



Mahopac Grad Helps Lead Chiefs to Super Bowl Win

By Holly Crocco

As the final seconds of the clock counted down during the big game, many Mahopac residents were cheering on 1980 Mahopac High School alumni Dave Toub as he helped lead the Kansas City Chiefs to victory over the San Francisco 49ers during Sunday's Super Bowl LIV.

Toub is assistant head coach/special teams coordinator of the Chiefs, alongside head coach Andy Reid.

Toub, 57, was born in Ossining and graduated in 1980 from MHS, where he played offensive and defensive line.

Toub went on to play football at Springfield College in 1980-81, and at the University of

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TWITTER PHOTO

Kansas City Chiefs assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Dave Toub is a Mahopac alumni.

Carmel Golf Course Seeks Town-Wide Zoning Amendment

By Holly Crocco

The owners of the Centennial Golf Club in Carmel are asking the town to amend its zoning code to allow for 1-acre zoning so that it may develop multiple residential housing units on its campus.

Carmel attorney William Shilling Jr. filed a petition for the amendment Dec. 27, and the Carmel Town Board referred it to

the Planning Board, as is required by law, during its Jan. 22 meeting.

Town Counsel Greg Folchetti explained that the golf course owners asked for a zoning change last spring, which "had gone through some discussions at the (planning) board level," but withdrew that request at the end of the year and instead filed a new petition seeking a text amendment.

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Drag Queen Story Hour Draws Protestors to Put Valley Library



PROVIDED PHOTO

Angel Elektra speaks to News12 Westchester outside the Putnam Valley Library on Feb. 1.

By Holly Crocco

It was quite a scene at the Putnam Valley Library on Feb. 1, with dozens of protestors outside rallying against a Drag Queen Story Hour that was taking place inside, where Angel Elektra was reading to about 40 children.

"We started off singing 'The Heels of the Drag Queen,' which is a remix of the song 'The Wheels on the Bus,' and then after that we went on and read my first book, 'Pete the Cat - I Love my White Shoes,'" Elektra told News12 Westchester after the event.

Elektra - dressed in full drag with wig, makeup and dress for the event - said the purpose of Drag Queen Story Hour is to spread a message of acceptance and tolerance.

"We're just here to spread love," she said. "We're not here to change nobody's lifestyle... I'm just here to be that role model that I didn't have when I was growing up."

However, protestors did not see the program as an innocent one.

Some held signs that read "Dear God let not the little children be perverted by Drag Queen Story Hours" and "No infanticide, no destruction of the families, no sexualization of children."

Others had homemade posters that read "Respect and protect innocent children," and "Honk for No to drag queen story hour."

Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio was at the event in support of the library.

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"So as opposed to proposing to rezone an entire area, it's a conceptual amendment where the idea is that the residential redevelopment of golf courses will be permitted under your code, which it currently is not," said Folchetti.

According to the petition, Peter and David Leibowitz purchased the golf course property in 1996 and created a 27-hole golf course.

"It was created at a time when golf outings and banquets were in great demand," reads the document. "The 27 holes made the acceptance of these functions possible while still keeping the golf course open to the general public."

However, according to the petition, "economics of the declining golf course" requires the redevelopment of the property "and is the only means to keep the remaining portion of the golf course (18 holes) open to the public at large, and forever green in the Town of Carmel."

The petition states that the owners seek to develop 96 residential units in buildings not to exceed 40 feet or two and a half stories in height "in the general proximity of Fair Street," leaving the area adjoining Kelly Ridge undisturbed.

Nick Fannin, who lives near the golf course, said he's glad to hear the petition will be going through a series of reviews. "Because it's not a simple project any more,

it's asking to change our town code," he said.

Fannin said he respects the efforts of the golf club owners to complete the project with minimal impact on nearby residences, but also asked the board to move forward with caution.

"The desire of the petitioner to work with the town to meet its commercial needs, the needs of the town, the needs of the community is commendable," he said. "However, this is a delicate topic and smart development is more than just a vision of what the petitioner has provided. We also need smart legislation in place here."

Fannin also pointed out that the border of Brewster is nearby, so that community will also be affected, and that the Town of Carmel should "be a good neighbor."

"This will impact the community greatly – not just the abutting houses, but the several dedicated communities that are right around there," he said.

Resident Neal Sullivan, who is a Putnam County legislator, said he is not supportive of a town-wide zoning change, and suggested that cluster housing will put a burden on existing infrastructure.

"I'm not in favor of changing from 3-acre zoning to 1-acre zoning, which this seems to propose," he said. "We went to 3-acre for a reason."

The petition will now be reviewed by the Carmel Planning Board.

Police Blotter

Southeast Woman Stalked

Jan. 18: A New Hampshire man was arrested last month by Putnam County sheriff's deputies after allegedly stalking a Southeast resident that he met through an online gaming app.

According to Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., at about 5:30 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of an unwanted person on the property. The caller claimed that a man she knew from an online game called "Ark Survival" showed up at her house unannounced and uninvited. She explained that about two years ago she stopped speaking to and playing online with the male due to his "jealous" behavior toward her.

According to the victim, she continued to receive gaming invites from the suspect, which she ignored.

On or about Jan. 16, she discovered that man had hacked into her online gaming account. Two days later he showed up at her door.

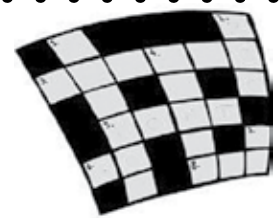
The victim provided the deputy with a description of the man and his vehicle, which he relayed to other deputies in the area. He was located at a nearby motel and taken into custody.

The man, identified as Rattana Phimmavongsa, was transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility and charged with fourth-degree stalking, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned in Patterson Town Court and released on his own recognizance, as mandated by newly implemented bail reform laws.

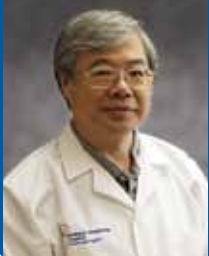
DWI Arrest

Jan. 12: Bruce Staszewski, 62, of Danbury, was arrested by Putnam County sheriff's deputies after a deputy allegedly saw him drive his pickup truck over a double-yellow line and disregard a stop sign while driving on Sodom Lane in Southeast at about 12:50 a.m. According to the police report, an open bottle of vodka and a jar of suspected marijuana was also found inside the vehicle.

Staszewski was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated for having a blood-alcohol content greater than 0.18 percent, DWI, unlawful possession of marijuana and related charges. He was processed and booked at the Putnam County Correctional Facility and issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.



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Q: What is cardiac rehab?

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Q: What are the benefits?

A: Perhaps surprisingly, a key benefit of cardiac rehabilitation is restored confidence. That emotion has as much impact as do medical issues on a person's ability to resume an active, rewarding life. Some patients are initially afraid to do anything. A pain in the chest area makes them terrified that another cardiac event is happening. They're afraid to work, to drive, to leave the area where their doctors practice. These fears typically

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Q: How do I choose a cardiac rehabilitation program?

