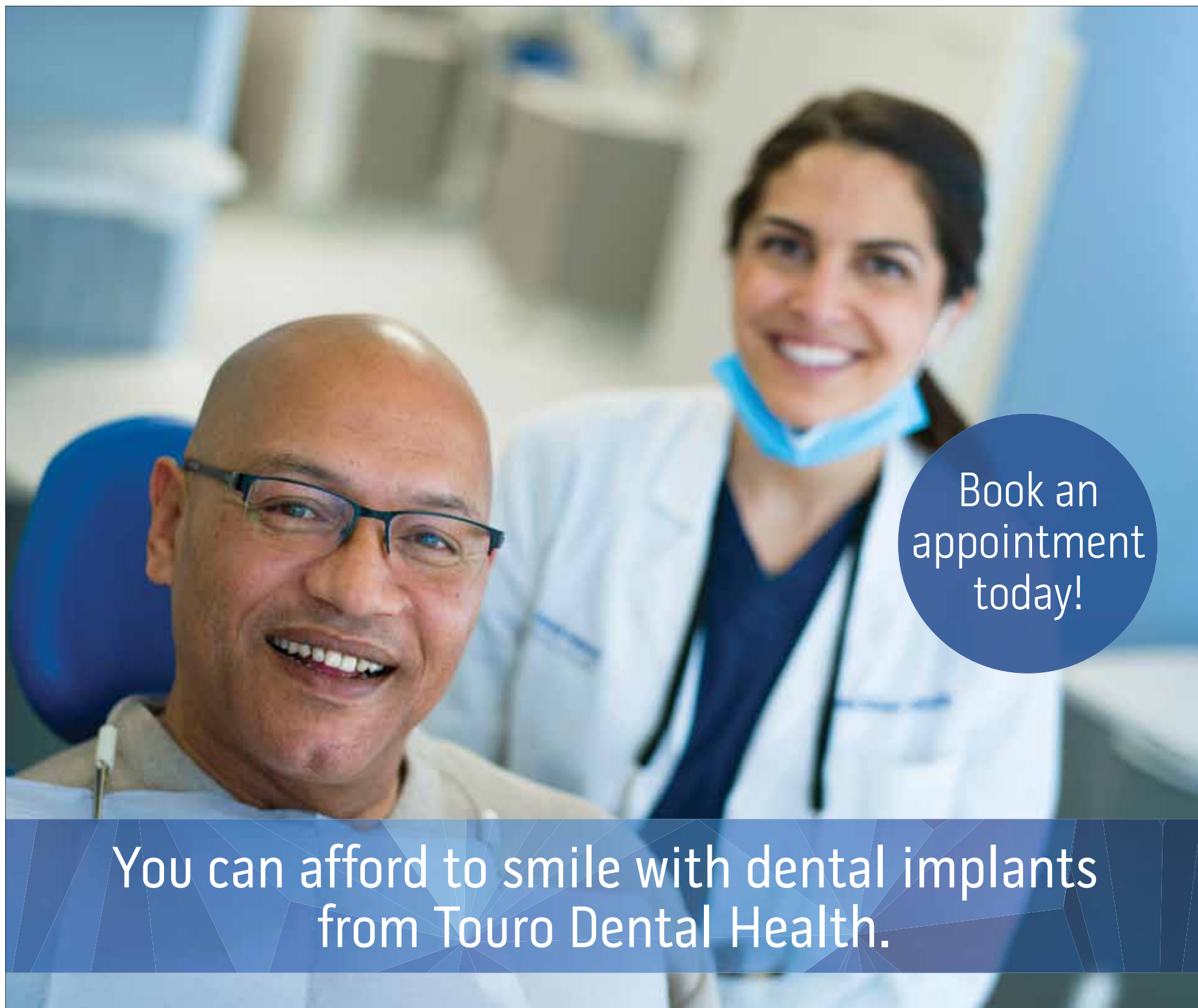
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Local Officials Feel Shortchanged by Gov. with Indian Point

By Rick Pezzullo

Members of the Indian Point Community Unity Task Force lashed out last month at Governor Andrew Cuomo for not including any funding in his proposed 2018 state budget for local municipalities who in a few years will collectively be losing \$32 million annually in revenue when the nuclear power plants in Buchanan stop operating.

"I'm disappointed there were no funding or recognition for any of the work we're doing," Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph

Hochreiter remarked at Cortlandt Town Hall. "His budget is absolutely silent on anything on Indian Point. It makes me wonder if the absence of the acknowledgement of Indian Points sends a message. We have to keep ensuring our communities that this is front and center."

It has been one year since local officials were blindsided by the announcement from Entergy, Cuomo and Riverkeeper that the Indian Point nuclear power plants, which have been a major energy producer and employer in the region

since 1962, would be shutting down in 2021.

Since that time, government, school and community leaders have been meeting to seek ways on how to replace the funding and 1,100 permanent jobs. Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. The Town of Cortlandt will be taking an \$800,000 wallop.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said she was hopeful additional funding

would be set aside in a special cessation fund that has been established by the state for about eight communities that are facing similar revenue setbacks. The fund currently has approximately \$45 million.

"We'll never recoup that money (\$32 million from Indian Point), but maybe we can put a dent in it (by attracting some new businesses)," Puglisi said. "There's no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's going to be difficult to get close to that loss. This is such a unique situation here. The state needs to set up a cessation fund just for us. The fact that they didn't put one red cent in the cessation fund is outrageous."

Cortlandt is putting aside \$100,000 each year from its annual budget specifically for post-Indian Point and last week hired an economic consulting firm, AKRF, that Puglisi noted the town will be requesting the state and/or Entergy to pay the estimated \$75,000-\$100,000 bill for.

"Now it's time to play hard ball," Puglisi said. "The clock is ticking."

Councilman Richard Becker and others agreed the task force needed to be more pro-active in its approach, instead of waiting for some assistance. One idea mentioned was chartering a bus to lobby state representatives in Albany.

"We have to light their hair on fire," Hochreiter said. "I think it sits in their lap."

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) stated it will be a challenge trying to deal with the state's projected \$4 billion deficit.

"Hudson Valley families aren't looking for deaf rhetoric and empty promises, but rather solutions on important items like the closure of Indian Point, controlling Albany's spending and cutting property taxes," he said.

Under the pact reached by Entergy, Cuomo and Riverkeeper, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy.

Last spring, the governor also set up a special task force, which Puglisi, Hochreiter and Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker sit on, and the state has retained a consultant to specifically address the reuse of the 240-acre site. That report is expected to be completed in April.

"What are we going to get out of it? A report tied up in a nice red bow?" Puglisi said.

Puglisi noted Westchester County Executive George Latimer may appear at the 23-member local task force's next meeting in February.



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Policastro and Gunther Rush Auto Putnam Valley

By David Propper

Brian Gunther and Robert Policastro have been friends for more than 40 years, meeting when the two men worked as auto mechanics for a service station.

Fast forward decades later, it seems only fitting the two men are now co-owners of Policastro and Gunther Rush Auto in Putnam Valley where drivers can bring domestic, foreign and classic cars to a couple of old time “automobile doctors.”

Gunther and Policastro first met back in the late 1970s when the two men ended up working at the same auto repair shop. Then a few years later the two men owned a business together until a fire destroyed that location. From there, Gunther and Policastro went separate ways with Gunther working at GM for 25 years and Policastro doing car work and traveling the country to play in a music band. (The two men also used to play in a local band together.)

“It came out of a friendship and enjoying doing what we do,” Policastro, who lives in Cortlandt Manor, said.

