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Heart Pounding Rescue on Lake Oscawana

By David Propper

A dramatic rescue made for the movies occurred last week in Putnam Valley when neighbors and emergency responders were able to pull a male out of a freezing Lake Oscawana after the ice had broken beneath him.

With the help of surrounding neighbors and other emergency workers, 49-year-old Brendan Foran was saved after he fell into the freezing waters shortly after 7 p.m. What could've been a tragedy became story of quick thinking and selflessness.

Sheriff's deputy Jonathan Bradley was responding to a call when he was flagged down around Coleman Landing by 14-year-old Zachary Kuttruf, who is a sheriff's cadet and Boy Scout. Kuttruf led Bradley to the area of the lake where Foran, a beloved figure in Putnam Valley,



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Brendan Foran was saved after he fell through the ice on Lake Oscawana last week. Foran, a well-liked figure in Putnam Valley, spends many days during the frigid months ice fishing.

had fallen through the ice, according to the sheriff's office.

Foran had been riding an ATV across the lake when the ice gave way and the ATV fell into the freezing water. When Bradley arrived, Foran had already been in the water for ten minutes, clinging to a rock, the sheriff's office said.

On the shore, Bruce and Jennifer Kuttruf, who live nearby, were attempting to rescue Foran by throwing him a garden hose, but the hose was unable to reach him. When Bradley tried to throw the hose from a closer vantage point by walking onto the ice, the ice broke underneath his feet and he was unable to get any closer to Foran, authorities said. The water was not deep enough to give Bradley trouble though.

Jennifer Kuttruf then found an

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Immigration Debate Focus of Maloney Town Hall

By Anna Young

While the government shutdown may officially be over, residents who attended Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's town hall on Sunday in Putnam Valley were deeply divided on issues regarding immigration and border security.

Throughout the hour-long forum at Putnam Valley High School, topics involving senior care, the federal government and local issues were discussed, but nothing elicited more emotion than immigration with attendees receiving either boos or cheers from the divided crowd.

Resident Chuck Tressler said he was concerned with undocumented immigrants being able to obtain a driver's license or identification card after explaining the lengthy and detailed process his mother and son had to

endure obtaining a renewed license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"When we talk about security, if we're talking about handing out this at our state level, IDs if you would, to people who are not here legally, and that is the term, they are aliens, and there are some problems whether you're citizens or not citizens of people doing nasty things," Tressler said. "When I look at people who have been here all their lives... my mother had to produce her marriage certificate in order to get an ID in the State of New York. I hope you carry that back to your Congress and tell them that real people have real problems."

Others expressed disdain with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for not complying with President Donald Trump's proposal to build a wall along the US-Mexico

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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney hosted a town hall last Sunday that centered on immigration and the recent government shutdown.

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Southeast Town Board, Highway Chief Talk Maple Road

By Neal Rentz

As one of the last dirt roads in town, the Southeast town board opened the door to making possible changes to Maple Road last week.

At the Jan. 24 town board meeting Highway Department Superintendent Michael Bruen said he would bring back cost-estimates on either milling or paving portions of Maple Road. Once Bruen brings back cost-estimates on the options the town board will invite Maple Road residents to a meeting to discuss how the town should proceed.

"On Maple Road, I want to be clear on this, who is going to do the research?" Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt asked Bruen.

Bruen said he wanted the opinions of town board members on how they would like his department to proceed on Maple Road, including where on the street they wanted the work to be done. "That's why I'm here tonight," he said.

"We can all make better decisions if we know what our choices are and what they're going to cost," Eckert told Bruen, adding she wanted figures from the highway department. Bruen agreed to do research for the board.

Eckardt said there would be much opposition from residents living in the area of Maple Road to repave the entire



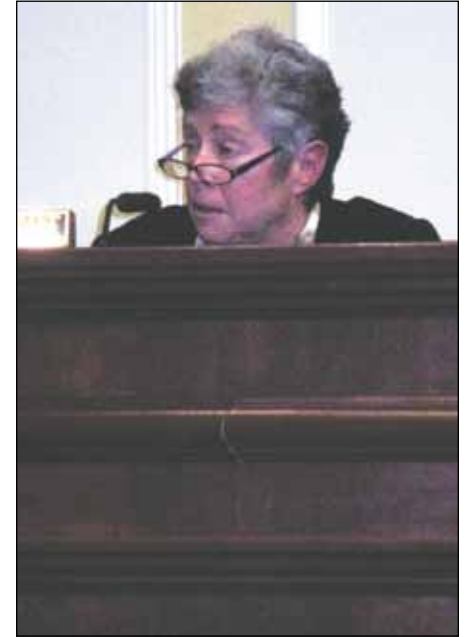
Southeast Highway Department Superintendent Michael Bruen at the Jan. 24 Southeast Town Board meeting.

street.

Supervisor Tony Hay agreed with Eckardt's request for Bruen to provide the town board with options about what should be done on the road, including either paving or milling the road. Milling would entail removing part of the surface of the road. Work on the road would be done by an outside contractor, because the highway department already has

much work to do, Bruen said. If the road was milled instead of repaved, less maintenance would be required for the street, he said.

Several years ago the town considered removing the existing black top on the northern end of the road and repaving it on the southern end, Bruen replied. However, Bruen said he and the New York City Department of Environmental



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Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt at the Jan. 24 Town Board meeting.

Protection determined "it would be counterproductive to remove any existing blacktop." The DEP does not allow municipalities in the Watershed to remove a portion of blacktop and add it somewhere else, he said. "They only consider the addition, but they don't consider the subtraction," he said.



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Q: How else is ERAS different from traditional protocol?

A: Aside from unique pain management strategies, the ERAS protocol takes a different approach when it comes to intravenous (IV) fluids. We now know that too many IV fluids can cause internal swelling and lead to improper healing during recovery. Instead, my patients are excited to learn that they can have water and Gatorade, and take nutritional supplements up until their surgery. This helps keep my patients well hydrated for surgery.

Krivak Granted Hearing That Could Result in New Trial

By David Propper

Fighting for his freedom, convicted rapist and murderer Andrew Krivak is one step closer to a new trial.

After oral arguments were presented last September, the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division of the Second Department has granted Krivak a hearing that could lead to a new trial in the rape and murder of Josette Wright in 1994. Krivak, a Carmel native, was found guilty in 1997 of rape in the 1st degree and murder in the 2nd degree and has been in prison since then.

The man he was accused of committing the heinous act with, Anthony DiPippo, a Carmel native, was found not guilty during his third trial in 2016.

The appellate court--a panel of four judges--ruled that Judge Victor Alfieri was wrong to deny Krivak an evidentiary hearing in 2016. Because there is third-party culpability evidence (evidence that another person could've committed the crime) a hearing is "necessary to promote justice," the appellate court stated in legal papers last week.

Adele Bernhard, one of the defense attorneys for Krivak, said she believes the hearing is "the first step in exonerating Andy."

"I obviously would have liked it if they had gone all the way to say he deserves a

new trial because I certainly believe the new evidence justifies to grant a new trial, but (a hearing) is better than not granting us a new hearing," Bernhard said.

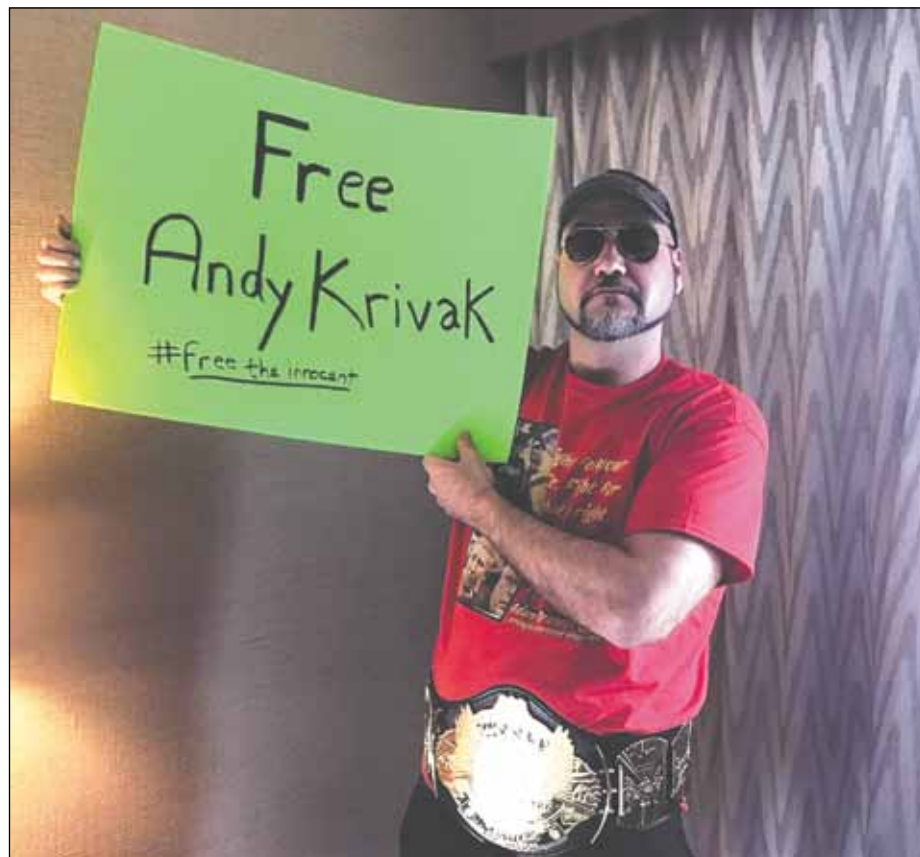
Bernhard said when the judge hears the new evidence, she is confident that the judge will rule that Krivak deserves a retrial. Part of the new evidence Bernhard wants to present is the theory that Howard Gombert committed the crime instead. He allegedly bragged to an inmate that "two suckers," in reference to Krivak and DiPippo, were in prison for something he did. Bernhard added Gombert also knew Wright around the time she was killed and victimized other young females that fit Wright's profile.

The defense must show the judge that the new evidence could be persuasive enough to cause the jury to come to a different decision if a retrial is granted. Pointing to Gombert as the possible perpetrator helped DiPippo in his third trial where he was found not guilty, Bernhard said.

The hope is a hearing would be held this spring.

"I feel that we've definitely met that burden," Bernhard said, adding, "It's circumstantial of course, but circumstantial evidence is often the most

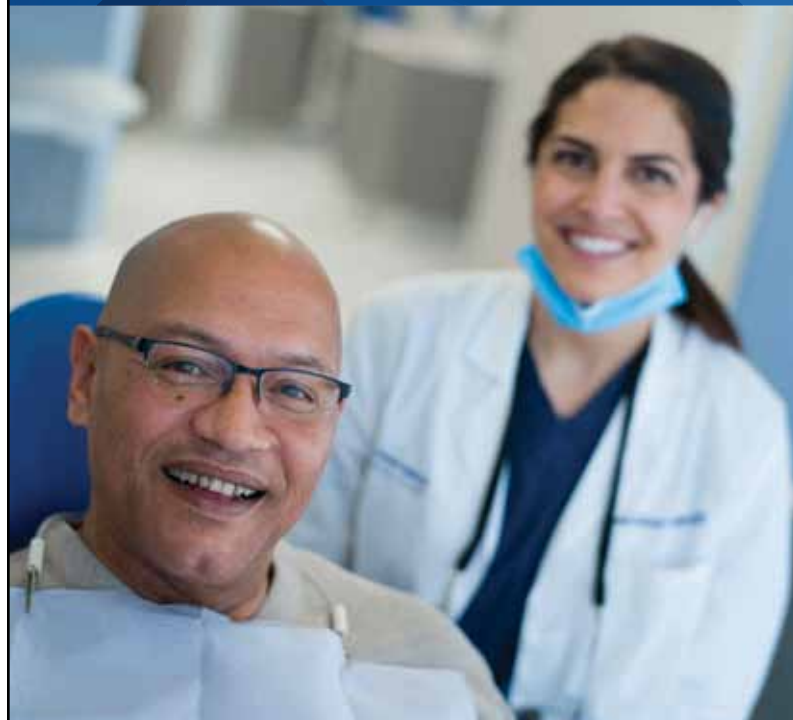
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Anthony DiPippo, a Putnam native who went to prison for the rape and murder of Josette Wright in the 1990s along with Andrew Krivak, holds up a sign before he goes to Monday Night RAW in support of Krivak. DiPippo was found not guilty at the conclusion of his third trial in 2016. Krivak is still in prison for the crime.

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border, immigration reform and illegal immigrants not contributing to the tax system.