A: Look for accreditation, convenient scheduling, insurance coverage, and the expertise and experience of staff. Whether you've had a heart attack, coronary bypass or other cardiac event, you are basically getting a second chance after your cardiac event. It's wise to take advantage of all the benefits of cardiac rehabilitation.

Former Westchester Cop From Putnam Indicted on Assault Charges

By Holly Crocco

A Putnam County man who was a probationary police officer with the Mount Vernon Police Department was recently arraigned on charges of alleged assault of a person in custody.

According to Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino Jr., James Ready, 27, of Putnam Valley, was arraigned following an indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury, which was unsealed by Westchester County Court Judge Susan Cacace.

Prosecutors allege that on Nov. 23, Ready was in charge of a suspect who had been taken to the Montefiore-Mount Vernon Hospital emergency department to seek medical attention. Around 1:30 a.m., Ready was attempting to return the suspect to MYPD headquarters. At the time, the man was handcuffed and shackled at the ankles.

Ready allegedly picked him up, flipped him over, and threw him to the floor head first,

causing serious injury. The incident was reportedly captured on hospital surveillance video.

Ready is also accused of recording a false narrative of the incident.

He was arraigned on two counts of second-degree assault and two counts of first-degree falsifying business records, felonies, and surrendered himself to the court Jan. 28 for arraignment. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash/bond.

"Today we unsealed an indictment against a police officer for an on-duty felony assault of a prisoner and for lying about the incident," said Scarpino. "Not only did James Ready seriously injure his victim, he breached the public trust. We will hold this defendant accountable as we would anyone else facing such serious criminal charges."

Ready is no longer with the department, and Scarpino noted that his charges should not reflect on any other Mount Vernon police officers who continue to serve their community.

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Texas-El Paso in 1983-84. At the University of Texas, he earned All-WAC selections twice.

Toub was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the ninth round of the 1985 NFL draft but was released before the start of the regular season. Later, he attended the Los Angeles Rams' training camp in two consecutive years, but was again released before the start of the regular season.

In 1986, he began coaching at the University of Texas, and three years later began coaching at the University of Missouri,

where he met Reid.

Reid began coaching the Philadelphia Eagles in 1999, and brought Toub on board as special teams coach/quality control coach in 2001. After spending two years with the Eagles, Toub served as special teams coach for the Chicago Bears from 2004 to 2012, then reunited with Reid in 2013 to join the Chiefs.

In 2007 while coaching the Bears, Toub was voted special teams coach of the year by his peers. His special teams unit was ranked at the top of the league for the 2006-07 season.

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Longtime Mahopac Public Library Staffer Retires

As head of youth services for Mahopac Public Library, Joan Rose has watched children in the community grow from adorable infants to active toddlers, to inspiring young adults. She has infused them with a love of reading, a desire to learn, and confidence in their creativity and imagination.

On Friday, Feb. 7, Joan will officially retire from Mahopac Public Library, and the public is invited to stop in to wish her well Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rose was a stay-at-home mother for many years. Before her children were born, she worked as a speech therapist in several New York City public schools. Prior to that, she worked for Cosmopolitan magazine as an executive assistant to the editor-in-chief.

Rose has always loved children's literature. "It has a magical quality and it's always a treat to see children's delight in hearing the stories and seeing the incredible illustrations," she said.

A Mahopac Public Library staff member for more than 21 years, Rose began by working part-time in the original library building. She grew the children's programs from just a few per week into nine weekly programs. Rose initiated the annual gingerbread house making event at Christmastime, as well as the Summer Reading Club, along with the ever-popular ice cream parties in summer.

She also pioneered the Animal Reading



Joan Rose

Friends program and expanded it further in the current building.

The new building enabled her to provide even more youth programs, and additional staff was hired to make that possible.

"What I will miss the most will be working with my creative, inspiring colleagues dedicated to providing the finest service, and of course getting to know the nicest, loveliest families in Mahopac," she said. "It has always been an honor and privilege to serve this community and I treasure the time I've spent here."

Haldane Student Art on Display in Cold Spring, Philipstown

Works of art by Haldane students from second through fourth grade will be displayed in the storefronts and interiors of Main Street businesses from Feb. 7 to 9. In addition, a special art project on civil rights by the fifth-grade class will be exhibited at the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, with a reception at the Hub on "First Friday" from 5 to 7 p.m.

"It will be something like a 'find Haldane student art' scavenger hunt on Main Street, with sculptures, drawings and mixed-media artwork popping up in the windows and interiors of stores and restaurants," said Eliza Starbuck, president of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. "Local businesses support the well-being of the community by collaborating in this project."

The students have been working under the direction of two teachers at Haldane Elementary School: Angela Branco, who teaches art, and Simon Dudar, who teaches science and social studies in the fifth grade.

Branco's curriculum involves "choice-based work," focused on getting the students to be excited and self-motivated in projects they create for themselves, while

Dudar's students have spent the past month studying the events that led to the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"I guide the elementary students through processes and mental habits that allow them to decide for themselves what and how they want to create," said Branco. "The kids are engaged in the art room because they're choosing their own adventure."

This year, Branco and Dudar collaborated on the fifth-graders' study of the struggle for civil rights in the United States.

"Ms. Branco and I wanted to create a project that allowed the students to feel connected to the idea of human rights, and truly feel that their voices can make a difference, while trying to span as many subject areas as possible," said Dunbar.

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Haldane Arts Alliance are working together to put more student work before the public eye, as the Chamber of Commerce says that exhibiting and collaborating in student art projects is one of the ways that local businesses can contribute to the community.



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Business of the Week

Cages on 6 Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

With ice and snow on the ground, winter would not seem to be an appropriate time for young baseball and softball players to work on their swing. But with the opening of Cages on 6 in the Cortlandt Town Center on Route 6 in late December, the youth of northern Westchester and Putnam counties can have access to batting cages year-round.

Cortlandt resident Edwin Feliciano is owner of the new family business, which offers a 70-foot batting cage and a 60-foot batting cage that can each accommodate Little League, high school and recreational players.

"We're here to serve the community," said Feliciano. "I see a big need in the community for kids to have a place to go and hone their craft."

He said a partnership with the landlord and the community is what brought the facility to fruition.

"Our landlord, to his credit, had really stepped up to the plate," said Feliciano. "He gave us an opportunity to secure a space in a convenient location for families to bring their kids... From a space perspective it is really, really convenient. It's centrally located. And more importantly, it's a family-friendly atmosphere."

The owner called Cages on 6 "a business



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Cortlandt resident Edwin Feliciano is owner of Cages on 6, which opened in the Cortlandt Town Center in late December.

in the community for the community."

"If someone wants to hit and needs a place to hone their craft and can't (pay), we welcome them with open arms at no charge," he said.

Many of the youth who use the Cages on 6 facilities live in Cortlandt and Mahopac, said Feliciano.

Although he said he is willing to rent his

facility to teams, "this is more about families and individuals working on their own craft," said Feliciano. "You will hear almost any coach say we can teach you a little bit while you're at team practice, but what really makes a difference is what you do when you're on your own. This is a location to take advantage of that."