Rush Auto has been owned by Gunther and Policastro since 2015. The auto repair

shop used be run by local resident Tony Rush and after he died his wife sold the business to them. Out respect to Tony and his wife, Gunther and Policastro felt it was important to keep his name on the building. Rush had owned the auto shop since the 1960s and the location on Morrissey Drive has been around since at least the 1940s.

Originally, Policastro and Gunther just wanted to rent a space in the garage, but ended up purchasing the entire property. Gunther said they’ve tried to replicate the interior and exterior of the building to give it an old school look from the 1950s.

Policastro said when it comes to fixing a person’s vehicle, “honesty is the best policy.”

Gunther, a Yorktown resident, stressed they want to be a good, local repair shop that serves the community. Behind their shop are 800 homes, which Rush Auto relies on, along with friends and acquaintances that know the good work Policastro and Gunther do. Located off the beaten path, word of mouth and presenting great standards everyday is crucial.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS

Brian Gunther, right, and Robert Policastro own Policastro and Gunther Rush Auto in Putnam Valley together.

Gunther said it’s important for the customers to know that the person they talk to about their car is the one actually working on it, instead of where a customer is stuck talking to a representative at a dealership. Gunther said even though he’s an owner, he still mops the floors and cleans the bathrooms, as does Policastro.

“Be fair, do a great job at a fair price, do not rip people off, treat them as if they’re your own family,” Policastro said. “You can stay in business for 35 years if you do that.”

Policastro and Gunther is located at 9 Morrissey Drive in Putnam Valley and its phone number is 845-528-5440.



A framed photo of what the service station looked like decades ago.



A sign found in the building that's been around for many years.

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Local Congressman on Trump's State of the Union Address

Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) released the following statement after President Donald Trump delivered his first State of the Union address to a Joint Session of Congress.

"The President made some promises tonight to come to the table and find

bipartisan solutions to the challenges we all face together. But talk is cheap – it's nice to hear that he wants to work together, but it's up to him to keep his word.

"I'm ready and I'm willing to work with the President on helping our veterans, rebuilding our failing infrastructure,

combating the opioid epidemic and finding comprehensive solutions on immigration.

"When we look at these and all the other issues facing America, we can either choose to work together to actually get something done, or we can retreat to our

partisan corners. But we can't do both. I hope the President understands that, and I hope we'll see him change course through the rest of his term and live up to the promises he made tonight."

Putnam Communities That Care Coalition Headed to National Forum

Representatives from Putnam County are headed to the Washington, D.C., area to join approximately 3,000 substance abuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's) 28th Annual National Leadership Forum.

"We are so excited to be able to spend several days with other similar organizations from across the country, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place, one that doesn't suffer from the harms of drug and alcohol abuse," said Bruce Kelly, coalition coordinator. "We plan to come back reenergized with new strategies under our belt to tackle drug

use in Putnam"

CADCA's Forum will cover a wide range of topics – everything from how to prevent prescription drug abuse and the abuse of synthetic drugs and marijuana to how to create tobacco-free environments and develop policies to reduce underage drinking.

The coalition is an informational clearinghouse for the community, providing not only knowledge concerning the risky behaviors teens engage in and why but also how to strengthen communication and effectively address those issues.

The coalition representatives will hear from several leaders including Acting Director of the Office of National Drug

Control Policy Richard Baum and Dr. Bertha Madras, Harvard Medical School, who will both bring their expertise and insights to share. Putnam CTC will also meet with U.S. representatives and senators at the Forum's Capitol Hill Day event on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum, the nation's largest training event for community prevention leaders, treatment professionals and researchers, will take place at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center Feb. 5-8. Visit the Forum website for details about training sessions, speakers, and special events at cadca.org/events/forum2018.

Learn to How to Fish

With 7,500 lakes, 50,000 miles of rivers and stream and hundreds of miles of coastline (www.dec.ny.gov), fishing in New York can be a life-long avocation. Registration is currently underway for the annual 4-H Fishing Clinic. This event is free to 150 Putnam County youth, ages 7 – 14 only (also participants from previous 4-H Fishing Clinics are not eligible to participate). This year's free clinic will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. (Registration for non-Putnam County youth will begin on May 1.)

All participants will receive a free rod, reel, tackle kit, fishing directory and hat. Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program and The Oasis Sportsmen's Club are sponsoring the Fishing Clinic with support from The Jack Stewart Jr. Memorial Fund. (Membership in the 4-H program is not required.) Please note: this is not a drop off event - a parent/guardian must remain with the youth for the entire event.

Check-in will be held from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. only. Availability of Rod & Fishing Gear will not be guaranteed after 10:45 a.m.

Space is limited and accepted only through online registration on a first come, first serve basis at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Putnam_4-H_Fishing_Clinic_201-3_237 Walk-in's are not permitted. For additional information go to Putnam.cce.cornell.edu or call 845-278-6738.

All registered youth will receive a confirmation/reminder postcard 3 weeks before the event.



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Forum Held on Bill that Would Discipline Prosecutors for Misconduct

By Anna Young

The Peekskill NAACP and the Peekskill High School Black Culture Club hosted a panel discussion on Jan. 25 in support of New York establishing a Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct, a bill that would investigate and discipline prosecutors for misconduct.

The panel, comprised of five men who have been on both sides of the law, explained to the large crowd that prosecutors are seldom punished for violating their judicial integrity, including persuading witnesses to lie, using fraudulent evidence, suppressing evidence or convicting someone wrongfully accused.

Jeffrey Deskovic, a former Peekskill resident who was arrested at 16-years-old in 1990 for a rape and murder he did not commit and later spent 16 years in prison despite a pre-trial negative DNA test, said prosecutorial misconduct played a major factor in his wrongful conviction.

He explained how the medical examiner altered evidence during his trial and ultimately trashed the victim's reputation to fit the prosecution's theory. He added how he faced extreme challenges fighting the wrongful conviction and efforts to have more testing done. Following his exoneration, in which DNA testing identified the actual perpetrator, the medical examiner admitted the evidence presented during his case did not exist.

"The job of the prosecutor is not simply to win convictions, it's to do justice and that means convicting guilty people through lawful means using legally obtained evidence while not violating any rights and it means dismissing cases when somebody is innocent," Deskovic said.

A couple years ago, Deskovic filed a successful lawsuit against Putnam County because sheriff's office personnel became involved in the investigation of the rape and murder that took place in Peekskill. A former sheriff's investigator coerced a young Deskovic into a false confession that helped lead to his conviction, his lawsuit stated.

"Prosecutorial misconduct is a problem statewide. They're not afraid to do it. The judges rarely call them out on it and if they do happen to get caught nothing is going to happen to you so where's the punishment? Where's the deterrence?" he added.

New York is ranked second in the country in wrongful convictions behind Texas, and if passed, the Commission would be the first in the nation. The Commission would be composed of 11 members including prosecutors and defense attorneys who will conduct the investigations. Only the Governor can remove a prosecutor.

Bill Bastuk, founder of It Could Happen To You, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the falsely accused, said prosecution withheld evidence he

'The job of the prosecutor is not simply to win convictions, it's to do justice' - Jeffrey Deskovic

was legally entitled to after a teenager falsely accused him of rape. He said the prosecutor violated her power to get "a gold star on her head and a golden hammer on her door." He was later acquitted.

"What happened to me happens quite often," Bastuk said. "Prosecutors are the most powerful people in the criminal justice system and they are the least accountable. When they break their own rules, there are no consequences. That's not common sense and it makes no sense."