While Maloney had to remind attendees to respect each other's opinion more than once, he also took aim at Trump's decision to shut down the government for more than a month.

"Someone from your government owes you an apology for shutting it down," Maloney said. "It is a disgrace. We should never shut down the government."

Key parts of the US government shut down on Dec. 22 after Trump and Democratic politicians reached a standstill over Trump's petition to spend \$5.7 billion in funding for a wall along the US-Mexico border. The shutdown affected more than 800,000 federal workers who were either required to work without pay, furloughed or placed on temporary leave. Following a 35-day shutdown, Trump announced he had reached a tentative deal with congressional leaders on Jan. 25 that will fund the government for three weeks.

In a statement following the agreement, Maloney said the shutdown was pointless and only hurt people and weakened the country.

"Now that the lights are back on, we can have a serious conversation about



Several people spoke at the town hall which lasted for about an hour. Maloney hosted four town halls in the district this weekend. the recent government shutdown.

additional border security," Maloney said in a statement. "I am hopeful that we can come to a bipartisan agreement on what having a 'secure border' means and how



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we can achieve that worthwhile goal."

Maloney said that he voluntarily didn't take a paycheck during the shutdown, adding that he and other members of

Congress are looking to pass legislation that would restrict Congress from getting paid if the government shuts down again.

"I know my colleagues pretty well at this point, if you don't pay them, they won't shut it down," Maloney said. "I don't even know what the president is talking about anymore when he's talking about the wall."

While Maloney said he didn't expect the government to be shut down for more than a month, he asserted that members of Congress agree when it comes to border security, explaining that millions of dollars has already been spent on securing the border. He explained that the solutions to immigration and border protection aren't complicated and many in Congress are willing to do what makes sense and benefits everyone.

Maloney added building barriers doesn't benefit local municipalities with problems that need specific attention. The Democratic politician said that he is committed to serving his constituents and being a reasonable voice for expending funds where it's really needed.

"I feel like there are very few adults left in Washington, but I intend to remain one of them," Maloney said. "I actually believe that you deserve to have adults behaving like adults in positions of power."



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Talks Between Carmel and Local Bank Scrutinized *Buckley and Barile Bear Down and Butt Heads Once Again*

By David Proper

Discussions between the Town of Carmel and Tompkins Mahopac Bank received unexpected scrutiny last week as the two sides look to sign a contract that would land the town several pieces of property in downtown Mahopac.

The town is attempting to hammer out an agreement with the bank in which the town would purchase four parcels from the bank with hopes the additional land could be used for parking off Route 6 near Lake Mahopac. The town bought the Swan Cove property for \$1 million last year, but wants to gobble up more parcels to enhance business district parking and create a waterside park.

During last Wednesday's town board meeting, well-known resident Robert Buckley, who is active in local politics, questioned the town board if a deal between the town and the bank would be in the best interest of the Mahopac community.

Buckley said because officials didn't do their due diligence last year before the municipality purchased Swan Cove, the town is now paying the price. The conceptual idea from the town board was to turn the area into a lakeside park with more available parking needed in downtown Mahopac.

Buckley contends the town does not have access to Swan Cove because there is an easement on the property for residential use only and the bank controls whether that easement can be lifted.

"We have a piece of property that we spent \$1 million for that we really don't have access to until we negotiate with the bank," Buckley said.

Buckley said the bank, which is a publicly traded company, now has leverage in the negotiations. He questioned why Tompkins Bank would give the town board a hard time rather than work with officials to find a reasonable deal.

Buckley once again urged town board members to review everything before a final deal is struck because the costs to fix the parking lot, which floods frequently, are unknown. There could also be possible restrictions stipulated by the bank, Buckley noted. He even encouraged the town to sell Swan Cove if a good deal can't be reached.

"They got you right where they want you at this point unfortunately," Buckley said. "You got players on both sides (the town and the bank) talking. Things are not real quiet in this town."

If a contract is hammered out, residents should be heard on the possible deal, he said.

Town attorney Greg Folchetti said the bank has allowed access to the Swan Cove parcel even though the easement only OKs access to the residential units that



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The Town of Carmel wants to purchase property from Tompkins Mahopac Bank to improve parking in the downtown area. The talk between the two sides was discussed last week at a town board meeting.

used to be on the property before they were knocked down. He said if the town was prevented from going to Swan Cove, eminent domain could be used because it is for a public good.

The only town board member to respond to Buckley was Councilman Michael Barile. The two have butted heads in the past and have made clear they don't like each other.

Barile encouraged Buckley, seemingly sarcastically, to attend town board meetings each week to provide "the wisdom and knowledge the people want to hear."

"Mike you're such a gentleman, such a pleasure to hear that from you," Buckley, also in a sarcastic tone, shot back.

Even though the men feigned civility during the meeting, all bets were off when they were contacted later in the week.

Barile, in an interview, said the negotiations were "a work in progress" and not expected to happen overnight. He then dismissed Buckley's concerns and called his assertion that the bank is leveraging the town "disgraceful."

"Bob Buckley's an idiot, you can quote me," Barile said. "He's a rabble rouser and a troublemaker and a political pawn who has an agenda and you can quote me on all of that because it's all true."

"He's just trying to stir me up and it's not going to happen," Barile, a town board critic before he was elected, went on to state. "I'd rather deal with someone who has some intelligence."

When asked if the bank was dealing with the town in good faith, Barile replied, "Absolutely."

Representatives for the Tompkins Bank could not be reached for comment before press time.

Buckley, when reached for comment, said if Barile can't accept constructive criticism from taxpayers, then he should resign from the town board. He said Barile's hostility toward him and other

critics is the reason why many residents don't speak out about town issues.

"The bullying mentality must stop," Buckley stated. "As a town resident it is despicable that I receive a phone call from a local newspaper asking me about my public comments at a town board meeting and then I am asked what my thoughts are on Councilman Mike Barile calling me an idiot amongst other nasty things."

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extension cord from her home with off-duty firefighter Jonathan Cummings tying a knot and throwing the cord to Foran to hold onto. From there Bradley, Cummings, and the Kuttruffs were able to pull Foran to the shore. Other deputies and Putnam Valley Fire Department/EMS volunteers also assisted in getting Foran out of the lake once they arrived and then carried him to the awaiting ambulance.

Foran was taken to a nearby hospital

for evaluation and possible hypothermia and was later released.

"If not for the quick actions of Deputy Bradley, Brendan Foran could have died from this incident," sheriff's sergeant Thomas Lee said. Sheriff Robert Langley also commended his deputies, other emergency personnel, Cummings, and Zachary Kuttruf and his family who played a crucial role in the rescue of Foran.

Cummings, who lived near the lake and knows Foran, said he tied a knot at the end of the cable to give Foran

something to grab onto. Cumming, an NYFD firefighter and Putnam Valley volunteer firefighter, was able to get the cord to him and with the help of others, started pulling him in which is no easy task because he is about 6 feet 5 inches tall.

"The response time was extraordinary," Cummings said. "Everybody did what we're supposed to do, we go him out."

The volunteer emergency workers handled the situation perfectly, Cummings said. If the response was five minutes later, it would've been a recovery

of body rather than a rescue, he said. The ATV that Foran was driving was removed from the lake the next day and no oil leaked from it, Cummings said.

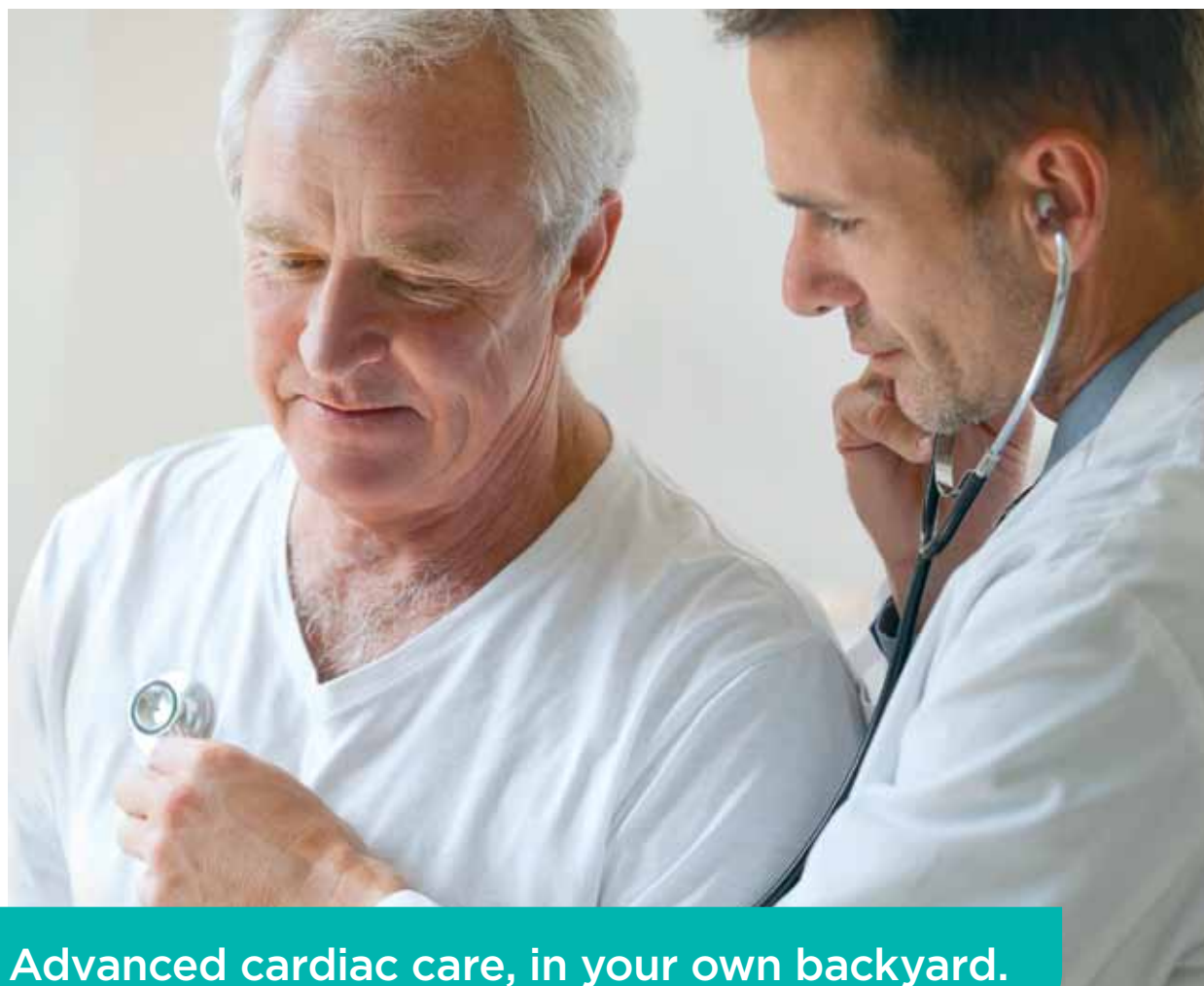
"This was just a freak occurrence," Cummings said, noting Foran went on the lake the previous weekend and was safe. But last Wednesday, that wasn't the case.

"Hearing someone scream for help in the dark at nighttime is alarming," Cummings said. "Especially when I'm across the lake and I hear him screaming for help."

Supervisor Sam Oliverio made clear the town does not condone people going on the lake when covered by ice regardless of the condition of it. While the town cannot stop people from going on frozen lakes in the town, Oliverio said he strongly encourages residents to avoid any activity on them.

Oliverio posted on social media that if residents want to go out on the ice, they should take precautions like bringing a rope or pole and a cell phone to call 911.

"It's dangerous to be on the ice, I don't care how thick it is," he stressed. "It's dangerous."



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State Lawmakers Approve Bill Protecting Abortions, Dream Act

By David Propper

Wasting little time taking advantage of their full control of state government, Democratic lawmakers last week approved stringent protections for abortion laws and extended financial aid for college to immigrants regardless of status.

With Democrats controlling each branch of state government, the Reproductive Health Act was swiftly approved last Wednesday, with Gov. Andrew Cuomo signing the law into effect that evening. The Senate voted in favor 38-24, while the Assembly approved it by a 92-47 margin, mostly along party lines, to codify Roe v. Wade even if the federal law is struck down by the Supreme Court.

The law maintains that an abortion is legal within the first 24 weeks of the start of a pregnancy or anytime after that if a woman's life is at risk or if the fetus isn't viable. Abortions could also now be done by other health professionals, not just physicians.