Feliciano said there are gyms in the area

where you can lift weights and hire a coach to work with you. "(But) what you don't find a lot of is spaces where you can come and work on your own craft by yourself or with you friends and have a good time while honing a skill that you love," he said.

Batters can hit off a tee or use pitching machines at Cages on 6.

"We prefer to have kids hit off a tee and just work on mechanics," said Feliciano. "Working on those in a controlled environment gives you the best outcome."

Cages on 6 is intended for boys and girls from age 7 to college-enrolled.

"My goal is to have the community take advantage of the space," said Feliciano. "The idea here is really about creating an environment that's safe and controlled for people to come and work on the sports of baseball and softball."

"But my biggest goal for the business is to do a drive for Pitch in for Baseball, which is about collecting gently-used equipment that we will then donate," he said. "They take this gently-used equipment and donate it to underprivileged communities throughout North America and Latin America."

Cages on 6 is located at 3081 E. Main St. (Route 6) in the Cortlandt Town Center shopping center in Mohegan Lake. For more information, call 914-847-6905 or e-mail cageson6@gmail.com.

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When the Right Color Can Mean More Money When Selling

Benjamin Moore has just announced its color of the year: First Light, a delicate pink.

I don't think my wife and I have ever painted any of our rooms a delicate pink, although I had always thought about it since that time we discovered a beautiful pale pink room in Historic Deerfield that we were told, as I recall, was fashioned with paint created with brick dust. Better brick dust than the red paint we discovered on the back of a closet door in our 18th century home that we were told was created with ox blood mixed with milk.

Just last week, my wife looked up from the lifestyles section of the newspaper and said, "Did you know that green is the most soothing color to paint a room? It's been a long time since we've had a green room."

As it happens, we live in a beautiful two-bedroom (and den) condo where every wall is painted off-white. I was fine with that, convinced that uniformity of color in all rooms tends to extend the feeling of space. Then suddenly I was thrown into doubt when my longtime painter, Joe Pascarelli, visited us and declared, "This place needs some color!"

I disagreed at first. Just as all the apartments I ever rented in New York City



By Bill Primavera

that were invariably painted an off-white, my current living environment was offered only in that color, and I had intended to keep it that way. This one-color approach works for us in that, besides expanding the space, it serves as a suitable backdrop for all the paintings and prints assembled from a lifetime of collecting.

But earlier in the month, a study about color from Zillow blew me away. It demonstrated how a fresh coat of paint in the right color – inside or out – may help sell a home for more money.

I'm not planning to sell soon, but I took immediate notice for information that I could relay to seller clients. According to

the analysis, homes with walls painted in shades of blue or light gray may sell for as much as a \$5,400 premium.

While as a realtor, I've always been instructed to advise seller clients to neutralize colors as much as possible. Now I'm not so sure. For instance, homes with bathrooms painted in hues of powder blue or light periwinkle sold for \$5,440 more than expected, the highest sales premium of all colors analyzed.

Zillow's analysis looked at more than 32,000 photos from sold homes around the country to see how certain paint colors

impacted their sale price on average, when compared to similar homes with white walls. Walls painted in other cool, natural tones like pale gray or oatmeal also appeared in top-performing listings.

A home's exterior color may also have an impact on its sale price. Homes painted in "greige," a mix of light gray and beige, sold for \$3,496 more than similar homes painted in a medium brown or with tan stucco. For a pop of color, homes with front doors painted in shades of dark navy blue to slate gray sold for \$1,514 more.

Some colors may actually deter buyers. Homes with darker, more style-specific walls like terracotta dining rooms sold for \$2,031 less than expected. However, a lack of color may have the biggest negative impact as homes with white bathrooms sold for an average of \$4,035 below similar homes.

In the Zillow article, the service's chief economist, said, "Color can be a powerful tool for attracting buyers to a home, especially in listing photos and videos. Painting walls in fresh, natural-looking colors, particularly in shades of blue and pale gray, not only make a home feel larger, but also are neutral enough to help future buyers envision themselves living in the space. Incorporating light blue in kitchens and bathrooms may pay off especially well as the color complements white countertops and cabinets, a growing trend in both rooms."

For some years, I have been aware that blue is America's favorite color. When I placed my home on the market, I painted all the walls off-white, but all the woodwork and cabinetry a soft tone of grey-blue. It made a statement, yet was not so specific to shortstop the attraction of a buyer.

I feel particularly proud of the advice I gave in the sale of an historic home where each room was painted a distinct and intensive color. After lingering on the market for almost six months, I convinced the sellers to withdraw the listing for three weeks while the interior was repainted in pale appealing colors. When relisted, the home received two solid offers in less than a month.

Selecting the right paint color is one of many factors that may affect why a home sells faster or for more money. Walls painted in cool neutrals have broad appeal and also project the message that the home is well cared for and has other desirable features.

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Obituaries

Maria Basili

Maria Basili of Cold Spring passed away Jan. 29 at North Westchester Restorative Therapy in Mohegan Lake. She was 99.

Maria was born Dec. 22, 1920 in Santa Lucia, Sicily, to the late Salvatore and Biagia Sciotto Trifiletti.

She is survived by children Louise Mahoney, Raymond Basili, Carolyn Berman and Laura Basili; and grandchildren Andrea and Rachel Mahoney. She was predeceased by her husband Herbert in 2005, brother Dominic Trifiletti and sister Giovanna Johnson.

Visitation was Jan. 31 at Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 1 at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Cold Spring. Interment was alongside her husband in Rose Hill Cemetery in Putnam Valley.

Howard Ira Broad

Howard Ira Broad, 67, a resident of Garrison for 33 years, was born in Coral Gables, Fla., on Jan. 8, 1953, and passed away with Alzheimer's disease on Jan. 26 in Somers.

Howard was raised in the Bronx and went to Howard Taft High School. He became an engineer with the Telephone Company for 20 years. After learning the craft of clockmaking at the Bulova School, he operated his store, Country Clocks on Main

Street in Cold Spring, for 30 years prior to retirement.

Howard is survived by his spouse of 41 years, Winfried H. Dohle; his extended families the Dohles, Rautenbachs, Lohmanns and Rasches; and pets Archie, Milly and Bing.

Visitation was Jan. 30 at Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring. A funeral service was held Jan. 31 at the funeral home, with interment in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Michael A. Silvestri

Michael A. Silvestri, 70, died Jan. 29. He was a resident of North Salem for 30 years and a resident of Somers for the past year.

Michael was born Sept. 13, 1949 in Brooklyn to George and Elizabeth (Cappuzzo) Silvestri. He married Mina Thompson on Dec. 2, 1989 in North Salem.

Michael was a graduate of Carmel High School and worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and as a manager of Pehquenakonck Country Club in North Salem.

Michael is survived by his wife Mina Silvestri; daughters Michele Silvestri of France and Elizabeth Cozzocrea of Pawling; stepchildren Jessica Farrelly of Connecticut, Sara Droukas of New York and John Droukas of Massachusetts; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation was Feb. 1 at Cargain Funeral Home in Carmel, followed by a service to celebrate Michael's life.