Dr. Bennett Gershman, Professor at Pace Law School, agreed how there is no accountability for prosecutors who violate their power. He said while most prosecutors try to do the right thing, several commit serious acts of wrongdoing and a process must be put

in place that holds them responsible like judges.

Deskovic stressed how important it is for the state, county and local municipalities to support the resolution and not "chicken out" when it gets to the floor for a vote. He urged elected officials to do what's right and to stop protecting professional wrongdoing.

"I'm here for action, I'm here for support, I'm here for solidarity, I need the people behind the bill and for that we need to share some move to action items," he said. "We're at a moment of truth."

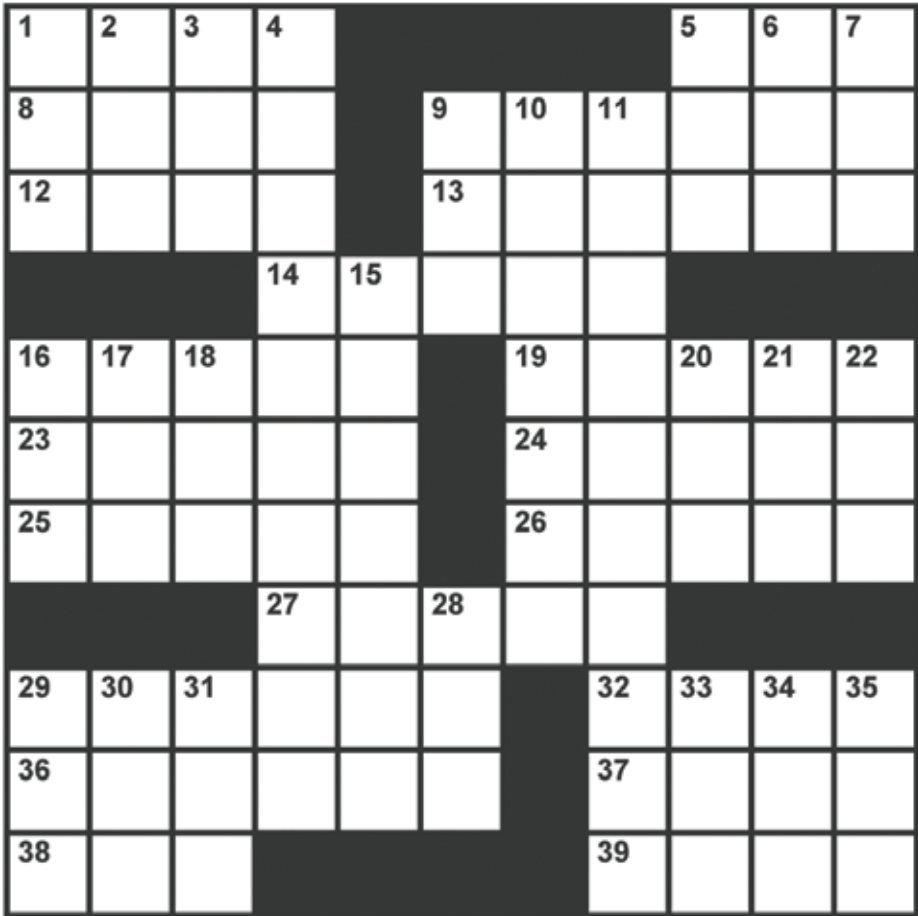


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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across**
- 1. Like many horses
 - 5. Indiana cheerleader's request
 - 8. Indian attire
 - 9. Passenger train
 - 12. Move with a humming sound
 - 13. Mollify
 - 14. Centric beginner
 - 16. Marx brother
 - 19. New steak and restaurant in the JV Mall, ___ Rose
 - 23. Medical insurance portion of Medicare
 - 24. Trey
 - 25. Andean wool provider
 - 26. Big name in printers
 - 27. Ghana capital
 - 29. Flume
 - 32. See 15 down
 - 36. Gait
 - 37. Musical instrument
 - 38. "Mission Impossible" star's first name
 - 39. Zatopek the runner

- Down**
- 1. Pilothouse abbr.
 - 2. Surprise!
 - 3. "___ quit!"
 - 4. Marketing channel
 - 5. "___ is never finished, only abandoned," da Vinci
 - 6. Lazy refusal
 - 7. Turner of "Proud Mary" fame

- 9. Mountain or prickly
- 10. Cookie ___
- 11. Crest or Aim
- 15. No butts about it, where to buy smokes in Peekskill , goes with 32 across
- 16. Radar, for one
- 17. Cinematic computer
- 18. Rollover subj.
- 20. Hospital sites, briefly
- 21. New beginning
- 22. Twilight time, to a poet
- 28. Prized mushroom
- 29. Military rank, abbr.
- 30. ___ Tzu, Chinese philosopher
- 31. German city on the Danube
- 33. Run smoothly
- 34. Sash
- 35. Amigo



Heart Center Cardiologists Now Seeing Patients at PHC

Cardiac care services are now provided at Putnam Hospital Center through The Heart Center, a Health Quest affiliate.

Three cardiologists, Dr. Lawrence Solomon, Dr. Anthony Messina and Dr. Aarti Campo, have begun seeing patients on the hospital campus, with offices at 672 Stoneleigh Ave., Suite C-126. All three are board certified through the American College of Cardiology and specialize in general cardiology, as well as nuclear cardiology and echocardiography.

"We are thrilled to be here, on site at Putnam Hospital Center, to provide 24/7 comprehensive cardiac care locally," Solomon said.

Solomon focuses on preventive cardiology and has clinical interests in the diagnosis and management of valvular heart disease. He received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine and has been in practice for 17 years.

Messina is the medical director for Health Quest's CT and Nuclear Labs. He graduated

from New York University's School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than nine years. He is fluent in Spanish and Italian.

Campo joined The Heart Center in 2017, having previously served as the director of the heart failure program for PinnacleHealth Hospital in Pennsylvania. She graduated from Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo in New York and has been in practice for five years.

Together, the team will provide an array of cardiac services at Putnam Hospital Center, including diagnostic imaging and treatments for coronary artery disease, valvular disease, arrhythmias and other forms of heart disease. Imaging services at the medical facility include cardiac ultrasound, nuclear imaging and stress testing.

To schedule an appointment, call 845-225-5301 (TTY 1-800-421-1220). For more information on The Heart Center, a division of Hudson Valley Cardiovascular Practice, PC, and cardiovascular care at Health Quest, visit healthquest.org/heartcenter.

Dog Care and Basic Training with 4-H

An exciting hands-on enrichment opportunity will offer information on successful dog ownership including grooming, pet first aid, diet etc., in addition to basic dog handling and commands. Cornell Cooperative Extension's Youth Development Program is offering an 8-week Wednesday evening series, May 2 to June 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Carmel. (Address provided at registration)

This program is open to Putnam County Youth ages 9 and up with a registration fee of \$65 for non 4-H members or a \$30 fee for 4-H members. A paid fee will hold the registration, which is on a first come, first serve basis and is due on or before April 18. Dog ownership is not required and prior participants are not eligible. Please register online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events.

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Dr. Lawrence Solomon, from left, Dr. Aarti Campo and Dr. Anthony Messina.