The proposal was first put forward in 2006 by the Democratic-dominated Assembly, but was blocked at every turn by the Senate, which had been controlled nearly continuously by the GOP for decades until the start of this year.

"In the face of a federal government intent on rolling back Roe v. Wade and



Gov. Andrew Cuomo with relatives of the late Jose Peralta, a state senator whose name will be attached to the Dream Act that was passed by state lawmakers last week.

women's reproductive rights, I promised that we would pass this critical legislation within the first 30 days of the new session – and we got it done," Cuomo said in a statement.

"Today we are taking a giant step forward in the hard-fought battle to ensure a woman's right to make her own decisions about her own personal health, including the ability to access an abortion. With the signing of this bill, we are sending a clear message that whatever happens in Washington, women in New York will always have the fundamental right to control their own body."

Republicans decried the measure as overreaching.

"I opposed the Reproductive Health Act and debated against the legislation both on the Assembly floor and in committee," Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) said. "I found the most offensive part of this legislation to be the seemingly generic exemption to permit late-term abortions, which would include partial birth abortion should the 2003 federal ban ever be repealed."

The state legislature also voted to give undocumented immigrants the ability to receive financial aid and scholarships to

state colleges. Cuomo is expected to sign the measure into law soon. The Senate approved the measure 40-20 and the Assembly 90-37.

The law would be named after the late senator Jose Peralta, who died unexpectedly late last year.

"As a key part of our Justice Agenda, we look forward to finally making it law for all New Yorkers this year, for Senator Peralta and the Dreamers," Cuomo said in a statement.

Republicans pushed back against the measure, including Byrne. He said that while every person deserves the chance at success, the state should prioritize law-abiding citizens and residents before illegal immigrants.

"It is frustrating to see more of New York's youth being forced to take on mountains of student loan debt because they too want to pursue their own dream of a college degree and a better life," Byrne said in a statement. "Instead of focusing on funding free college for illegal immigrants, we should be focusing on making it easier for college graduates to pay back their debt without inflating already sky-high tuition costs. We can do this by providing tax relief, increasing job opportunities and allowing legal residents to deduct a portion of the principal on student loan payments, not just the interest."

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Lakeland Officials Outline Plans for High School Field Projects

By Rick Pezzullo

Improvements to athletics fields and other playing surfaces at Lakeland and Walter Panas high schools are being planned over the next two years.

Lakeland School District officials outlined plans and cost estimates before about 40 residents at a community forum January 15 at Van Cortlandtville Elementary School.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone said funding for the upgrades at Lakeland High, which include adding synthetic turf to the existing baseball and softball fields, are already covered in the

current 2018-19 budget. Total cost for all improvements at Lakeland is projected at \$5.96 million, but the district will only have to cover \$2.38 million due to state aid reimbursements.

"This is a complex project," Stone said. "We're not shortchanging any other areas to complete these projects."

Stone said Lakeland facilities, plagued by drainage issues, were in need of "significant and immediate improvements," emphasizing the tennis courts were "unsafe and unusable." He said the decision to switch to synthetic turf was made after district officials

consulted with three engineering firms and determined changing the playing field surface was favored for safety, expanded utilization and reduced maintenance.

Construction at Lakeland High is expected to begin in March and be completed by November. In the spring, the Lakeland High baseball team will play its home games at the new Granite Knolls sports complex on Stony Street in Yorktown. The softball team will pay at the district's Administration Building in Shrub Oak.

At Walter Panas, the baseball field will also be changed to synthetic turf.

Meanwhile, a new softball field will be constructed on the existing field that's used for football and soccer games. The current softball field, which does not meet field size regulations in right field, will be transformed into a parking lot.

The work at Panas is expected to begin in March 2020 and take about nine months to complete. Funding for those improvements, estimated at \$4.5 million before state aid reimbursements, will be included in the 2019-20 budget that voters will be presented with in May.

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Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in the United States among non-smokers. For those who smoke, radon greatly increases the cancer risk. This naturally occurring odorless gas claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA designates January as National Radon Action Month and encourages all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools and other buildings for radon. Radon however is a concern year-round.

Radon can easily accumulate to dangerous levels inside buildings. The natural decay of uranium leads to the release of radon in rock, soil and water.

High levels of radon in homes usually come from the surrounding soil. Radon gas from the soil enters buildings through cracks and openings. The EPA has identified Putnam County as a "high risk" radon zone. However, the only way to know if you have high radon levels in your home is to test it.

"The good news is that you can perform a simple, at-home test to discover your radon levels, and elevated radon levels in your home can be corrected," says Interim Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD. "With the high rates of lung cancer in Putnam County, we absolutely must talk about radon and take it seriously. Radon-resistant construction can be utilized when

building new homes but older homes must be tested. Remember, just because your neighbor's house has safe levels of radon does not mean that your house is also safe."

For \$11, which includes the lab fee, the NYSDOH offers short-term radon testing kits. The test remains in the home for a few days and then the kit is sealed and mailed in for analysis. Results are typically returned to the homeowner within a few weeks. At-home radon test kits can also be purchased inexpensively at local home and hardware stores. If elevated levels are found there are various corrective measures, ranging in cost. To learn more about radon, order a test kit or discover mitigation options,

visit the New York State Department of Health website or New York Radon Information website.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit the PCDOH website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health or visit the social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

Krivak Granted Hearing That Could Result in New Trial

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convincing evidence there actually is."

Bernhard also took a shot at the Putnam DA's office, stating she doesn't understand how prosecutors continue to stand behind the conviction in light of the new evidence. She said the existing evidence the DA's office has is "so weak" while the new evidence that proves Krivak's innocence is "so strong."

"I can't imagine why they keep persevering here," she said.

But District Attorney Robert Tendy, in an interview, said he had "no doubt" that Krivak is guilty. The DA's office is "thoroughly" versed in the evidence in the case and strongly believes Krivak killed Wright. Assistant district attorney Larry Glasser is in charge of the case. He also was the lead prosecutor when DiPippo was set free.

"We're confident the right person has been charged with this crime," Tendy said. "We're going to be ready to go forward

'We're confident the right person has been charged with this crime. We're going to be ready to go forward with the hearing.' - Putnam DA Robert Tendy

'It's never too late to try to do the right thing.'
- Anthony DiPippo

turn it over," Tendy said. "I can tell you we have not come across anything like that."

DiPippo, in an interview, said he was "giddy" when he found out the hearing was granted. Family members of Krivak's were happy to hear the news as well, including his father Andrew Krivak Sr., DiPippo said. It was unknown if Krivak, who is in an upstate prison, knows about the latest development, but Bernhard said she was scheduled to speak with him via phone this week.

DiPippo said the innocence community is ready to fully back Krivak and urged the DA's office to admit Krivak is not the man guilty of killing Wright. Jeffrey Deskovic, who is an exoneree with connections to Putnam and has a foundation dedicated to the wrongly convicted, is also backing Krivak.

"It's never too late to try to do the right thing," DiPippo said.

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By James Miranda

Jill Leary was 13 years removed from teaching art and wanted to go back, but didn't want to be bound by a school district. Opening Railyard Arts Studios in Croton Falls was the perfect way to do it.

The 49-year-old artist taught in the Brewster School District—first at CV Starr Intermediate School then at H.H. Wells Middle School—for 12 years before giving birth to her first of two daughters. She had always wanted to own her own studio, which opened on Monday, January 7, and wanted it to be a social, community rendezvous for everyone to motivate and evoke different ideas.

"I don't want to be locked in a room doing my artwork by myself, and some people are great at that," said Leary, who first took up pottery her sophomore year at Syracuse University in 1989. "The whole vision for it was a space where people want to come in and not leave. For me, it's very hard to do art work alone, I like to be social."

While some artists create with the intent for their pieces to have a deep meaning, Leary, a Somers native, creates for function for the most part. She creates bowls, cups, and other items that people can use among other things. But the same

Railyard Arts Studios

Croton Falls



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILL LEARY.

can be said for the business.

While business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, members have 24-hour access to the building to work anytime of the day. There are two main studios and a lounge area in the lobby for classes and socializing. They're provided with cupboards and shelves where they can store their work. And it's "closed" on weekends for artists to have

some dedicated time, with the exception of workshops and rentals.

"Everything I put in [Railyard], is what I would have wanted in a studio," said Leary, who teaches pottery, knitting and croqueting, and children's art classes. "A lot of pottery places all over the place—not just even where we live—even in Syracuse, it was a hut. We took a lot of time thinking about what we were going

to put in here and I'm lucky enough to be able to do that."

The 2,300-square-foot art studio offers a considerable number of classes and workshops for all skill levels such as pottery/wheel throwing, art journaling, stained glass, and portrait painting. Class prices can range from \$200 to \$360 and workshop prices vary between \$40 and \$80 depending on the length of the class, but were designed with affordability in mind.

Railyard also serves as a philanthropic spot for the "Healing Hugs Happy Hearts" program her and a friend founded, which sees more than 1,000 handmade Valentine's Day cards prepared by local school children then delivered to various hospitals on Valentine's Day. It will take place at Railyard on Sunday, February 10.

It's indicative of what future possibilities Railyard might hold.

"We're trying to do more one-night workshops like a paint night or come try the wheel out for a night just to get people not afraid of the art, it's for everybody," Leary said. "I'm open for anything."

Railyard Arts Studios is located at 621 Route 22 in Croton Falls. For more information, call 914-617-8541 or email info@railyardarts.com.

HVEDC Names New Board of Directors Executive Committee

Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp. (HVEDC) has announced the selection of five Board Members to its Executive Committee. Appointees include Robert J. Levine of Corrigan, Baker & Levine, LLC; Josh Sommers of Focus Media; Erin Loosen of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals; Mark Kastner of The Chazen Companies; Anthony B. Gioffre, III of Cuddy and Feder LLP.

Mr. Robert J. Levine, Esq., will continue to serve in his role as Board Chair. Levine is a founding member, Partner and Chairman of Corrigan, Baker & Levine, LLC. He practices in the areas of corporate and real estate law, representing both large and small entities. He has extensive experience counseling and advising clients on corporate formations, structuring and restructuring, business sales and acquisitions, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, employment and severance agreements, and general commercial litigation. His real estate practice covers property sales and acquisitions, leasing, financing, development and litigation, and he has represented both buyers and sellers regarding the transfer and development of large commercial properties. Levine has served on the HVEDC Board of Directors since 2011.

Mr. Josh Sommers has been appointed to the role of First Vice Chair. Sommers

is President and CEO of Focus Media in Goshen, N.Y., one of the largest public relations and marketing firms in the state outside of Manhattan, and recognized by PR Week as one of the fastest growing agencies in the nation in recent years. Under Sommers' leadership, Focus Media has won more than 200 national awards for marketing in health care, tourism and economic development. The agency has played key roles for major regional properties including Resorts World Catskills, Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, LEGOLAND New York and Greater Hudson Valley Health System, to name a few. Sommers is a past recipient of the Walter A. Rhulen Award from the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development and the Pillar of the Community Award from Cornerstone Family Healthcare. Focus Media is the agency of record for HVEDC, and Sommers has served on its Board of Directors since 2010.

Ms. Erin Loosen has been appointed to the role of Second Vice Chair. Loosen handles Government Affairs and Public Policy for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She currently has primary responsibility for Regeneron's New York State government affairs, while also supporting the company's public policy team located in Washington, D.C. Prior to her arrival at Regeneron, Loosen was the director of business development

and marketing for C.W. Brown Inc. She had also been business development manager for The Chazen Companies and spent a portion of her career in the political arena working for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Congresswoman Sue Kelly.

Mr. Mark Kastner has been appointed to the role of Treasurer. Kastner is President and Principal with The Chazen Companies, a Poughkeepsie-based firm that is a regional leader in providing professional services including civil engineering, planning, environmental and safety consulting, code services, construction services, transportation planning, traffic engineering and more to clients in the public and private sectors. A licensed professional engineer himself, Kastner has more than 30 years of professional experience. Under his leadership, The Chazen Companies have amassed numerous awards, including 2018 recognition by the Albany Business Review as Top Engineering Firm and Top Landscape Architecture Firm, as well as being named a Top Work Place by the Times Union. Kastner has served on the HVEDC Board of Directors since 2011.

Mr. Anthony B. Gioffre III, has been appointed to the role of Secretary. Gioffre is a Partner at Cuddy and Feder LLP, which has offices in White Plains and Fishkill. He is the chairman of the

firm's Land Use, Zoning & Development Group. He practices in real estate development, zoning, environmental law and related litigation. Gioffre also serves as a member of the firm's Management Committee. He regularly represents national developers, retailers, religious institutions, individuals and the telecommunications industry before municipal and state land use, zoning and environmental agencies. Gioffre assists clients with all aspects of the land use permitting and regulatory compliance process, including compliance with New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act. He regularly publishes articles and lectures across the country at continuing legal education seminars on current land use and zoning issues. He is also a New York State approved real estate instructor.