Drag Queen Story Hour Draws Protestors to Put Valley Library

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"I was very proud of our library for not shutting the program down under all this negative publicity they received," he said. "Likewise, I was proud of those who were not in favor of the program for peacefully making their feelings known."

Oliverio said the protections of the First Amendment are of utmost importance, and this event showcased both the library's right to free speech and freedom of religion, and the protestors' rights, as well.

"I live by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution," he said. "Both the pro-event people and con-event people were doing their protests, which is their right under the Constitution."

Oliverio joined the county sheriff in prohibiting anyone who didn't register for the program in advance from entering the library. "I barred them, literally, with the

sheriff," he said. "I was very happy nobody went after anybody."

The supervisor said the program was "a huge success. Both the parents and children enjoyed it," he said. "My own personal opinion of the program doesn't matter. It was a program that the library put on, it was requested by many people, and it was sold out."

Oliverio also pointed out that a similar program was hosted by the library in June, when a "Rainbow Story Hour" took place – and drew no protestors.

"The drag queen title, that's like waving a red flag in front of a bull," he said. "That's what caught the attention of many residents."

"Diversity is important," he added. "Again, I was proud of the library for not canceling the program. That would have been a big defeat of the First Amendment."

Lois Catherine Zutell

Lois Catherine Zutell of Brewster died Jan. 25 at 84 years old.

She was born July 23, 1935 in Bronx, the daughter of the late Louis Vincent and Catherine (Hamill) Zuanelli, and graduated from St. Barnabas High School in the Bronx.

On Sept. 8, 1956 she married Harry William Zutell at St. Philip and James Church in the Bronx. Harry predeceased his wife of 62 years May 7, 2019.

Mrs. Zutell was the first and, to date, only female supervisor of the Town of Southeast, serving from 1996 to 2003. Previously, she served on the Town Council for 10 years and on the Planning Board, Southeast Recreation Commission and Putnam County Land Trust. She was the recipient of numerous community service awards from the Putnam County Sheriff's Honor Corps, Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Village of Brewster (Medal of Honor), Putnam County Supervisors Association, Kiwanis, Brewster Elks Lodge and the VFW (Americanism Award), among others.

An active member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Lois was a lector for 30 years, served on the Parish Council and School Board, and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She co-founded the St. Lawrence O'Toole School kindergarten, nursery school and Mother's Guild. She was a charter member of the Southeast Museum and a Friend of the Southeast Library, and was honored at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish's 21st annual golf outing for her service to the parish and community.

Lois is survived by daughters Kathryn Anne Prokop (Michael) of Florham Park, N.J., Carolyn Audrey Lowe (Frank) of Brewster, and Laura Jean Handville (David) of North Eastham, Mass. She is also survived by grandsons Andrew (Quinn), Alexander and Eric Prokop; Zachary, Jacob, Joshua and Samuel Lowe; and Liam, Aidan, Kieran and Daniel Handville; as well as great-granddaughter Ava Prokop.

She was predeceased by brother Carl Zuanelli of Wilton, Conn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Friends and family may call at Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Ave., Brewster, on Friday, Feb. 7 from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Pairing Oscar Best Picture Nominations With a Wine Selection



By Nick Antonaccio

The 92nd Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my 12th year of presenting the Best Picture nominees and creating hypothetical pairings of wine with the top contenders.

Due to the space constraints of this column, I've distilled my list to five of the nine nominees.

The Irishman: Another mob thriller from Martin Scorsese. Except this time, it's not so much a thriller as it is a cinematic tribute to actors from his older, more vibrant movies. A small-time hitman ascends the ranks of the 1950s mob, making friends and enemies along the way. We find him at the end of his life, remorseful over the lack of love and support of his family.

So too with the Zinfandel grape. It has evolved from a puzzling grape of uncertain origin to ascendancy in the American market and then into relative obscurity. It can be elusive in the hands of one winemaker and compliant in another's. Its

best expressions are each unique and complex, yet mysterious and puzzling.

1917: Toward the end of World War I, the German army has mustered a final push in a desperate attempt to defeat the Allies. Two British soldiers are ordered to deliver a message deep in enemy territory that will rescue 1,600 men, including the brother of one of the soldiers.

The film's plot and technique are captivating and draw you directly into the action on the battlefield. But the groundbreaking slant on modern cinematography, as enthralling as it may be, is not enough to create a deep essence and gravitas to the movie.

The Aglianico wines of southern Italy are a prime example of this multifaceted theme. Grounded in the indigenous character of centuries of national culture and politics, they have evolved to a higher ground. Through dogged commitment and rugged perseverance, this humble wine is taking on an aura of its own.

Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood: Quentin Tarantino at his (almost) best. Using numerous references to the

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

glory days of Hollywood in the 1960s, he uses every cinematic device to tell several storylines simultaneously, packing punch in every minute of the film. A roster of the darlings of today's Hollywood stars keeps our attention throughout. Sound somewhat contradictory and self-effacing? Yes. Does he succeed in reeling us in and then throw a surprise twist at the end? Yes again.

So too California red wine blends. Americans rave about them but their essence is often devoid of intrinsic character. Fans of their underlying components, typically Zinfandel, Syrah or Cabernet Sauvignon, can't seem to find a common ground that creates a cogent backdrop to a consistent presentation. Yet they remain wildly popular.

Little Women: How can we not appreciate another version of Louisa May Alcott's book? The movie flows effortlessly through the lives of Jo March and her four sisters. I particularly enjoyed the dance imagery in several of the key scenes. I compare this to a French Burgundy, in which the fluidity of the individual components adds a unique element to the underlying wine or character. Each sip engages the viewer/consumer in the history of the actors/winemakers as they grow and evolve in complexity and sophistication.

Joker: Wow, is this a psychological thriller or a psychiatric thriller? While the movie setting is a comic book Gotham City, the action is singularly focused on an anti-comic book character. Arthur Fleck is a conflicted and disturbed comedian who takes on and hides behind the persona of a for-hire clown. As he devolves into a world of self-doubt and demonic actualization, we are drawn in by the superb acting of Joaquin Phoenix in the title role. Beware of the conflicting meaning of the phrase "put on a happy face."

Which wine can we experience multiple times, and on each occasion find we are conflicted by its change in character? The answer: German Rieslings. Although having similar DNA, each is unique unto itself. Each is influenced by its surroundings and can be simple or sophisticated, revealing nuances we haven't previously experienced.

Which movie will win the coveted Oscar? Sit back on Sunday night with your favorite wine in hand and enjoy the festivities.

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1. Recurring themes
7. Vacation location
10. Bogged down
11. Soft protection
12. Under debate
14. Japanese statesman
15. C.P.R. expert
16. Capitol V.I.P. (abbr.)
17. Baptismal sponsor
20. Sometimes patented
22. Cereal with a captain
23. Study furnishings
27. "___ be my pleasure"
28. Undivided
29. Grasp the concept
30. Mt. Kisco restaurant with a "Churchillian" name,___
35. 1997 U.S. Open winner
36. Whopper toppers
37. Like a fox
38. Taper

Down

1. "Mamma ___", by Abba
2. Toronto's prov.
3. Mai ___ cocktail
4. Collection agcy.
5. "Joined together" or Jefferson Valley health club, ___ Fitness
6. Dumbfound
7. Rose family shrubs

8. Protect an idea
9. Takes up
13. O'Hare stat
17. Science of earth measurement
18. Wine cask material
19. Unnamed litigant
20. Stork-like birds
21. "Really?!"
24. Holy ___!
25. Negatively charged atom
26. Medicinal yellow-flowered plant
31. Elton John, e.g.
32. Pile of rocks
33. John Lennon's wife
34. Australian state, abbr.