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Performers Take the Stage for the Seven Star School's Showcase

On Saturday, January 20, more than 125 performers took the stage at Brewster High School for The Showcase, an annual presentation by Seven Star School of Performing Arts. The dancers and singers, who are a part of the Seven Star School Performance Team, showcased over 200 solo, duet and group routines at the event this year. The Seven Star School Performance Team is comprised of 6 different teams; Collective, Connection, Company, Crew, Kinder and the newest musical theater team, The Center Stage Stars. All of the teams will travel to various competitions in the Northeast from February through April. This year the team will travel to Massachusetts, Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut, followed up by a national competition in June in Virginia Beach. The showcase is the team's biggest dress rehearsal as they perform their routines

for family, friends, teachers and supporters before heading out on the competition circuit next month. "The Showcase is our Performance team's major event. After starting the routines last summer, and practicing through the fall, we finally get to see every single routine up on the stage in costume," says Team Co-Director, Jaclyn Yarusso. Nicole Aravena, owner and co-director of the Team added, "It's a culmination of all of the hard work that has been put in over the past few months. The studio has been buzzing for weeks leading up to this event and it was a true success for all involved!" For more information about Seven Star School visit www.sevenstarschool.com or call 845.278.0728.

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Obituaries

Evelyn W. Riley

Evelyn W. Riley, 85, of Mahopac, died peacefully in her home on January 25. Born on March 22, 1932 in Queens to Wilhelm and Wilhelmina (Steisslinger) Wahl, she grew up enjoying summers in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. On June 24, 1962 she married Frank W. Riley of Valhalla in White Plains. Evelyn attended New Paltz University and received her Masters Degree in teaching from Hofstra University. She taught in the Mahopac Central School District until her retirement, and was a volunteer at Putnam Hospital Center, as well as being a Cornell University Cooperative Extension Certified Master Gardener. Evelyn is survived by Frank, her devoted husband of 56 years, two daughters, Julie Newton of Wakefield, Rhode Island and Victoria Riley-Poellot of Brewster, a grandson Tyler Williams, and great-grandson Jaxson of Saunderstown, Rhode Island. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Fred D. Erickson

Fred D. Erickson of Harrisburg, PA and formerly of Mahopac, died on Saturday January 27, at the age of 51. He was born in Carmel on October 18, 1966, the son of Robert Erickson Sr. and Yvonne Smith Erickson. Fred graduated from Mahopac High School, where he spent his youth before moving to Pennsylvania. He was self-employed in the sheetrock and drywall business in Lancaster County, PA. Fred enjoyed fishing and duck hunting. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his beloved wife, Debby, his children, Christopher, Matthew and Joshua Erickson and Kimberly and Alan Sauerwald, his brothers, Robert Jr. (Wendy) and Peter (Lynn) and his sisters, Kathleen Gasperino (Michael) and Penny Drabick as well as several nieces and nephews.

Earl Lawrence Wilkie

Earl Lawrence Wilkie age 95, of Carmel, died on January 27, at Hudson Valley Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Earl was born on December 6, 1922 to Herbert and Lena (Terry) Wilkie in East Rochester. On May 23rd 1943 he married the love of his life Virginia (Kinsman) Wilkie and together they were blessed with two children, Peter and Marcia. Ginny and Earl were married for almost 72 years. Earl proudly served our country as a seaman in the US Navy and actively fought for the United States during World War II. He served on an ocean tugboat, the Abnaki. The tug patrolled the Atlantic and Pacific and eventually was sent on a secret mission to save the German UBoat 505 from sinking. This

UBoat was the only one captured during the war .It was on board this submarine that a top secret coding machine was found. The Enigma was a machine that deciphered German messages. This discovery was said to have reduced the duration of the war by at least one year. Earl lived with his family in Lincoln, MA and worked at Harvard University before they moved to New York State where he was an associate engineer for IBM in Yorktown until his retirement in 1988. The Wilkie Family always enjoyed camping around the United States. After his retirement Ginny and Earl continued to love to travel and camp in their VW Vanagon camper. Ginny and Earl were very active in the care and upkeep of the Halstead Union Cemetery in Carmel. Earl will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Earl is predeceased by his loving wife Virginia (Kinsman) Wilkie who passed away January 21, 2015. He is survived by his loving children Peter (Grace) of Garrison and Marcia (Jack) Campetti of Sherman CT, also survived by his cherished grandchildren Kimberly and Kristen, who each shared a special place in Earl's heart. He is predeceased by his brother Herbert (2015).

Estelle M. Posa

Estelle "Ginny" M. Posa, 89, of Mahopac, died on January 28. Mrs. Posa was born on August 4, 1928 to Victor and Rebecca (Greggermann) Jackson in Queens. In June of 1950, she married the love of her life, Joseph and they were blessed with two children Robert and Grace. Before she retired at the age of 75, one of the restaurants she worked for as a waitress was the well known Stella Doro in Queens. In her spare time, Ginny enjoyed going to the Senior Center, watching game shows and a book by her side, she loved sitting on her front porch on a warm summers night. She loved to cook; Ginny enjoyed preparing Sunday meals with her husband and having family and friends over to enjoy a wonderfully planned meal. Her Sunday Italian dinners were more like feasts, but most of all she enjoyed spending her time with her family and friends. Ginny was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and a friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. She is survived by her beloved daughter; Grace of Mahopac, son-in-law Richard of Katonah, and daughter-in-law Josephine of Long Island, her two cherished grandchildren; Vincent and Rebecca whom she adored and her

only surviving sibling William. Ginny is predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph, her loving son, Robert her precious grandson Joseph, and her siblings; Eunice, Ethel, and Alfred.

George N. Bartilucci

George N. Bartilucci of Ft. Myers, FL died on Tuesday, January 30, at the age of 87. He was born in Manhattan on January 22, 1931, the son of Victor and Lilly Giamarino Bartilucci. George graduated from Manhattan Aviation High School in 1948 and served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. George was a retired Lieutenant with FDNY and served on Engine 312 in Queens as well as in the Bronx. In his spare time, he loved to play golf. Prior to retiring to Florida, he had lived in Queens, Mahopac and Yorktown Heights. On September 29, 1951 he married Patricia Cosentino at Blessed Sacrament Church in Queens. In addition to his loving wife, Pat, he is survived by his daughter, Patrice Morini of Carmel, his son George and his wife, Patricia of Brewster, his four grandchildren, Victoria and Sam Morini and Catherine and Michael Bartilucci. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael and his son-in-law, Robert Morini in 2017. Visiting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on

Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac with entombment to follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley. In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of George may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

John A. Centrilla

John Anthony Centrilla, 60, of Brewster, died on January 31. John was born on September 17, 1957 to Anthony and Jane Centrilla in Bronxville. He was raised in Eastchester and graduated from Eastchester High School. John later went on and graduated from NY Restaurant School, where he used those skills to become a Chef. He was always the most happiest when he was in the kitchen, creating one of his specialties for anyone who was lucky to enjoy! He is survived by his two beloved brothers; Frank (Alison) Centrilla of Layfayette, LA and Tony (Eileen) Centrilla of Carmel, his loving nephew Anthony Centrilla III, and his loving niece and God-daughter Christine whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. The visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. James the Apostle R.C., Church, Carmel, NY. Interment to follow at Raymond Hill Cemetery.

Crossword Answers

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Want to Organize Your Home? Make Lists!

Many times I've been reminded by bosses, office managers and consultants that the best way to increase business is to better manage my time. It is usually suggested that I make lists of all my responsibilities and long-term and immediate goals, organize them, and set timeframes in which they are to be accomplished.

A smile crossed my mind as I thought of my wife Margaret, who is constantly making lists: what she will cook for that holiday party and the groceries needed; how she will re-organize her closet; books she wants to read; the guest list for a fundraiser; and items to purchase on her next shopping trip. I tease her about it.