"These five individuals have a collective finger on the pulse of what makes the Hudson Valley go and what makes it grow," said Mike Oates, President and CEO of HVEDC. "They have all been involved with our organization for a number of years, and their contributions have helped shape the vision our organization and its constituents have shared, and the successes that have come of it. I look forward to continuing our long-standing relationships and working with them at the helm of our newly energized Board of Directors."

Letters to the Editor

Galef to Hosts Town Halls Across Assembly District

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your representative in the New York State Assembly for another two years. I will continue to fight for the interests of our district as we begin to evaluate proposed legislation and the upcoming budget in this new session.

I am expecting quite a busy year in Albany. Early on we will tackle legislation that addresses women's health, statute of limitations for child sexual abuse, election reforms, and single-use plastic bag

regulation. We will also begin to shape a budget that will allocate funding for schools, libraries, and many of New York State's industries.

Continuing a dialogue with you to understand the issues that matter most is on the top of my agenda. I know, based on the many calls and emails my office receives, that my constituents care deeply about the matters we deliberate in Albany. As always, I take these phone calls and emails under careful advisement.

I ask you to please fill out the attached questionnaire so I can gauge your opinion on some of the topics that will be addressed in Albany this year.

I have also scheduled five town hall discussions throughout my district. Details on these five town meetings are listed below – please save the dates.

Ossining Public Library: Thursday, Jan. 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Desmond-Fish Library (Garrison): Saturday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon

Kent Public Library: Saturday, Feb. 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Hendrick Hudson Free Library (Montrose): Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Field Library (Peekskill): Saturday, Feb. 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sandy Galef
Assemblywoman, 95th District

The Governor's Budget Will Cut Aid to Putnam Municipalities

The governor's budget proposal cuts AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) by \$60 million, affecting more than 90 percent of towns and villages across New York State.

The new state fiscal year is scheduled to begin April 1st. Towns and villages have already passed their local budgets based on AIM funding remaining flat since 2011. AIM helps local governments

with property taxes, provides vital local services such as law enforcement and public safety and helps to maintain local infrastructure such as roads and bridges. Our towns and villages now face potential loss of funding just a few months into their fiscal year.

For example, funding loss within Putnam County:

Putnam Valley - \$41,066 cut

Nelsonville - \$3,343 cut

Brewster - \$11,560 cut

Cold Spring - \$16,537 cut

Patterson - \$31,779 cut

Phillipstown - \$33,820 cut

Southeast - \$45,592 cut

Kent - \$58,361 cut

Carmel - \$140,362 cut

Contact the senate majority leader, assembly speaker and your

assemblyperson and senator. Tell them to reject the governor's budget proposal, which will hurt local towns throughout the state.

Bill Gouldman
Legislator, District 2
Putnam Valley

Cuomo, State Lawmakers Wrong on Abortion Vote

I am immensely saddened and disgusted with Governor Andrew Cuomo and those New York State legislators who hide behind women's health issues and support and vote to accept abortion at any stage to be legitimate and a top priority within the Democratic majority in the Senate and Assembly.

The life of the unborn baby is not valuable or worthy of existence to Governor Cuomo and those who supported him by their vote. I am referring to late term abortion when God's creation is able to exist outside the

womb. Governor Cuomo seems to be so proud that he signed this law for women's health and that he is on the same side of Pope Francis when it comes to being anti-death penalty. Does he not realize that terminating the life of a baby in the mothers womb is murder. As for women's health in general, I am a woman and want the best health for woman and also for men. Pet owners sob when they must "put to sleep" their beloved animals and animal advocates worry about animals that need a home, while our babies are put to death.

Our Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer and Speaker Nancy Pelosi believe it is immoral to define our borders with a wall or barrier and those Americans that believe these barriers are necessary are immoral. However, murdering God's most beautiful and innocent creation is not immoral? What a distorted compass or view of moral responsibility.

I am greatly disappointed in the leadership of New York State or their lack thereof. I am further concerned and worried for my beautiful grandchildren and all children growing up in our

country. Liberal ideas have become so far removed from our long held traditional values, such as, respect for the "older generation," and their lifelong experiences and wisdom that frame their values; the loss of respect for the office of the President of the United States; and yes, respect for life of an innocent baby growing in the mother's womb.

Theresa Del Campo
Mahopac

Legalizing Marijuana Will Lead to Harmful Results

Remember the words and admonition of our parents and teachers, "money is the root of evil". Apparently our Governor of New York has dismissed

this valuable lesson in his desire to legalize recreational marijuana for New York residents. How can any respectable leader advocate for more drugs in our

communities, in the midst of a heroin and opium epidemic that is rampant throughout our country. He boasts that legalization of recreational marijuana will bring nearly 300 million in tax revenue.

During my tenure as school administrator and elected official, I sponsored many awareness programs for children, teachers and families, particularly when crack and cocaine was tormenting so many of our youth and their families. Many resource professionals came to speak at these sessions, and each one clearly demonstrated the dangerous chemical content of cannabis(marijuana). One speaker, Fr. Dan Egan, the "junkie priest" as he was known for his great work with addicts, clearly showed how the these chemicals in marijuana led to further drug dependence. Unlike the false impression the media and advocates for

legalization give, most recent studies show the "gateway" effect of marijuana use leading to more and more dangerous drugs

I urge you to contact your local elected officials and police agencies to speak out against this effort of the Governor Andrew Cuomo to legalize recreational marijuana.

We owe this effort to our children and grandchildren, particularly those many drug addicts that occupy our treatment facilities who started with marijuana. This issue is certainly about a healthy lifestyle and every sound minded person recognizes what damage recreational marijuana can cause. Please contact Governor Cuomo at Governor.Cuomo@exec.ny.gov

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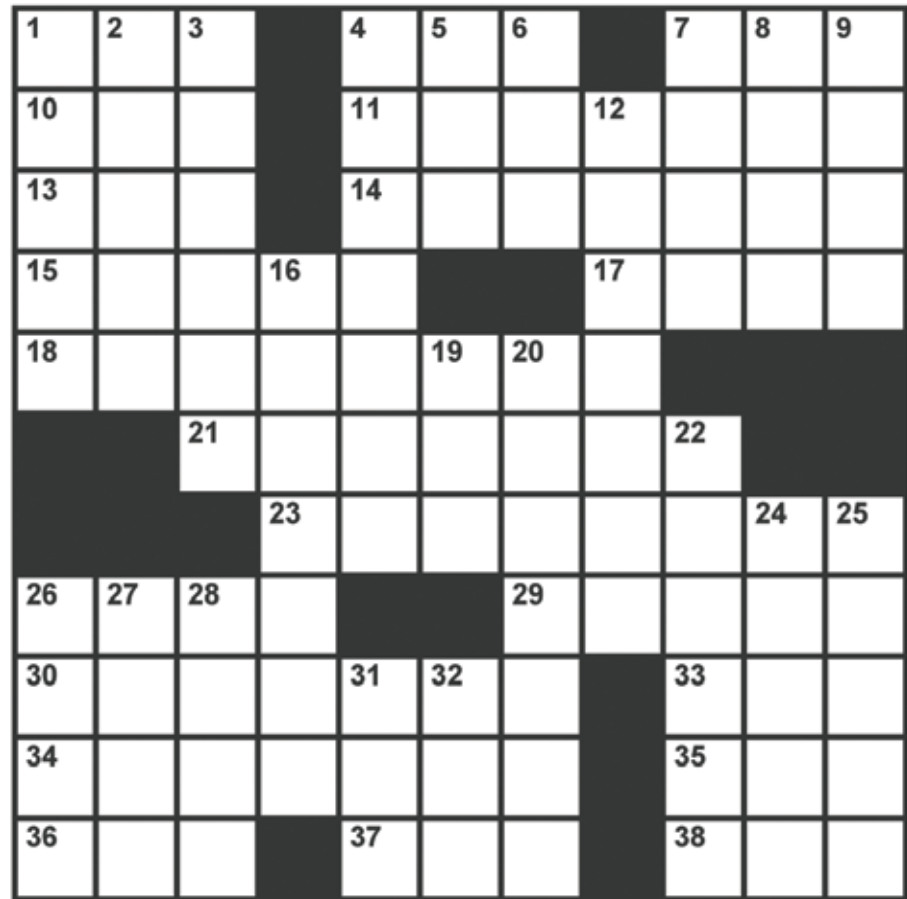
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 17

- Across**
1. Outfit
 4. Vow words
 7. URL ender
 10. ___ pinch
 11. "Good going!"
 13. ___ Man Flint
 14. Potato sauces
 15. Penned
 17. Wing ___ prayer
 18. Belonging to actor Banderas, or Peekskill pizzeria
 21. First Russian spaceship
 23. Hospital transports
 26. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 29. ___cotta
 30. "Semiramide" composer
 33. Actor Mineo
 34. Burst of ill temper
 35. Lao-___
 36. Med. specialty
 37. Berlioz's "Les nuits d'___"
 38. "Danny and the Dinosaur" author Hoff

- Down**
1. Plains tribe
 2. Inter

3. Fortune telling cards
4. Naive young girl in a play
5. Board member, abbr.
6. S.American tuber
7. Pocket change
8. Lacking width and depth
9. Flat-topped land formation
12. Slippery
16. Rigging supporter
19. "___ be my pleasure!"
20. Erstwhile
22. Limestone landscapes
24. Mohegan Lake paintball supply store, ___ Paint
25. "To your health!"
26. Comic Johnson
27. Horse color
28. Ain't right?
31. Irritate
32. Bolt's partner



Twins and Brewster Secretaries Retire Together

Twin sisters and Brewster Central School District secretaries Peggy Zambraski and Patti Lawlor have a long history with the Brewster community. They moved here from Manhattan in eighth grade and started out at the middle school. They met their husbands here, eventually bought houses across the street from each other, and each had three children: three boys for Zambraski and three girls for Lawlor.

"We were the football team, they were the cheerleaders," laughed Zambraski. It was natural for them to start volunteering in Brewster schools. From there, they became substitute teachers, classroom aides, and, eventually, secretaries.

"Our lives are parallel," said Lawlor, who was the principal's secretary at CV Starr before moving to the district office, where she is Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle Gosh's secretary. Zambraski also served as Gosh's secretary, working with her at Henry H. Wells Middle School before Gosh moved to the district office. Now Zambraski is Wells principal John Clark's secretary.

So much of their personal and professional lives have been lived side by side — and, at the end of this school year, both women are retiring together.

"We're going out together," said Zambraski with a grin. "We always enjoy



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doing things together, so this is the next step of our lives together."

The sisters will be sorely missed.

"Patti and Peggy are the backbone of the district, and have been for many years," said Gosh. "They are an example to all of us of how we should work and live. They are great family people who treat all with kindness and respect. They are both wise and smart, and students and staff have benefitted greatly from having them in their roles."

Working closely with Lawlor in recent years, Gosh couldn't say enough about what an incredible employee she is. "She

consistently exudes professionalism, kindness, and compassion. Her actions are always genuine. She's incredibly skilled — she knows her position inside and out and assists others (especially me) with patience and skill. She's proactive and forward-thinking and makes great recommendations about how to avoid potential issues."

Clark was equally effusive. "In addition to being extremely dedicated and committed to their jobs, Peggy and Patti are two of the kindest, most selfless people you will ever meet. To be honest, they are probably the most beloved

employees in the district. Peggy thinks about everyone and everything. She makes sure everyone is recognized on their birthdays, helps raise money for staff members in crisis, and just epitomizes the ideal employee. Her confidentiality, poise, and authenticity are remarkable, and she really is the glue that holds us together. We are so happy for her, but we are all in a bit of a panic at the prospect of functioning without her."

Luckily for Clark and the rest of the district, the sisters don't plan to go far. They're still in the community — in fact, their grandkids go to Brewster schools. They plan to spend time with family, garden, travel, and continue doing volunteer work at their church.

What they're really going to miss in retirement is the people: the school community and their coworkers.

"It's family. It's such a beautiful community," said Lawlor. "Working in a school district with the children is amazing. Seeing all of the families you've met over the years coming back with their own children is just a really happy place to be."

"It's a great team. It's a wonderful place to work," Zambraski added. "They've seen our children grow up. It's always family first. Everyone always seems to rally around each other and are there for each other."