Basics You Need to Include in Your Estate Plan

By Alan Feller, Esq.

Estate planning is the management of expectations. The hopes and dreams you have for those closest to you reside next to the expectations held by your family. You want your loved ones to have the support they need to succeed, but planning involves figuring out the path to your definition of success.

Starting an estate plan usually corresponds to a major life event. Early planning may coincide with a new marriage or the purchase of a first home. The birth of a child also propels people to begin thinking

about estate planning.

Later planning may revolve around an illness.

Whatever the timing, there are certain basic elements to an estate plan.

Two basic components of an estate plan are: the people who matter and the resources within your control.

Who are your people? Children, spouse, siblings and friends usually round out the top four categories. Charities also qualify for inclusion, as well as pets.

Resources include real property, businesses, financial accounts, personal belongings, intellectual property, digital

assets and any other holding owned by you that has value.

Matching up these two components is estate planning.

Whether a will or a trust is your primary estate planning document depends on the quality and sometimes the quantity of the people in your life, and your assets. For example: Who will be in charge of your estate after you pass away? For Wills, executors carry out your wishes, collect estate assets, pay bills and distribute proceeds.

If you have young children, basic planning involves choosing a guardian. Should both parents predecease a minor child the



Alan Feller, Esq.

chosen guardian will assume caretaking responsibilities.

A trustee to manage the finances of the minor child will also need to be chosen. Trustees and executors are fiduciaries who are responsible for your assets. You should take great care in selecting these individuals because their decisions impact how your estate operates.

An estate plan is a recognition of the people who matter to you, and the legacy you leave to them is your final act as a parent, spouse, sibling or friend. You alone get to decide how and when the resources in your estate get divided.

After you select the people in charge of your estate, you prepare a set of instructions for them to carry out to ensure the best possible result according to your wishes.

Your estate plan may change over time, and preparing an estate plan early does not necessarily mean significant changes are needed, but it is always wise to revisit a plan and see if there is a better way to achieve your goals. Wills can be changed and revocable trusts can be amended. Talking to the professionals at Sloan and Feller is one way to start the process.

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Thursday, Feb. 6

Teen Library Council: Mahopac Library. 3:15 p.m., If you are a teen in grades 6 and up, join the TLC and have a say in what happens at YOUR library and community. Bring your energy and ideas. This is a great way to earn your Community Service hours. Register online @ www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

LEGO Family Event: Mahopac Library. Parents are encouraged to attend & build with LEGO® bricks alongside their kids! 4:30 p.m., Registration required! Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Friday, Feb. 7

Art on Display: The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first Friday works of art. Art from Haldane students from the second through the fourth grade will be displayed in the storefronts and interiors of Main Street businesses until 2/9. In addition, a special art project on civil rights by the fifth-grade class will be exhibited at the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub with a reception for this exhibition 5:00 p.m., -7:00 p.m., 5 Stone Street, Cold Spring.

Auditions: Auditions for the Noel Coward comedy, HAY FEVER, at the Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, on Friday, 2/7 from 7-9pm and Saturday, 2/8 from 2-6pm. The play is directed by Christopher Gladysz of New York City and Brewster and produced by Joe Manuele of Carmel. Audition requirements and rehearsal schedule are available on Brewstertheater.org. Please email Brewstertheaterinfo@gmail.com with additional questions. The Brewster Theater Company is a non-profit community theater celebrating its 20th year.

Putnam Goes Red: County Employees to Gather on Court House Steps to Call Awareness to Heart Health Month. Go Red Day calls attention to these facts and the overarching message is to encourage everyone, men and women, to spread the word and get your numbers checked. A basic annual physical and bloodwork should check your heart rate, blood pressure and cholesterol. In April, residents will have the opportunity to join the 2020 Putnam Heart Walk, which will also honor Judge Reitz.

Walkers can recognize him further by joining the community team called "Honoring Our Heart, Remembering Judge James F. Reitz." The event takes place on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Brewster High School. To learn more, visit www.PutnamHeartWalk.org and register!

Trinity Lutheran Church Potluck: 2103 Route 6 Brewster. Join us for food, fellowship and fun. 6:00 p.m., to 8:00 p.m. Bring a dish and make new friends. RSVP 845-279-5181

Saturday, Feb. 8

Winterfest: 11:00a.m., - 3:00 p.m., Kent town Hall. Board games & Bingo, Sledding (bring your own sled), Bonfire, Nimham Mtn. Singers, Birds of prey, Snowman Building, Ice skating & nature walks.

Acupuncture: Patterson Library. 1:00 p.m., Kim Boldrini of The Family Healing Spot will explain the basics of acupuncture and how it treats the symptoms and can prevent back pain, arthritis, coughs/colds and other conditions using the Chinese Medicine system and the body's own immune system to correct itself. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Mardi Gras: Pied Piper Youth Theater will host their annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Silent Auction, Schweiger Hall, Camp Herrlich, 101 Deacon Smith Hill Road in Patterson, 7:00 p.m., The adult only event will offer all you can eat authentic Cajun cuisine with wine and beer to help celebrate the occasion! There will be plenty of silent auctions and raffles, from Caribbean Resort Stays, two tickets to Frozen on Broadway, to local businesses gift cards to be won! Tickets can be pre-purchased at www.pipertheater.org

Eagle Viewing: The bald eagle's return to the Hudson River Valley after being on the brink of extinction is one of the great conservation success stories of our time. 9:00 a.m., -3:00 p.m., Boscobel will be a viewing site for Teatown Hudson River EagleFest. Admission to Boscobel for this event is pay-what-you-wish. Please check in at the Visitor Center upon arrival. For the comfort of Boscobel guests, warming shelters will be

set up adjacent to the viewing site and hot beverages will be available for sale. Teatown Hudson River EagleFest is headquartered at Croton Point Park in Westchester County. Tickets to EagleFest in Croton are available at Teatown.org.

Sunday, Feb. 9

BAMM 2020: The Beatles – 50 Years Later. 2:00 p.m., Mahopac Library. Award-winning musician, Barry Wiesenfeld, will explore the phenomenon that was The Beatles. This presentation takes place on the 55th anniversary of the appearance of The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show. A record-setting 73 million people tuned in and the rest, as they say, is history. Join us for this historic presentation. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Charity Poker Tournament: At the Italian American Club of Mahopac 141 Buckshollow Rd. Mahopac, Great Homemade Italian Dinner at 2:00 p.m., included. Game begins at 2:30 p.m., Admission \$100 includes 8000 chips. Pre-pay on our website italianamericanclubofmahopac.org (Web store/Poker) and receive 1000 FREE chips. Bring a friend or new player and receive 500 chips. Donate an additional \$20 to the charity and receive 2000 extra chips! For additional information or to play, please call Frank at (914) 400-6751 or Tom at (845) 628-5909. MUST BE at least 21 years old to

play. Fundraising for 2020 Charity: Putnam County Children's Committee.