But when I contemplated all the chores that needed to be done in a well-maintained home, especially in the months preceding its sale, I went to my resident expert and asked her if she could organize a list of the tasks at hand, which seemed overwhelming to me taken as a whole.

This is the checklist she came up with almost immediately, proving that list-making comes easily to her after a lifetime of developing the habit. Feel



By Bill Primavera

free to adopt any of it that would help you organize your home, whether you're staging it for sale or seeking to live a well-maintained home life, relatively free of defects and clutter.

Big Jobs (leave them to the professionals)

Replace roof
Plumbing: new faucets, new toilets and sinks
Electrical: additional outlets for computers; new light switches
Tree Care: removal of dead trees and limbs; spraying of hemlocks

Exterior painting
Gutter and drain replacement
Window replacement where needed

Interior (to do ourselves and with handyman help)

Remove all wallpaper
Spackle and sand
Paint walls and ceilings
Sand, stain and seal wood floors where needed
Clean carpets
Replace cracked bathroom tiles; add new grout

Kitchen

Install granite countertops
Professionally clean cabinets
Replace appliances, preferably with brushed steel
If not replaced, scrub out refrigerator, oven, microwave
Deodorize dishwasher
Replace old lighting fixture

Living Room

Replace draperies with lighter treatments
Remove some furniture to open up space

Dining Room

Refinish hardwood floors
Remove sideboard

Bedrooms

De-clutter
Update all bedding
Clean out and organize closets

Bathrooms

Replace sinks, counters, toilets

General

Replace all chandelier light bulbs
Replace old lampshades
Clean all windows

Outside

Outline and mulch all gardens
Plant flowering shrubs for spring
Use non-toxic treatment where weeds normally grow
Spray Bobbex to keep deer away
Re-seed bare areas of lawn

Having listed everything above that was on our checklist before we listed our home, do you see the critical omission? There are no real schedules or timetables indicated. With such an extensive list, it would be easy to avoid doing anything at all if a certain commitment isn't made to scheduling each chore on the calendar.

This can be handled several ways. Let's say we intend to put the house on the market in about six months, with the hope of selling it within the next nine months. I can rejuggle the list according to what is practical to do in each of those preparatory six months, starting from the logical point of a project. For instance, we had a guest room that had developed a ceiling leak before the roof was replaced. The plaster has bubbled beneath the wallpaper on the side wall, so it made sense that I first had to remove the wallpaper, next sand and patch the plaster, reseal the surface and then paint it. So, I gave the project a two-week timeframe and checked off each step along the way as I got to my deadline.

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A Swirling Controversy is Bubbling Up in Champagne Circles



By Nick Antonaccio

In today's society of instantaneous social media, opinions take on the specter of fact, facts bear the cloak of someone's alternative facts and minutiae may grandstand as omnipotent

provocation.

These circumstances are no longer limited to politics and ideology. Who knows what the future holds for the sanctuary of fact-based knowledge.

The Bacchusphere of all-things wine is no exception. Studies reporting the benefits of moderate wine consumption clash with those denouncing wine as a health-threatening alcohol. Claims of organic wine practices are regularly dismissed as marketing and advertising deceptions.

This week, with my effort firmly focused on fair and balanced reporting, I present the latest controversy, however minor, amongst wine cognoscenti.

The topic? Champagne. However, the focus is upon a seemingly obvious component of enjoying Champagne. What is the proper shape of the glass to be lifted when enjoying Champagne?

As far back as the 17th century, a

uniquely distinct glass shape became all-important in military circles as well as noble aristocratic courts as a celebratory vessel. Here are two quotes to emphasize its allure and inherent pleasure-giving attributes.

When Napoleon reigned as the emperor of France he often quipped, "I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate; and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself."

Madame Jacques Bollinger, head of the eponymous Champagne house after World War II, when asked when she indulged in Champagne, she famously replied, "I only drink champagne when I'm happy, and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I am not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it – unless I'm thirsty."

For many years the vessel of choice was a shallow bowl with a broad diameter. Legend has it that it was shaped to the breast of Marie Antoinette. History tells us it was invented hundreds of years before the Queen assumed the throne. The concept behind the shape? The relatively large surface area caused (at the time) the unsightly and undesirable

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foam to dissipate quickly.

When it later became fashionable to delight in the foam and in the countless bubbles that created an atmosphere of celebration, the shape of the glass changed – radically. In the late 19th century, Russian aristocrats commissioned what has become today's Champagne flute, a narrow, nearly straight-walled, tall glass. The rest of the world began to adopt this shape in the mid to late 20th century. This shape still holds court today as the shape of choice among connoisseurs and cognoscenti.

Why?

The shape allows the bottle carbonation to continue in the glass, allowing us the visual pleasure of a continuous stream of bubbles. The narrow top directs the bubbles to the tip of the tongue and the delicate aromas to the nose. It is these seemingly infinite bubbles that carry the aromas of the Champagne. As they rise to the top they burst, releasing the aromas just as they reach our noses, thus influencing our sense of smell. It has been estimated that a fine crystal flute will form as many as 10 million bubbles in a single glass. The logic is simple: more bubbles, more aromatics.

Case closed. Until a new generation of winemakers and sommeliers came along a few decades ago. A small but growing number of Champagne lovers have been reverting to a tulip-shaped glass and, in certain instances, a classic white wine glass shape.

Why? The theory is that the true aromatics of Champagne require a broader surface area than that afforded by the flute. With a broader surface in a tall glass, more bubbles will burst, thereby driving more aromatics to the surface of the glass and to our olfactory senses.

I encourage you to experiment on your own. Numerous drinking vessels are available. Engage in a side-by-side comparison. Your self-focus will provide the objective answer for your individual palate. Which is much better than any information or opinions you will encounter in social media.

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Putnam CAP is looking for volunteers to commit one day a month to work at the Soup Kitchen. The soup kitchen operates from the First Baptist Church in the Village of Brewster every Tuesday through Thursday. A 'soup kitchen team' handles the cooking, serving and cleaning-up. Putnam CAP provides all the food and supplies needed, but relies upon volunteer manpower to actually run the program. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m. Teams generally consist of 2 cooks and 2 or 3 servers/cleaners. If you have some free time and would like to get involved in a rewarding activity, please consider joining our team. For more information, call Dehisy at the CAP office on 845-278-8021.

Registration for Kindergarten: Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2031 takes place the week of February 26 – March 2. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary at 845-279-2087 x 4111 to make an appointment.

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Ongoing:

Tuesdays:

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Short & Sweet, A Short Story Book Club: Reed Library. Meeting Alternating Wednesdays at 1 pm. Join for a lively discussion of short stories, a different story each meeting. Registration required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

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Thursdays:

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

Brewster American Legion Meetings: The American Legion Argonne Post 71 holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Brewster Elks Club. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, call Bill Miller at 845-406-2533.

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to join the Brewster Library Middle School Book Group; meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., beginning January 25. Join other teens to discuss great books, socialize and enjoy fun activities. Snacks will be served. Registration is required. For additional information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycbav6t4> or call 845-279-6421.

Fridays:

AARP Tax Help: The AARP Foundation is providing free tax help for low to middle income taxpayers at the library every Friday by appointment only from February 9 until April 13. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 211 or the library at 845-878-6121 ext. 15. You do not have to be a member of AARP to take advantage of this service.

