Grace Not Swayed by Campaign Contributors

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace insisted he was not influenced by financial contributors to his reelection campaign and, in fact, was not even aware who made donations.

“I have a treasurer who handles that. I don’t get involved with that,” Grace said Friday when queried about his reported contributors to Committee to Elect Michel J. Grace. “I have blinders on who donates to me. I don’t even bother to look. Does it influence me? Absolutely not. I do what I think is right, not withstanding anything else.”

According to his last filing with the Board of Elections in July, Grace, who is running for a third two-year term on November 3, has $11,297 in his coffers after receiving $6,940 in contributions since his last filing in January. In his January filing, Grace reported receiving $10,360 in contributions.

Grace reported in his July papers financial activity on April 29 in which he received $250 from O’Connor Davies, LLP, the town’s auditors; $250 each from Competition Carting, R&S Waste Services and Can Man Sanitation, all of which pick up the town’s garbage; $350 from Thomas McCrossan, one of the owners of the controversial sober living residence on Underhill Avenue; $125 from Robert Davis, attorney for the sober living residence; and $125 from Bond, Schoeneck & King, the town’s labor counsel.

Autism Speaks at Augie’s

On September 21, Yorktown Steakhouse Augie’s Prime Cut hosted its 5th annual fundraiser for Autism Speaks. For the second year in a row, proceeds also benefited Community Based Services, Inc. (CBS), a local organization that provides care for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Over 200 local Westchester residents gathered at Captain Lawrence Brewery for a night of craft beer, BBQ, live music from the Blues Patrol Show Band and much more.

Gloves Come Off in Peekskill as Election Barbs Get Personal

By Rick Pezzullo

The gloves came off in Peekskill last week following a published report that a prominent developer in the city was a client of the attorney daughter of Mayor Frank Catalina.

Councilman Darren Rigger, Democratic mayoral hopeful Ken Martin and Councilwoman Kathy Talbot stood outside the door of Catalina’s law firm on Brown Street Saturday morning and called on Catalina to disclose his firm’s full client list to ensure he wasn’t representing anyone doing business in the city.

The impromptu press conference came on the heels of an article that reported Catalina’s daughter, Andrea, who shares office space with her father, represented Bruce and Barry Akrongold, who have a $30 million project to redevelop and expand Chateau Rive on St. John’s Street pending. Frank Catalina and his daughter separated their law practice last year, but the mayor said he appeared on behalf of his daughter in court a few times simply to request an adjournment, a common occurrence, he contended, among lawyers.

“The question is, in matters in which his clients have business with the city, whose interest is the mayor actually representing: his landlord clients who pay him privately or the taxpayers of Peekskill?” said Rigger, who is not seeking reelection to the Common Council. “We
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need to get to the bottom of whether there are any other clients his family law firm represents who have business before the city. The bottom line is this: winning elected office should not be great for the family business.”

Talbot, who is seeking reelection in November, echoed Rigger’s sentiments, saying, “As an elected official you really need to be above board with all your dealings. Everyone has a right to make a living. It certainly seems to me to give the appearance of impropriety, if not actual impropriety.”

Catalina, who is running for a second two-year term, fired back in response to the Democrats’ attack, stressing in his 34 years as an attorney he had never been the subject of a disciplinary proceeding. “As a lawyer, I hold a license that is highly regulated by my peers in the legal community who vigorously prosecute even alleged ethical violations,” Catalina remarked. “What I find most offensive is the attack on my family, particularly my daughter. While she is an adult, a highly educated and competent litigator, capable of defending herself, she is still ‘my little girl,’ who has done nothing wrong and never asked to be involved in these matters. These mean spirited allegations have no basis in fact, but considering where they are coming from, they are even more appalling. They are calling for the release of business records from two independent law firms based on a newspaper article about a disgruntled tenant that, after the hysterical headline, alleged no wrongdoing.”

A few hours after the press conference, Catalina, Rigger and Talbot appeared together at a ribbon cutting ceremony for Westchester Tool Rentals on Washington Street. Rigger said Catalina represented Beach Auto Sales, the previous owners of the property, and participated in a public hearing in March in which a special permit was granted by the Common Council to Westchester Tool Rentals, although the mayor recused himself from the vote.

“If there’s no problems there really shouldn’t be any issue making public anyone who he’s doing business with,” Martin said.

Catalina maintained the Democrats were just trying to divert attention away from the fact they have no accomplishments to tout and charged if they want to get personal they should produce all their family financial records “not to score political points, but to put rumors to rest.”