Monday, Feb. 10

IDA Meeting: The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will hold a Governance Committee Meeting, an Audit Committee Meeting and a regular Board 6:00 PM, in the Conference Room, at the PC IDA Office at 2 Route 164, Patterson. The purpose of the Committee meetings will be to review/forward for approval the policies and procedures currently in place and prepare for the mandates and regulations required in 2020.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Patterson Library Night: 7:00 p.m., Call your friends and put your dancing shoes on! We are heading to the Bull & Barrel Brew Pub (988 Rte 22, Brewster, NY) for a night of Line Dancing! If you're a beginner, instructors will show you the latest steps and have you dancing to popular country hits. If you're a seasoned pro, you'll have a blast as the DJs have us dancing the night away. We will have appetizers, but the Patterson Library will not provide alcoholic beverages. Ages 21 and over only. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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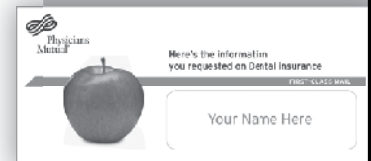
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Putnam Valley freshman Eva DeChent, who ranks among the top 20 in Section 1 scoring, drives for two of her game-high 23 points while junior Arianna Stockinger had 12 in the Lady Tigers' 65-18 win over visiting Haldane last Thursday on Senior Night in the Valley where they honored seniors Kelli Venezia, Cyera Daughtry, Alex Waters and manager Jay Brazee. PV improved to 12-3 (2-0 League III-E)... see Girls Hoops Notebook

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

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Girls' Hoops Notebook

DiCintio Knocks Down 1,000th Point; Hen Hud Stays Strong

By Tony Pinciario

When **SOMERS** senior Dani DiCintio realized she was closing in on a major milestone – 1,000 career varsity points – she was hoping it would occur at home.

The four-year varsity standout would receive her wish as the Tuskers hosted Lakeland. DiCintio treated her parents and Somers' fans to a trademark basket.

DiCintio received a pass from Pooja Rao behind the arc and swished an NBA-range-3-pointer to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau.

"In the moment, it felt amazing," said DiCintio, who will attend Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, N.Y.) in September and major in Early Childhood Education. "All my teammates came running up to me. I didn't know what to do. It meant so much."

Somers Coach Marc Hattem could not have been happier for DiCintio.

"It's an amazing accomplishment for Dani," Hattem said. "Dani was born to score the basketball, and has really added the ability to score from mid-range and in the paint. While scoring is what Dani is known for, I'm most proud of her continued development on the defensive end and becoming more of a complete point guard."

Somers beat **LAKELAND** and John Jay-Cross River, making it eight wins in its last nine games. The Tuskers are now 9-6.

After injuries limited Somers the first month of the season, resulting in a 1-5 record, the Tuskers are healthy and clicking.

"We were competing with teams, even without our big players," DiCintio said. "We knew our time was going to come because we had been working so hard in practice."

Along with Somers' return to health, the Tuskers' cohesiveness has been a strength as has the emergence of some players.

"Our chemistry has been the biggest difference," DiCintio said. "We all get along, love playing basketball with each other and hanging out with each other."



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Somers Captain Emily Arena soars for two against trio of Lakeland defenders in Tuskers' 60-29 win over visiting Hornets last Wednesday.

Coming into the season, Hattem knew he had three impact players in DiCintio, Penzo and Rao. DiCintio was quick to cite classmate Jordan May, sophomore Amy Lasher and freshman Ava Guidice emerging as key players.

"Jordan is a great player and teammate," DiCintio said. "I'm so happy for her. She has come a long way. Amy always guards the



Somers G Julia Vitale goes up strong for shot against defense from Lakeland's Amanda Cole in Tuskers' 60-29 win over visiting Hornets last Wednesday.

opponent's best player and mentally takes them out of the game. Ava has been killing it on the offensive and defensive end."

May had a team-high 17 points against Lakeland.

DiCintio finished with 15 points against John Jay-Cross River and Emily Arena and Guidice each had a career-high 12 points.



Yorktown junior F Ashley Zeolla shreds John Jay defense for 20 points in Huskers' 57-35 win over Indians last week.



Yorktown super soph Melissa Severino has inside track to rack in Huskers' 65-37 win over visiting John Jay last Wednesday.



Somers senior C Jordan May goes strong to hoop in Tuskers' 60-29 win over visiting Lakeland last Wednesday.

DiCintio and her teammates are gaining confidence with each game and are focused on one thing.

"Our confidence has gone up so much," DiCintio said. "We are excited and we all want to win."

"We've made it to the final four every year and we know we can make it again if we keep working as hard as we have."

HEN HUD ran its winning streak to 10 consecutive games following victories over R.C. Ketcham (55-47), Beacon (58-30) and Peekskill (61-23).

The Sailors are now a program-best 14-1 and will look to increase its current roll as they played at Clarkstown South, today, host Poughkeepsie and travel to Croton.

Marist-bound Caitlin Weimar continued her excellent play and double-double domination with 23 points and 10 rebounds against Ketcham. Kira Varada added nine points, five rebounds and five steals. Mylene Smith also had nine points and Grace Moretti collected 10 rebounds and a team-leading four steals.

Weimar duplicated points and rebound –23 apiece – against Beacon. Moretti contributed 18 points and five rebounds.

Weimar scored 23 points against Peekskill and also collared 11 rebounds and registered five thefts. Moretti had eight points and a season-high 11 assists. Faith Pugh also scored eight points and had seven rebounds.

PANAS improved to 11-5 after beating Brewster (49-35) and Lakeland (64-28). The Lakeland game was in the 30th annual Giglio Games.

Panas seized command of the Brewster game with a 22-0 run.

"When Brewster went on a little run to start the second quarter, we changed defenses," Panas Coach Matt Evangelista said. "At that point, our defense led to a few steals and some stops, which allowed us to get out in transition. Kristen (Cinquina) had nine points during the run, as did Caileen (Nolan), who hit a shot from nearly half court, at the buzzer, to cap the run."

Cinquina and Nolan had 15 points apiece. Kristen Scrobola added eight points and 14 rebounds and freshman Kelsey Cregan finished with six points and seven rebounds.

Scrobola, the feisty senior, led the way against Lakeland with 18 points, Erijona Rraci added 13 points and Cinquina scored seven points.

"The whole team played a great game, defensively, and moved the ball beautifully," Evangelista said.

YORKTOWN rallied from a six-point deficit in the fourth quarter to overcome **BREWSTER**, 47-44 on a cooley-sank Melissa Severino 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"Melissa is one of the purest shooters on the team," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said. "She moved well without the ball and went to space real well. She shoots best

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Girls' Hoops Notebook



Mahopac G Kristina Rush drops a shot on Carmel F Madelyn McMath in Indians' 74-43 win over visiting Rams last Thursday.