Tuesday, February 6

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m., to discuss the book "The Submission" by Amy Waldman. The meeting will be held

at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions

Wednesday, February 7

Mahopac Library's Teen Library Council Meeting. 2 p.m., – 3 p.m., If you are a teen in grades 6 and up, join the TLC and have a say in what happens at your library! Planning meetings take place once a month. Earn Community Service hours during the planning and double community service when working special library events throughout the year. Registration requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

First Grade Book Club @ Mahopac Library. February 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 4:30 pm – Come share your love of books and meet new friends. Have fun with book-related games & activities! All reading and activities will be done during meetings; no home work required. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Movie Matinee: Wonder Woman: 1 p.m., Diana (Gal Gadot), princess of the Amazons, is raised on a sheltered island paradise and trained to be an unconquerable warrior. When a pilot (Chris Pine) crashes on their shores and tells of a massive conflict raging in the outside world, Diana leaves her home, convinced she can stop the threat. Fighting alongside man, Diana will discover her full powers and her true destiny. Rated PG-13 for violence. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar

Thursday, February 8

Coloring for Adults at Mahopac Library. 7 p.m. Re-connect with your inner child. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided; no registration needed. Call for information: 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Home Guru continued

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What I ultimately did was to create a "most important" to "least important" evaluation, going from 1 to 10 and hitting the low numbers first, but with a designated deadline for each.

My foray into lists about household chores led me to a number of websites that help you do it. One of these is www.lets-clean-up.com, which offers an app that helps remove this burden of listing chores because it remembers everything you tell

it. It presents cleaning as a bonding and learning experience for the whole family, with each member taking responsibility for certain chores. Working together, everything is accomplished.

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Brewster G Maggie DePaoli (R) attacks the rack for two of her game-high 27 points against Lakeland's Jessica Ascencao and the visiting Hornets, who suffered a 53-42 loss last Thursday at the hands of the Bears, who also salvaged a split with Walter Panas in a 56-52 League II-C win earlier in the week... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Put Valley Snags League III-E Title, 4th in 5 Years

League II-E Hen Hud, II-C Panas Poised to Clinch Crowns

By Ray Gallagher
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League titles are nothing to sneeze at; just ask Somers High, which, try as it may year after year, hasn't heard the word "gesundheit" since 1989. Within the next few days the League II-C Tuskers, and a slew of other Section 1 hopefuls, will be grinding it out in the hopes of nailing down a league title, including Class B Putnam Valley (League III-E), Class A's Walter Panas (II-C) and Hen Hud (II-E), as well as Class AA's Mahopac (I-A).

As of press time, each and every one of them were still in the mix, and it was all set to come to a head by this Friday, just days before the Section 1 playoff seeds and matchups come out on Tuesday, Feb. 13th.

As we streak toward the home stretch, there were four teams still being bandied about as sectional championship contenders, including current surging No.4 seed Panas (13-4, 6-1), suddenly-slumping No.10 Somers (11-7, 5-2), No.5 Hen Hud (13-5, 5-1) and No.1 Putnam Valley (14-3, 5-0), which swept both North Salem and Haldane this week to win its fourth league title in five years under boss Mike McDonnell.

While the Class A road allegedly runs through second-seeded Saunders (ranked No.16 in NYS), and Class B may go through No.3 Briarcliff (ranked No.24 in NYS) and No.2 Irvington (ranked No.15 in NYS), those four local outfits are still firmly within the Final 4 conversations.

PANAS wouldn't be in the conversation without senior point guard Brandon



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Panas swingman Brandon Ramos drops two points in Panthers' 44-39 win over host Somers last Friday.

Hodge, aka @Ball_Out, the whirling dervish, who has orchestrated the Panthers' current 10-game win streak, including Friday's 44-39 win over host **SOMERS**.

The Tuskers suffered to score the ball without injured star G Gio Tradito: Underscoring the importance of a true point guard, and the spellbinding Hodge, who scored 12 points and sliced relentless pressure from Somers, is one of the best in the section.

"Somers is a really tough style for us to play against," first-year Panas Coach Mike Auerbach said. "They make us crazy, they make us chaotic. They force you to make quick decisions with the ball, and it's tough, and we ask Brandon Hodge to do so much for us. It starts with him playing 31 and a half of the 32 minutes of every game. He handles the ball on pretty much every possession and scores quite a bit for us. He's gotta get our shooters involved. He's gotta get our bigs touches. He's gotta defend the best guard on the other team. He's gotta rebound and get us going in

transition, and on top of it all, he's gotta be a senior leader. I can't think of anything else we could possibly ask him to do.

"He's a fantastic kid and he never says this is too much or I need out," the coach added. "The moment is never too big for him and he keeps on coming up big for us."

The leash is off the Panthers who are playing its best ball since Tim McCauley's Panthers won it all in 2014, ending a 17-year title drought. So what's been the difference to this sudden surge in consistency and learning how to win these close games the Panthers often lost since McCauley?

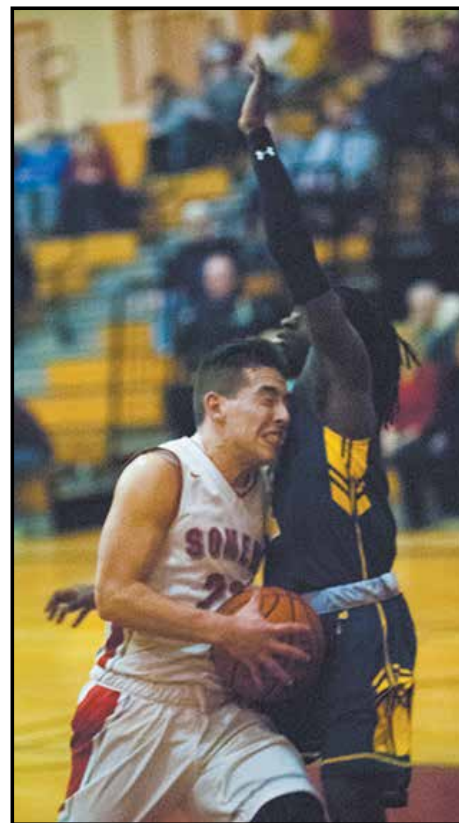
"Coach Auerbach is giving our team life in allowing us to play free and our brand of basketball," said Hodge, the master of mayhem. "Being able to go out there and have fun and not be phased in the moment really allows us to have success

down the stretch."

The stretch is now upon us and the Panthers, who also won at perennial state-ranked (No.28) power Tappan Zee, 45-41, are playing as well as any team in Class A as they run for the roses. Winning in tough gyms like Somers and TZ and doing so against the Dutchmen behind Hodge (23 points), Brandon Ramos (13 points) and Joseph Staino (9 points), proves the Panthers can win on the road...

PUTNAM VALLEY swept visiting North Salem last Thursday, doing so in a 62-49 triumph, and followed that up with Saturday's 46-32 win over Haldane (at Brewster again!) that kept the Tigers firmly entrenched as the No.1 seed for the upcoming playoffs. Junior forwards Darnel Shillingford and T.J. Brescia had 17 points apiece for the Tigers, who won the League III-E title after the Haldane win. Coach Mike McDonnell's Tigers are a cabal in full bloom during its recent six-game win streak.

"This has been the perfect marriage,"



Somers G Chris DiCintio runs into some stiff defense from Panas G Brandon Hodge in Panthers' 44-39 win over host Somers last Friday.



Panas G Joe Staino stuck three big 3's in first quarter of Panthers' 44-39 win over host Somers last Friday.



Panas G Brandon Hodge runs through a block from Somers C Max Germaine in Panthers' 44-39 win over host Somers last Friday.