Obituaries

Julia N. DiMaio

Julia N. DiMaio, of Brewster, died peacefully at Putnam Ridge Rehabilitation on January 13. She was 71-years-old. Born on June 2, 1947 in Manhattan, daughter of the late Michael and Angelina (Falivene) Verderosa. On September 20, 1969 she married the love of her life Leonard J. DiMaio. Mrs. DiMaio enjoyed spending time with her family, taking care of her grandchildren and visiting Mohegan Sun. Julia is not only survived by her husband, Leonard, but also her children; Michele LaVia of New Rochelle, Danielle DiMaio of LaGrangeville, NY and Lisamarie Murphy of Ridgefield, CT. Her five grandchildren; Vanessa, Sara, John Leo, Max and Derek and her siblings; Lillian Lemieux and Michael Verderosa.

Lorraine F. Langley

Lorraine F. Langley, a longtime resident of Carmel, died on Friday, January 18. She was born in the Bronx on September 22, 1936, the daughter of William B. and Anna N. (Marshall) Sorg. Lorraine was a retired Customer Service Representative with Guidepost in Carmel. She loved animals and throughout her life, supported many animal rescue causes. She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Langley Sr., whom she married in 1957; her son, Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley Jr. and his wife, Lydia, her grandchildren Christopher and Robert III and her brothers, William and Ronald Sorg. Gloria Esposito of Port St. Lucie, FL and formerly of Carmel, NY passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the age of 92. She was born in Manhattan on October 8, 1926, the daughter of Nick and Deolinda (Traffi) Domacety. Gloria was a retired seamstress who had worked for various firms in the Bronx. While living in Carmel, she was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where she sung in the choir. She is survived by

her daughter, Linda and her husband Gary Flanz of Port St. Lucie, her foster son Norris of the Bronx, her grandchildren, Peter, Nicole, Danny and Rhianna, her son-in-law, David Rappaport, her niece, Roseann Harris and nephews, John Lizardi and George Domacety. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony, her son, Anthony Jr. and her daughter, Phyllis Rappaport. Cryptside Services will be held on Tuesday, January 29 at 11 a.m. at the Shrine of Memories Building of Ferncliff Cemetery, 280 Secor Rd., Hartsdale, NY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Gloria may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Maurice L. Simon

Maurice L. Simon, of Brewster, died peacefully at Westchester Medical Center on January 20. He was 92 years old. Born on May 26, 1926 in Mt. Kisco, son of the late Samuel and Bessie (Resnick) Simon. Maurice graduated from Horace Greeley High School before honorably serving in the US Army during WWII. On December 12, 1957 Maurice married the love of his life Florence DeLaura. Following their wedding they moved to Brewster to raise their family. Maurice was the owner of Simon Auto in Brewster for over 60 years. Never officially retiring, showing all how important his work was to him. His greatest passion in life was his family, they were the center of his universe. He was an animal fanatic, especially when it came to dogs and cats. He was also a longtime member of Temple Beth Elohim and he served on the board as the treasurer for many years. Mr. Simon is not only survived by his loving wife, but also his children; Irene Simon, Susan Sniffen (Wayne), David Simon (Dawn) and Linda Burdick (Joe) all of Brewster, his eight grandchildren; Rachael (Sheldon Schrack), Michael and

Andrew Sniffen, Cody, Dylan and Logan Simon, Zachary and Taylor Mitchell Simon and his two great grandchildren; Dillon Weaver and Ryan Schrack and his brother Harold Simon (Jane) of Dix Hills, NY, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Clara Simon.

Charles F. Lilley

Charles F. "Mickey" Lilley, age 81, peacefully passed away on January 20. Mickey was a lifelong resident of Brewster. He was a member of several local organizations including the Elks Lodge, Amerigo Vespucci, Catholic War Veterans, The American Legion and the Loyal Order of the Moose. Mickey was self-employed and had also worked at New York State Electric & Gas for 25 years after serving in the US Army. Mickey was known for his hard work ethic, sense of humor and his loyalty to the New York Jets. His family always came first and his wife, kids and grandkids were the center of his universe. Mickey was predeceased by his grandmother, Violet Wallace, his Aunt Florence Wallace and his mother, Elizabeth Wallace Lilley. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Christine Larkin Lilley of Brewster, NY as well as his three children, Lonni (and Stephen) Campbell of Needham, MA, Cathy Huffman of Newtown, CT and Gregory (and Liz) Lilley of Mahopac. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jim Campbell, Ali Campbell, Sarah Lilley, Austin Huffman, Michael Campbell, Larkin Huffman and Joseph Lilley. They will miss their Poppi very much.

John M Spagnoli Jr.

John M Spagnoli Jr. died on January 22 at the age of 82. He was the beloved husband to the late Patricia Spagnoli. He leaves behind one loving daughter Theresa Spagnoli (Robert Thomas); three grandchildren RJ, Taylor and Jianyna. His beloved sister Corinne Gammino of Monroe, New York as well as several nieces and nephews which he loved. John has been a devout Catholic and usher to the St. James the Apostle R.C. Church for over 30 years. John has also served his country as a honorable veteran of the United States Air Force. John is a 12 year member of the Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus of Carmel. He was also involved with the Putnam County senior citizens for many years.

Dr. Sidney Glanz

Dr. Sidney Glanz, Sr. DDS, of Brewster, died in Carmel on January 23. He was 95-years-old. Born on March 7, 1923 in Brooklyn, to the late Murray and Rose (Garber) Glanz, Sidney graduated from New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn. He continued his education and graduated from NYU then Temple University Dental

School in Philadelphia, PA. He honorably served in the US Army. On December 8, 1960 he married the love of his life Patricia Flaherty. Patricia predeceased Sidney on May 23, 2017. Dr. Glanz was an avid outdoorsman. He was a member of the Outters Club in Wingdale and loved hunting and fishing and shooting. He was a member of the Brewster Rotary Club, and the Brewster Elks Lodge. He loved animals, especially dogs, and was a true Mets Fan. He owned his own Dental practice and proudly served his patients from his offices in both Patterson and Brewster for 37 years before retiring. Sidney is survived by his children; Melodye Glanz, of Florida, Sidney Glanz, Jr. of Casper, WY, and Edward Glanz of New Fairfield Connecticut, as well as his sister Elaine Zucker of Yorktown Heights, NY. He was predeceased by his daughter Laurel. A graveside service will be held at Milltown Rural Cemetery, Milltown Road, Brewster on Tuesday January 29 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dr. Glanz's name to the Putnam Humane Society or to the Disabled American Veterans.

Walter F. Halat, Jr.

Walter F. Halat, Jr. of Mahopac, died suddenly on January 24, at the age of 76. He was born in Yonkers, on May 10, 1942, the son of Walter and Catherine (neeJackowick) Halat, Sr. Walter was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He graduated from New York University with a Bachelor's Degree and worked as an accountant throughout his life. On April 26, 1968 he married Margaret Strelecki and they were blessed with 3 children Ken, David, and Elizabeth. Walter loved being outdoors doing his yardwork. He enjoyed doing his daily crossword puzzles. He and Margaret enjoyed many wonderful vacations together. Being a tax man he was always into his numbers and working out problems, always helping out everyone. He loved interacting with people. Whether it be out shopping or chatting with the neighbors. And should we say loved his "JETS." Walter is survived by his wife of 50 years Margaret, his son Ken and his wife Melissa, his son David and his wife Regina, his daughter Elizabeth Halat, and grandchildren Aaron and Ethan. Friends and family are welcome to attend a visitation on Wednesday, January 30 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. & 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 31 at St. John The Evangelist Church, also in Mahopac. A private cremation will be held after services. In Lieu of Flowers, please make memorial contributions in his name to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org), or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (www.mskcc.org).

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Over 50 MHS Seniors Inducted into the Science National Honor Society

Fifty-three Mahopac High School seniors were inducted into the Science National Honor Society (SNHS) on November 27. In addition to have proven academic excellence in their science classes, these students are driven through the society's mission to encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought; to advance students' knowledge of classical and modern science; and to encourage students to participate in community service.

Under the direction of high school science teacher, Elizabeth Stephens, the seniors were officially inducted into the SNHS based on achieving the challenging criteria of:

- Maintaining an overall average of 85 or above for all science class work throughout high school.
 - Currently enrolled in an honors, AP or college level science class or completing independent research.
 - Must have exemplary behavior on recommendation from their science teachers.
- The student-members who have earned

probationary status will be eligible for induction this spring upon fulfilling:

- participation in the yearly project,
- attendance at least four monthly meetings,
- attendance at least two guest and or officer lectures, and
- completion of an additional four hours of community service the field of science.

The group is presently planning the 2019 STEAM Fair Project, on February 9, which engages middle school students with the hopes of generating interest in the sciences. This initiative also serves as a new mentoring program where high school students can guide middle school students through a STEAM project.

"We are proud to have such an impressive roster of Science National Honor Society inductees who are committed to advancing their knowledge of classical and modern science and participate in community service that encourages the pursuit of scientific knowledge," said Dr. Matthew Lawrence, high school principal.



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The motto inscribed in Latin on the SNHS shield translates: "Fortunate is one who understands the causes of things." It is indeed fortunate to have these Mahopac students sharing their understanding of "the causes of things" with other students and the community.

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Brewster Grad Stars Brightly in Astronomy Field

Allison McCarthy graduated from Brewster High School just a few years ago, but she is already making a name for herself in the astronomy community.

The 2016 Brewster graduate is currently studying Astrophysics and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. This past summer, McCarthy had an internship at the Green Bank Observatory in West Virginia where she spent her time analyzing telescope data. She and her coworkers analyzed data taken in 2015 from the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico.

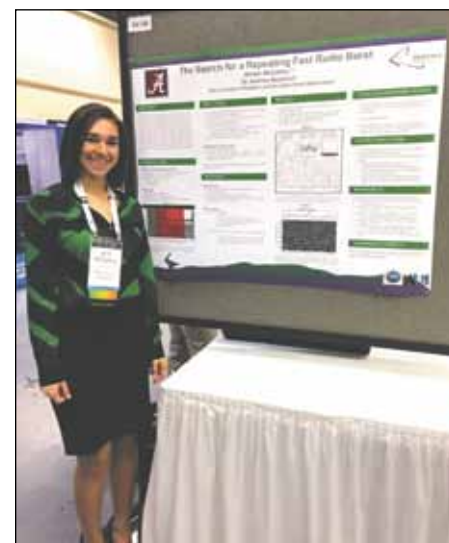
McCarthy and Dr. Andrew Seymour of the Green Bank Observatory studied

more than 41 hours of observations of fast radio bursts, which are brief signals of radio energy emanating from distant galaxies. They may have detected a repeating burst, which would be only the third one ever detected. They're not sure, but what they found was very promising. She presented her work at a conference of the American Astronomical Society this month.

McCarthy has been drawn to space since she was little. "I've always like space, it was a childhood dream," she said. She grew up wanting to be an astronaut, but decided she needed a more realistic goal since so few people actually get to go into space. Since she loves physics and space,

astrophysics and aerospace engineering sounded like a good fit. McCarthy credits Brewster teacher Dr. Brittany Kozlenko with leading her towards engineering and physics instead of astronomy.

McCarthy advises other students considering taking the same path as her to study hard. "Read up on the field," she said. "Read about rockets and launches, watch launches and moon landings. See what went wrong. If you're interested in astronomy or space, find the niche that you like. Do you want to know about black holes? The creation of the Milky Way? Read into that so that when you get into school you're certain that that's what you want to do."



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Mahopac Falls FD Handles Smell of Smoke at Middle School

Last Thursday at about 1 p.m., the Mahopac Falls Fire Department was dispatched to the Mahopac Middle School on Baldwin Place Rd. for a call of a smell of smoke in the area of the back of the building. Chief Brian Sacher was first to arrive and immediately took charge of operations, knowing Asst. Chief Bob Trace was on his way and would take incident command. Going in with the first interior crew, Chief Sacher conducted a search as they made their way to the area in question, taking the firefighters to the lower section of the building, a malfunctioning exterior light was found to be the culprit. The department would like to remind the public that clear fire lanes are law and are not for parking.

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The Food and Beverage Lineup for Super (Snack) Bowl Sunday



By Nick Antonaccio

This weekend we celebrate two uniquely American traditions, both on the same day.

On Sunday we will gather with friends and family to be entertained by the most-watched sports event of the

year, Super Bowl LIII.

And what better second tradition to follow than to celebrate what has, almost by default, become a feast above all feasts, National Junk Food Sunday.