“Their problem is that my administration has made great progress in 18 short months despite their efforts to stop that progress at every chance and this ‘problem’(my success) for them, is compounded where their candidates are perhaps the most shady, dishonest and quite possibly law breaking crew to ever sit as public officials in Peekskill,” Catalina charged. “In the words of Mr. Rigger, and I quote: ‘If they have nothing to hide and there’s no problem, then it shouldn’t be a problem.’”

“I am proud of my career and even more proud of all my children. I’d put them up to comparison against anyone but, quite frankly, they would shine even brighter when held up next to any of this crew,” he added.

Meanwhile, the Democrats have written to the League of Women Voters requesting a debate be scheduled before the November 3 election.
Disappearing Signs Irk Yorktown Town Justice Candidate

By Rick Pezzullo

A first-time candidate seeking a seat in Yorktown Town Court is looking for justice in the disappearance of approximately 100 campaign signs throughout town.

Richard Abbate, a Democrat who is challenging incumbent Republican Gary Raniolo on November 3, filed a complaint with Yorktown Police on September 16 after several signs he had placed in the downtown Heights area at businesses where he had received prior permission were stolen.

Abbate believes petty politics may be at play, and while he is not pointing any fingers, he stressed he will look to prosecute those responsible for the theft of his $2 apiece signs if they are caught red handed.

“It’s so juvenile,” Abbate said. “At first we thought it was some kids fooling around. Now it seems to be pretty systematic. It’s the wrong thing to do. It’s become my morning routine to drive around and replace signs.”

Being a newcomer to politics and running against a sitting judge, Abbate maintained the signs serve an important purpose in getting his name out.

“It’s very limited what you can discuss as a judicial candidate. A lot of it is name recognition,” he said. “I got into this for the right reasons. I want to help the community. I think I would do a really good job as judge. I think I have the right temperament. I didn’t realize my signs would be missing. I guess I’m a newbie to the whole process. Apparently it’s business as usual.”

However, according to Yorktown Code Enforcement Officer Jason Zeif, Abbate has been one of the worst offenders of the town’s loosely enforced ordinances regarding campaign signs, which are not allowed on “any obvious public areas.”

Zeif conceded he has never issued a summons for political signs, only verbal warnings, and said he had personally removed a few of Abbate’s signs after receiving “numerous calls, probably eight to 10” from business owners and merchants complaining about Abbate’s signs.

“He seems to think wherever Judge Raniolo’s sign is he could put one of his,” said Reif, who noted many of Abbate’s signs were illegally placed along routes 202 and 35. “He may be confused. If it appears to be a private property we don’t deal with it.”

“I don’t see anything particularly unusual happening this year,” Zeif added. “It’s really high school child’s play stuff that goes on this time of year. I’m very busy. I’m more concerned about quality of life issues.”

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“I do what’s within the bounds of the law,” Grace said of his contributions. “I can’t imagine somebody in Buffalo will be interested in the supervisor race in Yorktown. I think what we have is more than adequate to win the election.”

Meanwhile, Grace’s opponent, Councilman Vishnu Patel, who does not accept campaign contributions, reported was to cover expenses from Franklin Baraff Communications for consulting, printing, mailings and campaign literature.

“My passion is to give, not to take,” said Patel, a retired IBM scientist who, if elected, has pledged to only take a $1 salary as supervisor. “If someone gives me a nickel, I give $100. This town belongs to the taxpayers of Yorktown and they should be treated the same, whether they come with a checkbook or not. Look at the people he’s (Grace) dealing with. That means he has to give it back somehow.”

Grace maintained he did not govern based on who may decide to monetarily support his campaign.

“Do I have a conflict of interest with everyone that votes for me?” Grace remarked. “Campaign contributions are akin to political free speech. Hold my feet to the fire on my vision, hold my feet to the fire on my issues. All this other collateral noise is just that, collateral noise.”
Supervisor Claims Lawsuit over Leased Parkland without Merit

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace maintained town officials did nothing wrong leasing public parkland on Stoney Street to make room for the expansion of a gas transmission pipeline.

In a phone interview Friday, Grace, an attorney, responded to an Article 78 proceeding filed in state Supreme Court by Almar LLC, whose sole member is the Marjorie N. Kopple Revocable Trust and its trustees Barbara Kopple and Les Kushner, which is seeking to declare null and void the May 19 3-2 vote by the Yorktown Town Board that authorized Spectra Energy and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC to access and utilize 7.5 acres of temporary workspace in Sylvan Glen Park Preserve and Granite Knolls Park West on Stony Street for 11 months and post-construction monitoring for five years.

In exchange, Yorktown received $1.5 million plus approximately $600,000 in public improvements.