Mahopac's Lauren Beberman had big game (10 points, 10 boards) against Carmel's Danielle Bello (13) and Madelyn McMath (21) in Indians' 74-43 win over Rams last week.

when she doesn't think about it and just lets it fly. The game-winning shot looked good from the second it left her hand. I'm so proud of her. That's a moment she will never forget."

Mundy said his team, which will only get better next year, was down six points entering the fourth quarter so it knew what it had to do.

"We needed to get some stops since it was only a two-possession game," Mundy said. "Our games with Brewster are always nail-biters so we knew we had to play a pretty clean quarter. We've been preaching more ball control and discipline on offense to cut down on turnovers. The girls didn't panic, hung

in there and made some smart decisions, offensively. We got two big stops in the last couple of minutes to give us a chance."

Jesse Barer had five 3-pointers for 15 points and a career-high 14 rebounds. Severino finished with 14 points and eight rebounds. Ashley Zeolla added nine points and Emily Ward collected a career-best 11 rebounds and four assists.

Yorktown is now 8-7 overall and 3-2 in league play after a win over John Jay-Cross River and overtime loss to Harrison.

Zeolla rang up 20 points and added seven

rebounds in the 57-35 win over John Jay. Ward added 13 points and four steals and Severino had 12 points.

Zeolla had 21 points and 18 rebounds against Harrison.

MAHOPAC handled archrival **CARMEL** (74-43) and New Rochelle (64-51), before Arlington swept the season set (52-36) in a pivotal League I-A game.

Mahopac had a balanced scoring effort against Carmel, led by Caitlyn O'Boyle's 14 points. Kristina Rush added 12 points and Lauren Beberman contributed 10 points.

Danielle Bello had 15 points for Carmel and Madelyn McMath added 10 points.

Mahopac had a six-point lead at halftime against New Rochelle before taking control in the second half. Beberman led Mahopac

with 15 points, O'Boyle had 14 points and Melanie DeMeo added 13 points.

"We played good team defense and offensively, we did a nice job of running the offense with good ball movement and the girls being shot ready," Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "And, we had balanced scoring."

Arlington turned up the defensive intensity in the second half, limiting Mahopac to 15 points. DeMeo finished with 10 points as Mahopac is now 11-6 overall and 4-3 in the league.

OSSINING is on a four-game winning streak after victories over White Plains (63-48) and Horace Greeley (85-33), raising its record to 8-7.

Ashley McFadden had 17 points, 10 rebounds and six assists and Brooke Weeks also had 17 points and nine rebounds as the nine-time Section 1 defending champion Pride outscored the Tigers, 12-6, in the second quarter. Ossining turned a three-point deficit after one quarter into a three-point halftime lead.

Lily Barossi added 12 points, Ede Walker grabbed nine rebounds and Tamia Dimmie collected seven assists.

Julia Iorio scored a career-high 41 points, including 11 3-pointers, against Greeley. Kacie Scarduzio and Walker each had 11 points.

BREWSTER had a difficult week, dropping two league games – Panas (49-35) and Yorktown (47-44). Yorktown won the game on a buzzer-beater by Melissa Severino.

"The Panas game was very close for 27 minutes, however, in the final five minutes of the second quarter they went on a 22-0 run," Brewster coach Mike Castaldo said. "We had a chance to extend our lead, before that, but we didn't respond. Our league is too good to play for just 27 minutes. If you don't play for 32 minutes you will lose every time."

Grace Galgano finished with 11 points, 15 rebounds and nine blocks.

"We had two chances with the game tied in the final minute against Yorktown," Castaldo said. "On the first possession we turned it over and on the second, Yorktown made a great defensive play to block us down low. Yorktown worked the ball and hit the contested three. We did a better job of playing tougher, unfortunately we didn't make the plays in the final minute."

Galgano had a triple-double – 16 points, 15 rebounds and 11 rejections.

LAKELAND went 1-1 on the week with a 61-48 victory over Horace Greeley and a loss to Somers. Hannah Devine had a game-high 21 points and nine rebounds against Greeley. Tyler Hormazabal added 14 points and Nichole Ljuljic had 11 points.

PUTNAM VALLEY, ranked No.13 in NYS Class B, is now 13-3 this season following triumphs of Haldane, on Senior Night, and Croton (54-42).

On Senior Night, Putnam Valley honored Kelli Venezia, Cyera Daughtry and Alex Waters. Freshman Eva DeChent scored a game-high 23 points and continued her ascent upon the Section 1 circuit while steady junior Arianna Stockinger added 12 points. DeChent had her second 20-plus-point game of the week with 26 against Croton. Venezia added 10 points for the League III-E front-running Tigers, the current No.2 seed in Class B.



Putnam Valley's Eva DeChent and Amanda Orlando try to pin down Haldane's Shianne Twoguns in host Tigers' 65-18 win over Blue Devils last Thursday.



Putnam Valley senior G Kelli Venezia fires J on Haldane's Essie Florke in host Tigers' 65-18 win over Blue Devils Thursday.



Haldane G Bela Monteleone tries to nix an assist by Put Valley F Eva DeChent in Blue Devils' 65-18 loss to host Tigers last Thursday.

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Boys' Notebook

Lakeland Takes Giglio Bragging Rights from Panas, 67-57

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sport Editor@Directrays

No matter where we start this week, we had some big games in and around the NWE/Putnam region, including the Hornets' season sweep of the Panthers in Lakeland/Panas' Giglio Games, Class C Haldane's spanking of Class B Putnam Valley and Class AA Mahopac's second win of the season over Class A Somers, not to mention Class B Croton's handling Class AA Ossining. Yeah, man, things are getting mighty interesting, and the NWE/Putnam poll is reshaped accordingly.

Class A **LAKELAND** is taking form as a legit Final 4 contender should Coach Steve Fallo's Hornets clean up the little things (eh-hem, turnovers) that will certainly plague a team with built-in shortcomings like a lack of size.

"We are playing good basketball, not great basketball," Fallo admitted. "We're still turning the ball over too many times, but our offense has been consistent, and our defense has been improving game by game. We just think about the next game and don't look past any opponent. There is so much parity in Class A that you better be ready to play every night, or you can get beat."

There was no beating them Saturday night when the Lakeland School District packed Walter Panas High with both sides of the tracks, the Hornets working a hard-fought 67-57 triumph of the rival Panthers in the 30th annual rendition of the Giglio Games.

"The Giglio games are very special because it brings us together as a district for a day to remember Vincent and Terry Giglio," Fallo said. "Anytime we play Panas, it's always a battle and the records mean nothing. It's the Giglio game, a league game and for the players it's for bragging rights. What could be better?"