While the Super Bowl contestants display their skills, strength, agility and, for the most part, trim bodies on the field, millions of Americans will be consuming food and drink that will likely detract from their athletic skills, strength and agility – and add a few pounds in the process.

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday:

48 million Americans will order takeout food. What will we be eating? According to the National Chicken Council, 1.3 billion chicken wings will be devoured. That's the equivalent of four wings

for every man, woman and child in the United States. As for beverages, Americans will spend more than \$1.3 billion on a combination of mass-market and craft beers and over \$500 million on wine.

As I have for the past few years in this column, I thought of the rivalry on the gridiron and began transposing it to the bars and living rooms across the locales of the Super Bowl opponents. Does East Coast historical experience prove to be an advantage over the perceived youthful social fabric of the West Coast?

First, the gridiron statistics:

On the field: The New England Patriots are appearing in their 11th Super Bowl (most of any team), including each of the last three, and five wins (second most).

The Rams franchise seems like America's itinerant team. Founded in 1936 in Cleveland, it has moved three times; first to Los Angeles, then to St. Louis in 1995 (winning the 2000 Super Bowl) and finally returning to Los Angeles in 2016. They will be appearing in their fourth Super Bowl.

Experience favors the Patriots, while the Rams have youth

on their side. The Patriots are

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

legendary for finding their opponent's weaknesses and exploiting them. The Rams are a well-balanced team, with few apparent weaknesses.

Food. Each region has its eclectic foods. Which

is superior? Centuries-old New England Clam Chowder or a 21st century Los Angeles New Wave dish of Sea Urchin with Oxtail and Congee? Boston baked beans or a Hispanic-inspired Chorizo Breakfast Burrito? A Margarita pizza from Boston's North End or a smoked salmon with caviar and chives pizza from Spago's?

The verdict? It's the 21st, not 19th, century; I give the nod to the vibrancy and youthfulness of Los Angeles over the ageless experience of refined New England dishes.

Wine. Both cities have reputations as wastelands for fine wine. The consensus is that it is too cool in New England, too hot in Southern California.

Massachusetts' Westport Rivery produces a worthy sparkling wine and Rhode Island's Sakonnett Vineyards offers a quaffable Cock of the Walk Red.

A pleasant surprise on the southern West Coast: the Temecula Valley wine region. Warm days, cool nights and a constant Pacific mist make for an unsung region with great potential. So, too, with

the Rams' upstart defensive line, led by Aaron Donald, which may be the surprise component to defuse the Patriots' precision offense. Look for the hard-to-find Bordeaux blends from Bailly, Callaway, Churon, Doffo and Leoness wineries.

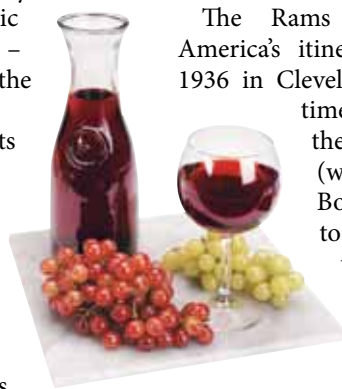
The verdict? Kudos to the Temecula Valley for its combination of balance and exuberance. Can this be a catalyst for a Super Bowl victory?

Beer. With the proliferation of small-batch craft beers across the nation, consumers have their favorite local breweries; more power to the people. But please don't offer me your brother-in-law's kitchen-counter home brew/ You can have it all to yourself.

The verdict? To each his (or her) own.

Super (Snack) Bowl Sunday: nirvana for football enthusiasts and junk food aficionados alike. Whichever camp you fall into, just kick back and enjoy the game and the camaraderie.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



Bathroom Oddities, Manners and Etiquette

The bathroom. When you think about it, while it may not be the room you spend the most time in, it's probably the room you visit most times during the course of the day and, if you're in my age group, you probably visit it a little more frequently than when you were younger.

I've been thinking a lot about the bathroom lately, forced by an unexpected experience I had the first day I was in my new digs at the gorgeous Trump Park Residences in the Shrub Oak hamlet of Yorktown. This joint is outrageous and outfitted with the finest materials and fixtures

you might imagine: granite, marble and brushed steel everywhere you look. So, when it was time for me to visit the bathroom for the more serious function for which one visits the bathroom, and I started that slow descent, I realized that I wasn't reaching my destination when I usually do. I kept bending lower and lower, convinced that I would be in a full Lotus position before I would finally come to rest. Why I wondered, with all this luxury in a place originally built for the 55 plus crowd, would the builder have spec'd such low-rise toilets? As soon as I

finished my business, I went online to www.HomeAdvisor.com to find a plumber to install high-rise toilets in all three of my bathrooms.

As circumstance would have it, the next day, I had another bathroom experience, this time as a realtor with a seller client. When I visited the home to make my presentation and sign a contract, I was greeted at the door by the husband, a big guy with a hearty laugh. His wife had not yet arrived home from some errands, but his two sons were with him, both I would guess in either their late teens or early 20s,

both strapping young men, well over six feet tall. When the mother arrived home, I was surprised to see that she was very petite, barely over five feet tall, and I commented how surprised I was by her small stature compared to how big her boys were. I was equally surprised by her response, "Well, they weren't that big coming out of me!"

The first thing I do when I go for a listing is ask for a tour of the house, and this one had three full baths. Each time we entered one, the wife would walk in and, seeing that the toilet seat was up,

would immediately walk over, lower the seat and shut the lid. The first time she did it, she lowered them gently. In the second bathroom, she did it with less patience, and by the time we arrived at the third bathroom, she slammed down the lid in frustration, almost in meltdown mode, exclaiming, "Oh, these guys, why won't they ever learn to lower the seat and shut the lid!" I suspect this is her biggest frustration at home every day.

It's important to pay attention to the toilet's seat being down and the lid closed, not only so that women won't

fall into the bowl but also for health reasons. According to scientists at Leeds University, when a toilet is flushed with the lid open, bacteria sprays into the air around the toilet. And some of those germs could pass along symptoms of diarrhea or vomiting. Yuck!

But the best reason for closing the lid is that it prevents anything and everything from falling in. Haven't you had the experience of not hearing from friends for several days, only to hear that their cell phones have taken the plunge?

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By Bill Primavera

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Board of Trustees and the Assessor will meet for the purpose of completing such assessment roll and of hearing and determining grievances in relations thereto by any person(s) conceiving himself aggrieved thereby on Tuesday February 19, 2019, between the hours of 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Clinton Street Senior Center, 1A Clinton Street, Pleasantville, New York. The last filing date is February 19, 2019. **Village of Pleasantville, Pleasantville, New York 10570 Noreen Regan, Deputy Village Clerk**

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Bathroom Oddities, Manners and Etiquette

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There are other rules that should be considered concerning bathroom etiquette and manners, and it's not only because of airborne germs or the differences in plumbing between the sexes and actual plumbing.

Wasn't it on Seinfeld where Elaine talked about going to the McDonald's bathroom when in a relationship, rather than fowling up the apartment john? I was quite impressed when, years ago, I first saw a bathroom where the toilet bowl was separated out from the rest of the room and you could do your more private business in, well, private.

And what about something as simple as replacing the toilet paper roll when it's depleted? I am always in such a rush, I'm guilty of just grabbing a new roll and leaving it on top, rather than going to the trouble of actually inserting it on the cylinder. Shame.

For those who do go through the trouble of replacing it, there's the question of positioning the roll for "over" or "under" dispensing. A former work associate of mine told me that it must be "over" so that the last sheet can be "folded" as in a hotel. "You FOLD your last toilet paper sheet?" I asked, astounded. "Yes," she responded, not skipping a beat. "You never know when guests are going to stop by." Oh, my God, where did I go wrong in learning good bathroom etiquette?

One other item I know about toilets. Did you notice that some are round and, in the past couple of decades, they are oblong in shape? Nobody mentions the obvious, but designers finally figured out that the male's front anatomy had to be accommodated. Thanks, guys! I say, for guys, that's the equivalent of going from jockey shorts to boxers.

And finally, did I mention that there should always, always be some kind of automatic air freshener or a spray deodorizer in the bathroom?

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Happenings

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Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education: The full 2018-19 meeting list and the proposed meeting agendas can be found on the district website at: www.pvcsd.org prior to each meeting.

The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for Seniors holds registration the FIRST Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration is held at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac. In all, we offer 13 different computer classes. A free drop in session is offered every Friday afternoon from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. for help with phones and tablets. A description of the classes can be found at: www.putnamrsvp.com/clc/ Registration must be in person. FMI, call Judy Kolt (845)-277-5422

Registration for Kindergarten: Brewster School District: Class of 2032 takes place the week of March 4- March 8. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 279-2087 x 4111 for registration information.

Ongoing Storytime: The Kent Library Storytime: Babies 3-12 months old, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.; for 13-23 months, Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; for 2-year-olds, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.; for children aged 3-5 years, Tuesdays at 12:15, Wednesdays at 11:30, or Thursdays at 12:15. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Ongoing Mondays: Chair Yoga: Reed Library: Until Feb. 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Eating for Energy: Certified Health Coach Kristen Schneider every Monday in January. 6:30p.m., Kent Library. Primary foods that increase & decrease energy, weigh less, live more, Sugar blues, Gut health, How to eat clean on a budget, How to create meals to fit a specific diet.

This is a series for adults. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52 and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Ongoing Wednesdays: Short Story Book club at Reed Library alternating Wednesdays at 1 pm. Join for a lively discussion of short stories, a different story each meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday January 23. Stories are available in the library, please call to register 845-225-2439.

Watercolor Goache: Reed Library. Until Feb 14th at 10 a.m. Goache is a painting technique in which an opaque white pigment is added to watercolors to produce opacity. Registration required.

Ongoing Fridays: AARP Tax Help through April 12: The Patterson Library is hosting free AARP Tax Help for Seniors and other qualifying individuals. AARP volunteer tax aid counselors will be available by appointment on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Appointments will be filled on a first come-first served basis beginning January 15, appointments can be made by calling 211 or 845-878-6121 x15.

Ongoing Saturdays:

Story Time: First Saturday of the month 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Birth to 5 years old. We will read stories, sing songs, play with shaker eggs, and more! *Caregivers must remain in program. Older siblings are welcome. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tuesday, January 29

Read It and Eat: Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. The perfect past time with an added delight! This weekly book club will engage kids with fun fantastical fiction while we munch on some tasty snacks and doing awesome projects and activities. There is no reading required at home in this tasty book club. For grades K - 2. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-

6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Exploration Academy: Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Allow your child to explore science through art! Science experiments and art projects will be the norm in this exploratory program! Each week, we'll be learning a new science fact and see it play out through exciting art projects and activities. For ages 3 to 5. This is a drop-off program. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Book Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Younger children have an opportunity to read with an older buddy; teens take time to read to a younger child and cultivate a love of reading. Mahopac Public Library. Community service credit will be given to teen volunteers that attend regularly. To be a book buddy call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

The Saga of the USS Indianapolis: 6:30 p.m. Jon Fiorella tells the tale that is over 70 years in the making and most historians consider it the worst disaster at sea in the history of the U.S. Navy. After delivering the components of the atomic bomb "Little Boy," that was later dropped on Hiroshima, the ship was sunk by a Japanese submarine in the waning days of WWII. About 900 men went into the water and five days later only 316 were still alive. To hear this fascinating true story, sign up for Fiorella's talk at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Wednesday, January 30

Tots & Tunes: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Delight your toddler with rhythm, song, and rhymes using instruments, movement, and beat activities to nurture their growth and development. We will create an environment to foster your child's musical aptitude while developing early literacy skills. For children age 2. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Babies, Books & Bubbles: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Focus on developing your baby's pre-literacy skills and introduce a love for books by using song, movement, and rhyme. Improve motor, sensory, and social skills with caregiver and baby play time. And, of course, no day would be complete without bubbles! For ages up to 23 months. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Common Mistakes in Estate Planning. 10 a.m. This informational workshop will focus on helping you minimize your estate taxes while maximizing the assets

you pass to your heirs. You will discover how to help uncover your wealth transfer mistakes, how to avoid probate, and avoid the most common mistakes in estate planning. To register for this free workshop, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

1st Grade Book Club. 4:30 p.m. Mahopac Library. Come share your love of books! Meet new friends! Have fun with book-related games & activities! All reading and activities will be done during meetings; no home work required! Register for this 7-week session at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Valentine's Day Candy Grab: 4:40 p.m. Create an Operation style game using simple materials, and challenge a friend to grab Valentine's Day candy from the Greedy Chef's mouth- But don't wake it up! To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, January 31

The Tri-State IBM Retirees: United Methodist Church Hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Deborah Petranchick, Mgr, Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation, NYP/Hudson Valley Hospital, will discuss the services available at the Center for Rehab. Set up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments at 1pm; meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at (914) 528-5916.