Sports

Boy's Hoops Notebook

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the coach said of his fruitful time in the Valley.

Let's hope the bad blood between PV and Haldane is a thing of the past and we can go back to being civil again; both parties have suffered enough and paid the necessary consequences, so let's let hope these administrators can let bygones be



Hen Hud's Michael Fasolino gets a step on Beacon's Josiah Turner in Sailors' loss to Bulldogs Friday.



Somers wing Lorenzo Bicknese fires shot over defense of Panas' Peter Andersen in Panthers' 44-39 win over host Somers last Friday.

bygones, so we can put this thing to bed and get back to business as usual next year...

HEN HUD suffered one pretty bad loss to Beacon on Friday, but it will be



Hen Hud G Austin Fraser blows past Beacon's Josiah Turner in Sailors' 47-45 loss to host Bulldogs Friday.

nothing more than an afterthought when compared to a 60-57 League II-E win over Poughkeepsie earlier in the week and the Sailors' 55-49 win over top-seeded Rye on Saturday, the same day the Sailors

combined with their girls' team to raise nearly \$1,000 for mental health awareness.

Against state-ranked (No.22) Rye, Hen Hud F Kyle James (15 points and 10 boards) and swingman Mekhi Gray (16 points, 10 rebounds) were each ubiquitous at both ends, posting a double-double in the bounce-back win. Dylan Fraser added 11 points for the Sailors, who are out to prove they are not a fluke as they hope to reach their first Final 4 since 1991 (tiresome reminder, folks, so please end this).

"It was one hell of a game," Sailor Coach Jordan Hirsch said. "Rye is every bit as good as advertised, but our kids play so hard and are just so much fun to be around. I'll take that any day of the week, win or lose."

Against Poughkeepsie, James (24



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Mahopac G Justin Parker flushes home rim-rocking jam in win over Carmel last Friday.

points and 10 rebounds) notched another double-double and Gray added 12 points, eight rebounds and three steals.

So, what do these two monster wins say about Hen Hud? Plenty, should they stay grounded and focused on the task at hand.

NWE/Putnam Examiner Super 7 Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Tigers (14-3, 5-0), the current No.1 seed in Class B, might see No.4 Blind Brook in the semis if the playoff began today, thus avoiding No.3 Briarcliff, a very tough matchup for them. Closing that 24-point gap from back in mid-Dec. won't be easy

No.2 PANAS – Panthers (13-4, 6-1), the current No.4 seed in Class A, sewed up at least a share of the league title in Saturday's 67-57 win over rival Lakeland in the annual Giglio Games behind another 20 points from Hodge, including nine in the fateful fourth. Blake Breban came out of nowhere to drop four 3's in the win.

No.3 HEN HUD – Sailors (13-4, 5-1), the current No.5 seed in Class A, will need to take out Poughkeepsie and Peekskill this week to secure the League II-E title; is it in you?

No.4 OSSINING – The Pride (10-7, 3-3), currently No.12 in Class AA, will find out what they are made of this week when they take on Put Valley (last night) and Greeley on Feb. 6, but they looked the part of a solid club when they beat Peekskill, 58-55, behind Jacob Toppin (19 points, 12 rebounds, 4 blocks) and Maurice Walker (14 points, 10

rebounds) despite another terrific game from Red Devil sniper Shion Darby (24 points), who keeps Peekskill in more games than not as the section's leading scorer (30 PPG).

No.5 SOMERS – Tuskers (11-7, 5-2), the current No.7 seed in Class A, are in a heap of trouble minus Tradito, as the Tuskers suffered a third-straight loss without him in a 45-34 loss to Class B Briarcliff Saturday at Hen Hud. Hopes for the Tuskers' first league title since 1989 are fading fast without him.

No.6 MAHOPAC – Indians (8-9, 4-2), the current No.14 in Class AA, strung together a decent week, which helped avoid a 1st-round matchup with Mt. Vernon, including a 60-32 romp of rival Carmel behind Justin Parker (11 points, 1 slam dunk), Rheal Allen (8 points) and Nick Burt (8 points, stellar D). If they can somehow sweep RCK and Arlington, Indians would be League I-A champs; no small accomplishment for a team that was quite sub-par last year #BestFootForward.

No.7 BREWSTER – Bears (7-9, 0-6), the current No.18 seed in Class A, suffered a bad loss in a 56-45 setback to a Carmel (2-17) team apparently that has no quit in them. Bears got 34 points

from Harrison Dignan in previous win over Beacon.

HM HALDANE – Class C No.2 Blue Devils (13-5, 2-3) are on collision course with top-seeded Hamilton for sectional title, and we don't put anything past a Virgadamo-coached outfit.

HM LAKELAND – Hornets (5-12, 1-5), the No.22 seed in Class A, may have lost sophomore F Joey Vetrano (ankle) for the rest of the year, but as long as he can toe the rubber in April as the ace of the staff all is well.

HM PEEKSKILL – If playoffs began today, Red Devils (5-12, 1-5), the No.21 seed in Class A, would draw reigning champion Magnus in a 21 vs. 12 outbracket and then see No.5 Hen Hud in the opening round #OneCanOnlyHope.

HM YORKTOWN – Huskers (6-12, 2-4) are staring at a No.19 seed in Class AA and might see Mount Vernon if they advance in outbracket.

HM CARMEL – Rams (2-17, 0-7) need another W to qualify for Class AA outbracket game.

HM CROTON – Tigers (7-9, 3-5), the current No.13 seed in Class B, are laying groundwork for fruitful 2019 campaign and beyond, and a 1st-round playoff win would be awesome at this point.

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Putnam Valley Beats Mahopac, Win Streak Hits 12

Tigers Look to Join Ossining, Somers as League Champs

By Tony Pinclaro

Senior Morgan Winogradoff saw the promise developing promise in the Putnam Valley varsity girls' basketball team last year.

The Lady Tigers, in their first year under former Putnam Valley great, Kristi Dini, registered double digits in wins and won a first-round sectional game. And Putnam Valley accomplished this without any seniors.

The momentum and confidence Putnam Valley gained from a fine 2016-17 season has carried over into the current season. Putnam Valley is a runaway locomotive, accelerating at a high speed, daily, and opponents are having a difficult time contending with it.

Putnam Valley added four more wins last week – over Mahopac (55-32), Poughkeepsie (67-24), North Salem (44-23) and Valhalla. The Tigers are currently 15-1 this season, have clinched a high seed in the sectional tournament and are one win away from a league title.

"The starting five have all been coached by Coach Dini in AAU and travel leagues," said Winogradoff, one of just two seniors on the team. "We know how she wants us to play and how she coaches."

Winogradoff attributes the team's success to the example Dini sets in practice.

"Coach Dini is one of the best coaches I've ever had," Winogradoff said. "She pushes us, every day, at practice because she knows the potential and talent we have as a team and doesn't settle for anything less. All I know is we would not be where



Putnam Valley F Dora Rippon ignores a finger to the eye en route to two points in Class B Tigers' impressive romp to Class AA Mahopac.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS
Brewster's Meagan Beal drops a shot on Lakeland's Claire McKenna in Bears' 53-42 win over visiting Hornets last Thursday.

we are, today, without her."

While Dini, who recently notched her 100th career win, has had a tremendous impact on the program, the girls were determined, during the offseason, to put in the work. From summer league to fall league, Putnam Valley was playing basketball in preparation for this current season. All of the additional work resulted in the team gaining confidence. It also enabled the team to begin practice, in November, more advanced than previous years.