NWE/PUTNAM HIGH FIVE HOOPS POLL

No.1 LAKELAND -- Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (13-3, 6-0 II-C) hold the No.4 seed for now and remain the team to beat in

League II-C, all but a shoe-in to win league boasting rights. But the Hornets are in it to win it all after posting wins over Panas and Somers to run their streak to seven in a row. Against Panas, Lakeland had four players in double digits, including Augie Karaqi (20), Jack Kruse (11), Rob Nardelli (13) and Jeff Owusu (11, 9 in the 4th) while Brian Cummins added 9. Against Somers, Lakeland cruised to an 18-point win (60-42). Kruse led the team with 16 points and Karaqi had 14, but of equal importance was the balance with Mike Arcure and Nardelli going for 11 each. Owusu had six points and was a royal pain.

No.2 MAHOPAC -- Coach McMahon's Class AA Indians (7-7, 3-3 I-A) won 2 of 3 last week over Carmel and Somers with smothering defense, but Arlington came along and presented a 62-31 rout of the Indians, who hold the No.12 playoff seed for now. Soph Michael Callahan dropped a career-high 11 points in the loss to Admirals, who hold half game lead on RCK for league title. Vincent Bastone led the way with 19 points against Somers while Ryan Reilly (9) and Luke Syku (8) led the way against the Rams in a 44-41 win. Congrats to former grid Coach /AD Gerry Keevins, who will have the old gym in Mahopac named after him, and to Joe Corace and Vinny Collins on their inductions into the Mahopac Hall of Fame this week #QuiteTheTrio #LEGENDS.

No.3 HALDANE -- Coach Virgadamo's Class C Blue Devils (13-3, 3-0 III-E) held a dunk-fest on Put Valley in a 62-42 runaway win as they maneuver their way toward the League III-E crown. Matt Champlin (17 points), Mame Diba (14), Daniel Santos (14), Soren Holmbo (13) and Matteo Cervone (9) presented match-up problems across the board. The road to the Class C crown won't be easy for the No.2 Blue Devils with No.3 Tuckahoe and No.1 Hamilton likely on tap at the County Center.

No.4 PANAS -- Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (9-7, 3-3 II-C) hung tough with Lakeland throughout the loss and should they ever get their full squad on the court,



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Haldane senior swingman Matt Champlin goes for two of his game-high 17 points in host Blue Devils' 82-62 win over Anthony Williams' Put Valley Tigers Thursday.

including Lorenzo Santucci -- who we (we being me) really want to see suit up down the stretch -- the Panthers will be a tough out as a potential No.13 seed. The 13 plays the 4 if the 13 wins its outbracket, which

would set up a No.13 Panas vs. No.4 Lakeland opening round tip if the playoffs began today. How much fun would that be? Santucci dropped 19 points, Alex Tavarez added 16 and Arturo Macchia 12 for Panas in a 73-38 win over Brewster.

No.5 PEEKSKILL -- Coach Turner's Class A Red Devs (9-7, 3-2 II-E) saw Antonio Taylor go off for 26 points in loss to Lourdes but Peekskill dropped two games to the powers that be in League II-E, including defending NYS champ Poughkeepsie. Taylor had 18 points and Brennan Heaven added 15 for Peekskill in loss to Pioneers. Hearing really good things about the JV team so maybe we get the old Peekskill back for another Class A run soon enough.

No.5A SOMERS -- Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (6-10, 3-3 II-C) are pretty much setting the foundation for next year when the coach, who shall return in 2020-21, can certainly contend for the first league title in 30 years with what he returns and this solid JV unit we continue to hear about. Yeah, Somers still got Panas head-to-head but that could change this week in the rematch if Panas is ever back to full strength. Matt Fitzsimons (16 points) and Ben Germaine (11 points) had big games against Mahopac.

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Haldane F Daniel Santos goes up strong against Put Valley F Joe Lewis in Blue Devils' 82-26 win over visiting Tigers Thursday.



Haldane's Soren Holmbo makes his move on Put Valley sophomore Tommy Calicchio in Blue Devils' 82-62 win over visiting Tigers Thursday.

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Mahopac sophomore F Ryan Reilly drops two of his nine points on Carmel's Nick DiLeo in Indians' 44-41 win over visiting Rams Wednesday.

HM YORKTOWN -- Coach Pavella's Class A Huskers (8-8, 3-3 II-C) have really shown some improvement this season, climbing all the way to No.14 in class, after



Yorktown swingman Roni Brucaj goes up for two of 19 points he would score in 72-39 win over Brewster and Kobey Hart (R) Friday.



Haldane Coach Joe Virgadamo is stoked by performance of senior G Alex Kubik in Blue Devils romp of visiting Put Valley Thursday.

winning four in a row, including an impressive 75-63 win over John Jay CR. Huskers saw senior G Roni Brucaj go for 22 points with Eddie Brucaj and Rob Miller each pouring in 15.

In Yorktown's 72-39 win over Brewster, Sam Pincus (24 points, 7 rebounds) had the finest game of his career and Roni Brucaj



Whirling Yorktown G Dan Trashani has returned from injury to provide spark in 72-39 win over visiting Brewster Friday.

(19 points, 8 rebounds) and Tony Granitto (11 points, 9 rebounds) were big time keys. Would be something if these guys could go 3-1 with Panas, Somers, Lakeland and Jay to close it out, anything less than 2-2 would burst this bubble of hope.

HM OSSINING -- Coach Casey's Class AA Pride (5-11, 1-4 I-D) lost to Class B Croton at home, which does not bode well for Class AA playoff hopes. The Pride have played a tough schedule and should have no problem getting in, but they will likely face a top 3 seed -- provided they win an outbracket -- should the playoffs begin today.

HM CROTON -- Coach Boykin's Class B Tigers (9-8, 5-3 III-A) opened some eyes in a 58-48 win over Class AA Ossining when Jack Connolly pulled a double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) and steady Braden Burke finished with 16 points and seven assists for surging Croton, winners of three in a row.

HM HEN HUD -- Coach Hirsch's Class A Sailors (4-11, 0-5 II-E) dropped a 59-48 decision to Beacon 59 despite Nick Hiltzley's 20 points to lead the Sailors, who snapped six-game slide in 87-60 rout of Riverside. Nick Hiltzley had 27 while kid bro Dean Hilt-



Panas G Alex Tavarez splits triple team of Lakeland's Jack Kruse, Jeff Owusu and Augie Karaqi in Panthers' 67-57 loss to visiting Hornets Saturday.

sley had 15 and David Goldman had 13.

HM CARMEL -- Coach Ross' Class AA Rams (7-9, 1-5 I-D) have dropped 5 of last 6

and have some work to do over the final four games to qualify for postseason play. May have to beat either Ossining (last night) or Yonkers to get in because Arlington and RCK have had their number.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY -- Coach Morales' Class B Tigers (2-12, 1-2 III-E) better take down Pawling and Lef-fell if they could be out of the playoff picture for the first time since 2011. The Class of 2020 doesn't want that on its résumé.

HM BREWSTER -- Coach Nelligan's Bears (3-11, 0-6 II-C) were shredded in losses to Yorktown and Panas, allowing 72 and 78 points, respectively. That has to drive coach crazy. Paul Catalano led Brewster with 13 points in loss to Panas.



Mahopac junior F Luke Syku gets after two points against Somers defender Nate Townsend in Indians' 44-41 win





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