Friday, February 1

Style Express: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Secret Hair Studio will teach you how to create your own curly hair styles and how to braid using mannequin heads in this hands-on session. You'll also take-home free samples of easy-to-use hair care products and coupons to the salon! For ages 11 to 15. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Walkers & Wigglers 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Experience joy playing with your little one while enhancing their gross motor skills and coordination dancing to the music! Children who are walking, up to age 23 months, are welcome to come sing, dance, and play with instruments in this 20-minute class. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, February 2

Basic ESL Saturdays until March 16th, 10:30 a.m.-noon. This ESL class will focus on practical communication skills and is aimed at helping anyone who has limited English, but wants help improving their spoken and written English. This course will be taught by Shanti Urreta, a retired school teacher, and is free. To register, click here or call 845-279-6421.



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Put Valley 8th-Grader Earning Stripes in Wins over Yorktown, Haldane



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSPHOTOS.COM FOR MORE)

Fearless Putnam Valley eighth-grader Eva DeChent goes right at Yorktown senior Kat Severino for two of her eight points in the Tigers' 50-22 win over host Yorktown in the championship round of the 22nd annual George Budries Memorial Tournament where the Class B Tigers earned a ton of bonus points toward the playoffs with a win over the Class A Huskers... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

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Girls' Hoops Notebook

Somers' Angelini, Ossining's Griffin, Harris Earn Acclaim

By Alex Wendling & Ray Gallagher

Order was restored in Class AA last week, as **OSSINING** got close to healthy, and there were plenty of milestones to be reached and notoriety gained in other places.

SOMERS defeated their conference rival **BREWSTER**, 48-38, last Thursday. Not only did the state-ranked (No.20) Tuskers get the win, but history was made in the second quarter when senior guard Hannah Angelini recorded her 1,000th career point. Angelini became the 12th player in Somers hoops history to record 1,000 points. Angelini was both thrilled and humbled by the milestone.

"It feels amazing," the All-Section senior said. "All of that extra time spent in the gym, shooting free throws, working on ball handling, analyzing film... it all feels worth it in the moment."

Angelini told her teammates before the game that her reaching this historic milestone should not distract the rest of the team from the ultimate goal of getting the win. "I would be lying if I didn't say I also felt relief after scoring that basket," Angelini said. "I didn't want to hinder our team's performance. Obviously, winning the game is much more important than scoring 1,000 points and I wanted to make that clear to the team before the game."

Angelini would go on to thank those that helped her in one of the finest careers in school history.

"I cannot thank my coaches and teammates both past and present enough," she said. "I would not be close to where I am without them. They find me in places where it's easy for me to score. All of the credit goes to them. My four years here at Somers have been more than I could've asked for, and both (former) Coach (Krisit) Dini and now, obviously, Coach (Mark) Hattam are to thank for that, along with my teammates who have



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers F Isabella Rukaj is challenged by Brewster's Alexis Mark in Tuskers' win over Bears.

been nothing but supportive of me. It was beyond heartwarming to see everyone who came to the game to support me."

Coach Hattam admitted he has a soft spot in his heart for Angelini.

"Han basically allows us schedule big games and gives us a chance in them due to her competitive spirit and the fact that she'll guard anyone, anywhere and do it at a very high level," Hattam said. "Ossining, Ursuline, Lourdes... she's guarding major D1 talent and has had some very good offensive performances against those teams. In addition to that our league is a grind and she shows up every night. You need an elite competitor and defender to win big games."

"On top of that she

hasn't scored 1000 points by accident," he added. "She's multi-talented on the offensive end when her game is clicking. I wasn't around for the Gabby (Rosenzweig) years, but Somers has had some run of big time players that has made the program one of the best in the section. To be honest, I don't think she's playing her best basketball right now, but that's coming. Against Brewster she started getting that bounce in her step."

Maggie DePaoli led Brewster with 16 points as she inches closer to 1,000 for her undeniably terrific career.

After a big conference win

with 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists in a dominant effort that reminded everyone that the road to the Section 1 title runs through the O'. Senior Kailah Harris, who recently corralled her 1,000th career rebound, added 27 points and 16 boards for the state-ranked (No.8) Pride.

Griffin became the first girl from a public school in Section 1 history selected to play in the 18th annual McDonald's All-American Game last Thursday, joining Ursuline's Cori Chambers -- the first Catholic school player from Section 1 ever picked to play -- in one of the most prestigious high school basketball showcases in the world.

Griffin, who has legit NBA DNA, and her family will fly to the State Farm Arena in Atlanta on March 27, a little more than a week after the NYSPHSAA and Federation Tournaments conclude.

"I'm so happy for her, the kid's been through a lot and missed one-and-a-half seasons," Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said. "She works so hard to be in top condition."

That condition may land the UConn-bound senior with a pro contract one day.

"I agree that her ceiling is the highest of all my kids due to her size and athleticism, as well as her genes," Ricci said of Griffin,

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Somers teammates and coaches celebrate Hannah Angelini's 1,000th career point in Tuskers' win over Brewster last Thursday.



Brewster senior Meagan Beal is checked by Somers senior Isabella Rukaj in Bears' League II-C loss to Tuskers last Thursday.

over Brewster, Somers' next game will be against conference rival Lakeland Hornets Wednesday (6:15 pm) at Lakeland where Somers will try to advance its winning streak to four games.

OSSINING (9-5) silenced the doubters last week when the eight-time defending Section 1 Class AA champs hammered state-ranked (No.5) Ursuline, 77-64, in a battle between the two top-ranked teams in the section. Recently-minted McDonald's All-American Aubrey Griffin made her long-awaited return

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Surging Somers, Put Valley Rounding in to Playoff Form

By Ray Gallagher
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In a light week of action, several things were revealed, including the fact that **SOMERS** is pretty dang good... just ask **BREWSTER**, who couldn't score much in its 61-39 setback at the hands of the Tuskers last Thursday. Additionally, **MAHOPAC** was served a chill pill in a 20-point defeat to Class A heavyweight Horace Greeley last Saturday. **LAKELAND** got into #KruiseControl with the return of junior wing Jack Krusie, who went off for 27 in a win over **YORKTOWN**. So, yeah, hoops is in late-season form and dreams are building and blowing up all over the place despite the negative outlook for the County Center. Let's have a look, shall we #SendItIn...

NWE/Putnam SUPER 7 HOOPS Poll

No.1A PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.9) Tigers (13-2) won ugly in 44-35 triumph of visiting Lincoln 35 when senior F Darnel Shillingford led all scorers with 18 points. More importantly, senior F TJ Brescia looks like he's fully recovered from the high ankle sprain he suffered in late Dec. P.S. I'm still confused as to why Haldane refuses to play PV because of some off-court incident that happened in 2017, despite being in the same league #MoveOn! #Forgiveness

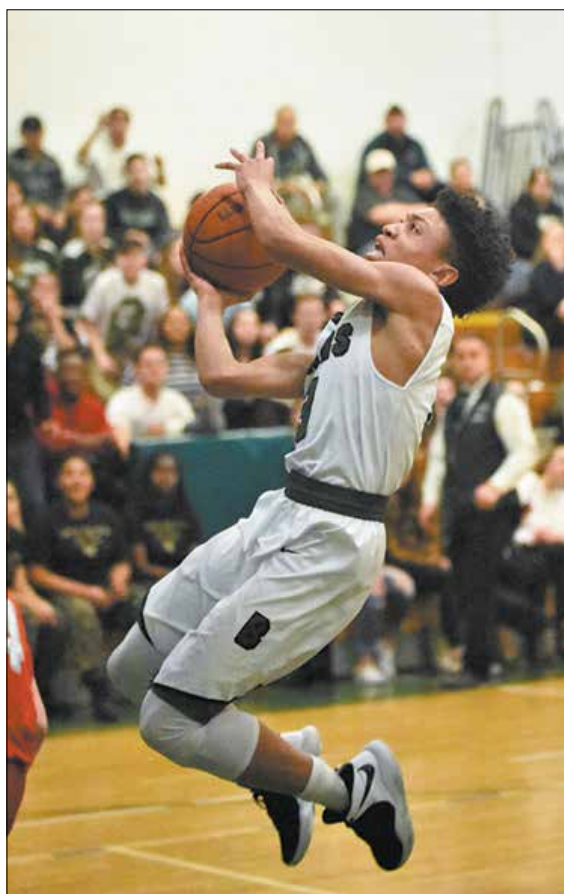


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Somers F Henry Gilroy puts up shot against Brewster's John Olszewski in Tuskers' win over Bears last Thursday.



Brewster senior Cameron Hart takes run at Somers senior Nick Maestri in Bears' loss to Tuskers last Thursday.



Brewster G Kobey Hart does his thing in the lane in Bears' loss to Somers last Thursday.

No.1B SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (12-2, 6-1) looked like one of the premier defensive clubs in the section when they upended host Brewster, 61-39, limiting Bears' hotshot Cameron Hart to 14 points in the loss. Big Max Germaine led Somers with 12 points and a balanced Tusker attack led by Declan Talleur, Charlie Weissman (9), Jalen Wilson (8) and Nick Maestri (8) has helped this pollster put the early-Jan. loss to Carmel outta sight outta mind, and the 77-36 pummeling of Class AA John Jay EF in the Coaches vs. Cancer event at North Salem was impressive. When Somers is on, they can beat just about anybody not named Mt. Vernon. Licking my chops for the rematch with Greeley on Feb. 7. Would love to see Coach DiCintio and Coach McDonnell set up a pre-tournament scrimmage between the Tuskers and Tigers #WinWin.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (9-6, 4-0) were challenged by Class A state-ranked Greeley and came up short for a team with Final 4 hopes. Today's rematch with Arlington, with the League I-A title on the line, and next week's tip-off with state-ranked Tappan Zee will tell us all we need to know about these Indians, who have had a solid campaign but need to beat a legit contender in the coming days before playoffs begin.

No.4 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (8-6, 3-4) saw sniper Jack Kruse return from broken wrist back in Lakeland's season-opening loss to Brewster. The junior guard shook off some rust in a loss to John Jay then went off in 81-71 win over Yorktown, matching a team-high with 27 points behind five first-half treys. With Augie Karaqi (27 points), Joe Vetrano (13 points) and Rob Nardelli (10) all doing major damage, you cannot sleep on these Hornets now that they are healthy and tested.

No.5 BREWSTER – Coach Nelligan's Bears (4-9, 2-4) shocked John Jay CR,

but ran into three buzz saws in Greeley, Somers and Clarkstown South, so they have certainly tested their mettle but the gritty Bears simply lack the offensive weaponry to hang with the upper crust in Class A, but wins over Arlington and John Jay CR are proof positive the Bears can be a pain in the @\$\$.

No.6 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (11-4, 3-2) saw hot shot Sean Macarchuk reel off 25 points in 62-56 win over Horace Mann while three other teammates -- Spencer Fuchek (14) and Sean Reynolds and Braden Burke (10 each) all hit double digits. More importantly, Croton hosted its 5th Annual "Hoops for Heroes" Event in Tiger Town, USA, celebrating those who have served and continue to serve in our military while raising funds for the Hope for Warriors Foundation #CrotonGetsIt. Tigers then defeated Westlake, 47-39, to make the day even more special when Braden Burke went off for 18 points and Theo Curran

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Grappling Notebook

Mahopac Takes 2nd at Its Prestigious Caruso Tourney

By Tony Pinciario

Londrim Hasanramaj could sense it once Middletown's Armel Duke secured a front headlock in overtime of the Peter Caruso Memorial Wrestling Tournament 220-pound final.

"I felt how tired he was so I went for a double, got it, pushed him forward and he fell on his back," Hasanramaj said.

Once the Mahopac junior had the top-seeded Duke on his back, he finalized the match with a point, 30 seconds into overtime.

Hasanramaj won his first Caruso title and earned Most Outstanding Wrestler honors. Teammate Angelo Centrone was the 99--pound champion as Mahopac finished tied for second with Smithtown East. Each team had 297 points, behind champion Middletown (333 points).

The tournament is named in honor of former Mahopac wrestling standout, Peter Caruso.

Mahopac had 10 top-six placefinishers. Hasanramaj and Centrone are Mahopac's first Caruso champions in the last three years. Teammates Andi Berisha (132) and Frank Casagrande (170) were runners-up and Mike Rivera (195) and Tyler Roa (145) finished third.