Along with Winogradoff and fellow senior Ny'Asia Reeves, the only other upperclassmen is junior Dora Rippon. Putnam Valley is comprised of sophomores, freshmen and an eighth-grader. Even with their youth, the Tigers are playing like a veteran team.

"They're half of our team, but you can't tell on the court," Winogradoff said. "They're awesome. They're playing like upperclassmen who been on varsity, forever."

Putnam Valley's schedule includes games against numerous Class AA and Class A schools, which adds credence the Tigers' outstanding record. Their lone loss, by single digits, was to perennial Class B power and sectional champion, Irvington.

When opponents step on the court against Putnam Valley, they will face a suffocating defense. Teams have had



Mahopac G Katrina Klammer is checked by Putnam Valley G Cyera Daughtry in Indians' loss to visiting Tigers.



Lakeland's Alexa Cole has inside track on Brewster's Taylor Riccardi in Hornets' 53-42 loss to host Bears.

difficulty scoring 30 points against Putnam Valley and rarely do they hit 40 points.

"You always say that defense wins game and when you play for Coach Dini we know defense is her main component," Winogradoff said. "We go over man

defense, perfecting it in practice every day and it sticks in our head. It comes natural to us. We know if our shots are not going in, we will make up for it by playing good, disciplined defense."

HEN HUD had a perfect week – 4-0 – enabling the Sailors to go to 10-7 on the season. The Sailors overwhelmed Keio, 71-29, then a second-half rally lifted Hen Hud to a 40-35 victory over Nyack.

Hen Hud closed out its busy week with consecutive wins over Beacon, 50-22, and top-seeded Ardsley, 52-44.

"On senior night all three healthy seniors – Chloe Stewart, Libby Johnson and Taylor Prokopiak, played outstanding defense, guiding us to victory," said Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman of the Ardsley game. "We had a great come-from-behind victory over Nyack. We were down 15 points late in the third quarter."

"In the second half of the Nyack game, two things turned it around for us. We turned up the heat, defensively, and we had much more energy on the offensive boards. We pressed Nyack and held them to six points in the fourth quarter. Kira Varada had six steals and was an integral part of our comeback."

Caitlin Weimar led the way against Ardsley with 24 points. Chloe Stewart and Thalia Oliveira each had seven points.

Weimar finished with 15 points and 10

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rebounds against Beacon and Kira Varada added 10 points.

Hen Hud finished off its second-half rally against Nyack by outscoring the Indians, 15-6, in the fourth quarter. Weimar had a game-high 22 points and 13 rebounds. Taylor Prokopiak added six points, five rebounds and four assists and Jackie Kenny had five assists.

Weimar had 29 points and 14 rebounds against Keio. Sophomore Faith Pugh had a season-high 10 points and 12 rebounds. Oliveira also had 10 points, Kenny collected six assists and Varada had four rebounds, three assists and three steals.

OSSINING ran its winning streak to eight consecutive games with victories over Ursuline, 100-75, and Bergtraum, 93-63, in the Showcase Up The River.

Ossining is 15-3 and will close out the regular season with Horace Greeley, Tuesday, and Fox Lane, Thursday.

The Pride raced out to a 23-point lead, 37-14, over Bergtraum, after one quarter. Aubrey Griffin poured in a game-high 35 points and also had 13 rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Kailah Harris added 24 points and a game-high 20 rebounds. Kelsey Quain finished with 11 points and Jaida Strippoli had nine assists, en route to the 500th of her fabulous career.

Harris scored a game-high 34 points and also had 10 rebounds and five assists against Ursuline. It was the first time this season the Pride hit the century mark in points. Griffin added 28 points, Quain contributed 18 points and Strippoli handed out a season-high 15 assists.

SOMERS improved to 11-5 this season with wins over Brewster, 60-45, and Panas, 44-39. The Tuskers can clinch a league

title with victories over Panas and John Jay-Cross River, this week.

"It was a balanced scoring attack against Brewster as three starters had eight points apiece and Taylor Penzo had a career-high seven points," Somers' Coach Marc Hattem said. "We are very high on Taylor, and she has a very bright future, ahead."

Dani DiCintio scored a game-high 21 points and had five steals against Panas and Tina Hebeisen added seven points and four rebounds.

BREWSTER went 1-1 for the week, dropping a 60-45 decision to Somers before bouncing back to overcome Lakeland, 52-43, on senior night.

Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo pointed out that Lakeland rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to even the score at 36 with four minutes remaining in the game. However, eighth-grader Grace Galgano converted two free throws and Maggie DePaoli hit consecutive 3-pointers, both assisted by Carly Delanoy, to give Brewster a seven-point advantage.

"I am so proud of our two seniors, Taylor Riccardi and Mary Becker," Castaldo said. "Taylor has been so big for us all year. She takes chargers, handles the ball, hits the open shot and plays terrific defense. Mary Becker is a kid that every team needs. She always works hard and does her job. When Mary's number is called, she always helps the team."

DePaoli finished with a game-high 27 points, along with four assists and three steals. Meagan Beal chipped in 15 points and eight rebounds.

Castaldo said his team had a difficult time with Somers.

"We could not find an answer to stop Somers," Castaldo said. "When we played zone, they hit from 3. When we switched to man they were able to penetrate and get layups. It was not because of a lack of effort, we played very hard, but Somers played tremendous for 32 minutes. When Somers is clicking on all cylinders they are very hard to beat."

"However, it was great to see Grace Galgano really dominate down low scoring 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Grace



Putnam Valley sophomore Kelli Venezia continued to light it up from downtown last week in wins over Mahopac, North Salem and Valhalla.



PV's Cyera Daughtry goes up for two against defense of Mahopac's Claire Felix in Tigers' win over Indians last week.

has really picked it up for us late in the season, this is now back to back games where she has scored 14 points against a tough Panas team and now Somers."

MAHOPAC opened with a 45-39 victory over John Jay-East Fishkill, rallying from a 13-point halftime deficit to break a three-game losing streak. However, Mahopac lost to archrival **CARMEL**, 49-44, and Yorktown, 39-34.

"We got down by 13 at the half but stepped up on the defensive end to hold John Jay to 11 points in the second half," Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "Offensively, we executed better and were more patient in the second half. This was a nice character win after losing three in-a-row."

Claire Felix led Mahopac with a game-high 19 points and Zina McInerney added eight points.

Carmel outscored Mahopac, 16-9, in the fourth quarter to take the game. Carmel's Claire Cody led all scorers with 21 points. Felix had 16 points and Siobhan Hynes added nine points for Mahopac.

"We had a tough fourth quarter trying to score," Scozzafava said. "We had the opportunities, but we just didn't hit shots."

YORKTOWN outscored Mahopac, 25-14, in the second half. Kat Severino paced Yorktown with 15 points. Hynes led Mahopac with 6 points and Felix had seven points.

Scozzafava said Mahopac will play four games in five days, this week.



Brewster's Carly Delanoy (L) and Lakeland's Amanda Cole get tangled up in Bears' 53-42 win over visiting Hornets last Thursday.



(COURTESY OF TWITTER)

Kennedy's Alexis Suarez became the first girl from Kennedy Catholic to score 1,000 points in her high school career.

LAKELAND also went 1-2 last week, outlasting Ardsley in overtime, 52-49, but falling to John Jay-Cross River, 44-34, and Brewster, 52-43.

Kelsey Walsh singed the nets for 26 points against Ardsley. Claire McKenna contributed 12 points, Alexa Cole added eight points and 10 rebounds and Jess Ascencao grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds.



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