Putnam Valley senior Dustin Koskinen-Falls was the 195-pound champion, leading the Tigers to a fifth-place finish (199 points). Dean Appell was a finalist in the 152-pound weight class.

Carmel's Ben Rivera won the 170-pound title and the Rams placed ninth (127 points).

Following his overtime win, Hasanramaj wasn't aware that he pinned Duke.

"I thought it was a decision, then I



BELLA DINAPOLI PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Shane Appel wins his 138-pound match over Yorktown's DePietro in Mahopac Tourney Saturday when he placed second.

looked back at it and I said, 'Wait, I pinned him?' " Hasanramaj said. "My teammates were laughing, I actually couldn't believe it."

Hasanramaj has made up for lost time. Last year, Hasanramaj only wrestled the first month of the season before separating his shoulder. Two days after returning to action, he tore a shoulder muscle.

What has made Hasanramaj's season even more spectacular is his ability to wrestle up a weight class. Entering the

season, Hasanramaj, who weighs 190 pounds, was wrestling in the 195-pound weight class. Each time he steps on the mat, Hasanramaj is yielding at least 25-30 pounds to an opponent. Hasanramaj also recently returned from a torn medial collateral ligament, which sidelined him for two weeks.

Despite this, Hasanramaj has been a consistent, winning force for NYS Hall of Fame Coach Dennis DiSanto.

"Since moving to 220, Lonnie has been on fire," DiSanto said. "He is wrestling with intensity and confidence. He believes in himself and his ability as a wrestler."

Along with winning the Caruso title, Hasanramaj now owns family bragging rights over older brother and former Mahopac wrestler, Liridan Hasanramaj, who was twice a Caruso runner-up.

"After the match, my brother told me that I made him very proud," Hasanramaj said.

Earlier in the week, Mahopac defeated John Jay-East Fishkill, 50-34, to win a league title and finished the dual-meet season with a program-best 31-5 record. Mahopac was also the Section 1 Division I (large school) Dual-Meet Championship runner-up.

"It's just a great feeling especially because this is Coach DiSanto's last year," Hasanramaj said.

Mahopac, along with all the Division I schools will wrestle in the Section 1 Division I Wrestling Championship Qualifying Tournaments, Saturday. The top four finishers at each of the four sites qualify for the Section 1 Division I

Wrestling Championships, Saturday (at Arlington)-Sunday (at Clarkstown South), Feb. 9-10.

Carmel and Ossining will be at Rye, Brewster and Yorktown go to John Jay-East Fishkill, Lakeland/Panas and Somers are at Arlington and Hen Hud and Mahopac will be at Horace Greeley.

Koskinen-Falls won his second tournament of the month and third of the season (Huntington and Hen Hud) in his first Caruso appearance.

The Putnam Valley senior registered an 18-8 major decision over Somers' Thomas Gall. The two met in the Hen Hud 195-pound final, earlier this month, with Koskinen-Falls posting a 7-4 decision.

Seeded fourth, Koskinen-Falls rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat top-seeded Mike Rivera of Mahopac,

5-4, in a semifinal. In his first match, Koskinen-Falls trailed before pinning Christian Ramirez of John Glenn 15 seconds into the third period.

"I just did what I always do, stayed calm and knew I could do it," Koskinen-Falls. "Going into the final, actually, I wasn't extremely confident even though I knew he is a good wrestler. But I was ready for everything he had this time around."

Koskinen-Falls has returned strong this season after breaking a collarbone right after the Shoreline Tournament last year, thus ending his season.

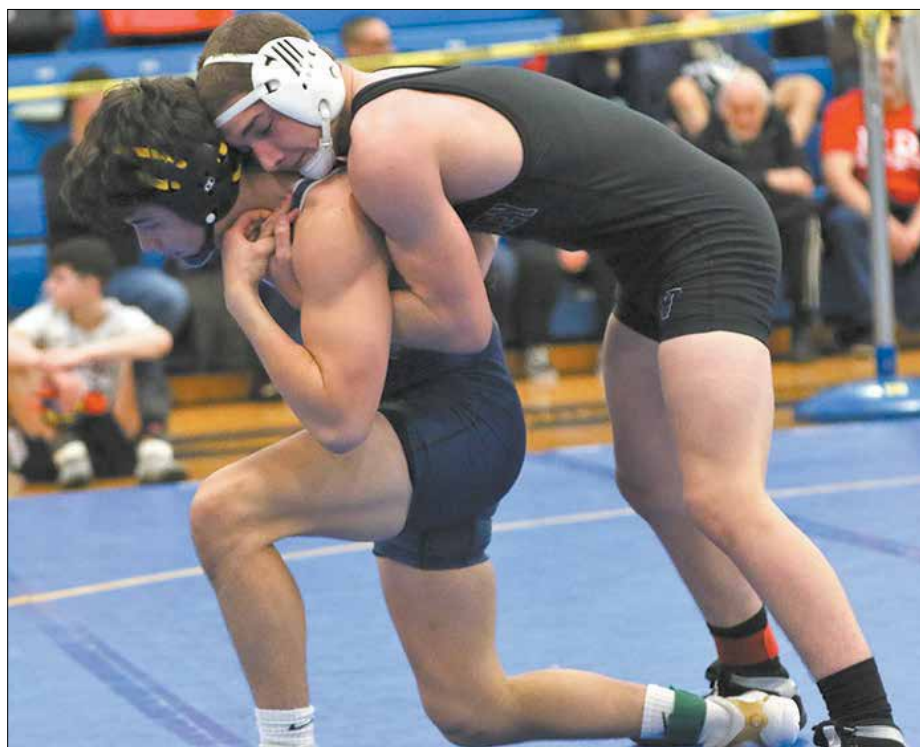
"Winning means everything to me because I'm making up for all the lost time I missed last year, because I broke my collarbone," Koskinen-Falls said.

Koskinen-Falls and his teammates will begin preparation for the Section 1 Division II (small schools) Wrestling Championships, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, at Edgemont High School.

Gall registered two pins, one in the first period and one in the third, in his first two matches, earning a berth in the 195-pound final.

"Thomas rose to the occasion," Somers' Coach Ronnie DiSanto, Jr. said. "Thomas is a gritty wrestler and he's mastering his individual technique. Everything is coming together at the right time to make a run in the postseason."

Somers' Peter Kim (152) placed sixth and the Tuskers were 14th in the tournament. Yorktown finished one placed ahead of Somers and had Christian Sinagra (182) place fourth.

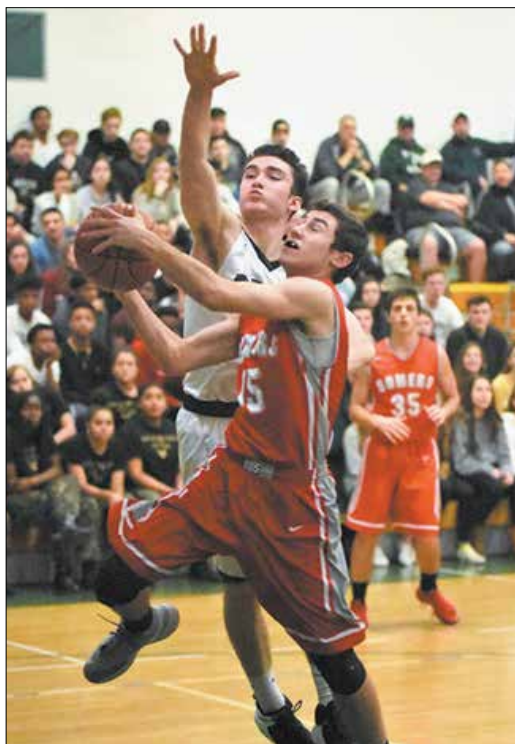


Putnam Valley's Will Carano and Mahopac's third-place finisher Tyler Roa tangle in the Mahopac tourney Saturday.

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Brewster's Paul Catalano blocks shot of Somers' Andrew Lasher in Bears' loss to Tuskers last Thursday.

added 12 for Croton. Pleasantville, Briarcliff and Valhalla lay in wait between now and Feb.11th; go 2-1 against those foes and we'll all be impressed.

No.7 PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils (4-9, 2-3) lost to Class AA White Plains by two points and then held on for 62-56 win over Hen Hud behind 20 points from senior star Shion Darby while wing Antonio Taylor added 14 for Peekskill, which led by 18 before Sailor Dennis Emanuel came off the bench for 24 points. Nick Hiltzley added to a big week (he had 29 points and 8 boards in 67-61 loss to Lourdes) with 13 points and Tommy Fuchek had eight points and seven assists. So based on the close loss to White Plains, ya gotta give the Devils their due and drop 'em into the top 7.

HM HALDANE – Coach V's Class C Blue Devils (11-4, 2-0) put

up 96 points over a porous Children's Village squad and ran their win streak to four games last week. Big tests coming up against Saunders and Blind Brook to get ready for playoffs.

HM YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Huskers (4-9, 1-6) have struggled more than expected against League II-C foes,

but let's see if they can change their fortunes with a pair coming up against Brewster.

HM CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (5-8, 0-4) haven't been healthy all year and that win over Somers seems so long ago when followed up by losses to John Jay EF and Arlington.

Somers' Angelini, Ossining's Griffin, Harris Earn Acclaim

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whose dad Adrian was a former NBA player and current NBA coach.

PUTNAM VALLEY is trying like heck for the No.1 seed in Class B if it can win out and its 55-19 win over **HALDANE** was another step in the right direction. Junior wing Kelli Venezia led all scorers with 19 points while eighth-grader Eva DeChent added 16 points and looked really comfortable for the state-ranked (No.15) Tigers, who had eight players score.

Class B Putnam Valley took things a step further on Sunday, crushing Class A **YORKTOWN**, 50-22, to earn the 22nd annual George Budries Memorial Tournament title in convincing fashion. The Huskers are a legit 9-4 but were no match for Coach Kristi Dini's Tigers (13-1) who saw tourney MVP Arianna Stockinger lead all scorers with 28 points. Freshman Amanda Orlando and DeChent chipped in with eight points apiece for PV, and Venezia was named to the All-Tournament team along with Yorktown's Kat Severino. Quite frankly, what the Tigers are doing, despite the loss of All-Section senior Dora Rippon, who opted not to play this season for academic reasons, is simply amazing, given their youth and lack of a post presence, which could eventually catch up to them in the playoffs when the road runs through places like Irvington and Briarcliff.

Yorktown defeated **LAKELAND**, 64-43, in a league game earlier in the week with Amber Bodden scoring 18 points, including 6 for 6 from distance. Severino also had 18 points, 13 rebounds and



Put Valley MVP Arianna Stockinger goes up for two of her career-high 28 points against Husker Izzy Cicinelli in Tigers 50-22 win over Yorktown.

three assists while Ashley Zeolla added 13 points and 18 rebounds. Melissa Severino had nine points and five assists. The Hornets (8-6) were expecting a better showing. Lakeland beat Horace Greeley, 65-53, earlier in the week behind 21 points, six rebounds and five steals from Alexa Cole. Hannah Deane chipped in 15 points, seven assists and four steals while Amanda Cole added 13 points.

WALTER PANAS (11-2) be the No.3

O'Shea Moves to Second on Mahopac All-Time Scoring List



Mahopac senior F Brian O'Shea (9), the captain, passed Tyler Perrelle to become 2nd leading scorer in school history after netting two goals and setting up two more on senior night last Friday. Mahopac lost for just 2nd time this season to RyeTown-Harrison, 10-7. O'Shea is second only to teammate TJ McKee (71). Fellow seniors Nick Bricker, Niko DeCola, John Dundon, Logan MacDougall and Mike Sottile have done plenty during a terrific season.



Putnam Valley G Amanda Orlando goes up for two of her eight points in Tigers' 50-22 win over Yorktown.



Yorktown's Amber Bodden had monster game vs. Lakeland and drives lane on Put Valley's Arianna Stockinger in Huskers' 50-22 loss to Tigers Sunday.

seed if the Class A playoffs began today, ahead of Somers (No.4), Yorktown (No.6), and Lakeland (No.10). The Panthers discovered a healthy John Jay CR team is among the top teams in the league when

the Indians--now 6-0 in League II-C -- posted a 69-63 win to take a two-game lead in the conference.



Dirty Harry!



Brewster Battles,
Come Up Short in Loss to Somers

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Brewster senior Harry Dignan did all he could in the Bears' 61-39 loss to visiting Somers last Thursday, including this superb block of Somers G Bennett Leitner, but despite the Bears' valiant efforts it wasn't enough to avoid a Somers sweep of Brewster in League II-C action... see Boys' Hoops Notebook