“The lawsuit was filed on the last possible day it could be filed,” Grace said. “Any lawyer worth his salt knows it has no merit. It’s a lawsuit by someone who has no knowledge of the process. It’s not illegal. They say we used the license agreement to circumvent alienation. That’s how all parkland is used. You don’t want to alienate because that would be permanent.”

In the lawsuit, Almar contends Yorktown officials violated New York’s “Public Trust Doctrine” that requires any conveyance of public parkland for non-park purposes be approved by the State Legislature. By not following that procedure, Almar alleges Yorktown and Algonquin “have attempted an illegal end-run around the requirement of obtaining legislative approval by calling their conveyance a license.”

“This lawsuit was filed to protect the integrity of Yorktown’s public parklands and to protect the health and well-being of park users and residents, including my client,” said Philip Simpson, attorney for Kopple and Kushner. “Algonquin and Grace have signed an agreement that would let Algonquin make a permanent industrial installation on town parkland where families and children play, hike and relax. In addition to whatever damage is done to the existing easement, the agreement allows Algonquin to devastate seven-and-a-half acres of parkland by permitting logging and the construction of a permanent road into the park without SEQRA environmental review.”

“Yorktown and Algonquin are not proposing a hot dog stand or an insignificant miniature golf concession,” Simpson added. “Yet in order to avoid open public scrutiny and compliance with New York’s public trust doctrine and environmental review laws, Supervisor Grace and Algonquin have attempted to dress their agreement up as being merely a short-term ‘license.’”

Spectra Energy representatives told Yorktown officials it planned on starting to clear land on its right-of-way in Yorktown in October for the pipeline project, which would run from Stony Point, under the Hudson River, through Peekskill, Cortlandt, portions of Yorktown and into Southeast, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The major construction work to re-

# Fight Against Hunger

Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel recently helped employees at ShopRite in Cortlandt bag groceries and collect donations as part of an effort in September to curb hunger in the community.
Ossining to Host Second Annual Chalk It Up! Festival

By Rick Pezzullo

On Sunday, October 4, the Village of Ossining will host the second annual Chalk It Up! Festival. Families and visitors from throughout Westchester County are invited to enjoy a day of music, crafts and food alongside amateur and professional artists painting Ossining’s Main and Spring Street sidewalks with chalk pastel. Sponsored by the Village of Ossining through its Downtown Events Committee, the free festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Sidewalk painting is challenging, yet rewarding and the Downtown Events Committee is encouraging artists of all levels to share their artistic talents,” said Ingrid M. Richards, Manager of Downtown and Economic Development.

“Whether as a participant or festivalgoer, Chalk It Up is an excellent way to spend an afternoon surrounded by art and live music in Historic Downtown Ossining.”

The deadline to register as an artist is September 21 with a $5 registration fee. After September 21, the registration fee will be $10. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the festival for first, second and third place. Festival attendees will also have the opportunity to create their own art with chalk, supplied by the Committee, while enjoying live music from Carmichael and Martin Aronchick. Space is still available for food and vendor booths.

“I’m excited for the second annual Chalk It Up event in Market Square,” said Mayor Victoria Gearity. “It is a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages to be creative and share a fun experience in the heart of our village.”

Established by the village to promote the downtown area as a lively, safe and vibrant community, the Ossining Downtown Events Committee is charged with developing a variety of special events and activities at Ossining’s Market Square. The Committee is also a result of a joint partnership study with the Business Council of Westchester, which focused on how to attract young professionals to the historic village. Among the study’s key findings was the desire for additional high quality programming for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Ossining Downtown Events Committee, comprised of local residents and business owners, includes Harry L. Campbell, President, Biofeedback Resources International Corp.; Bradley Morrison, Director of Cultural Arts at the Ossining School District; Miriam Risko, co-owner of Mike Risko Music School and Store; Kendra V. Rossney, owner and founder of Dragonfly Wellness Yoga Studio; Frankie Rowland, Director - Marketing & Community Relations, Down to Earth Farmer’s Markets and Neil Woolf, owner of Bobs Army and Navy. Ingrid M. Richards, Ossining’s Manager of Downtown and Economic Development, serves as the Village liaison.

For more information on the Chalk It Up! festival, contact Ingrid M. Richards, Manager of Downtown and Economic Development, at (914) 941-3554 or irichards@villageofossining.org. Applications for artists and vendors are available online at www.villageofossining.org/economicdevelopment.

Peekskill Reads Holding Book Drive

Peekskill Reads is holding its 14th annual book drive from October 5 through October 23. The Peekskill Reads book drive is a community event aimed at getting books into the homes of our younger children. Residents donate new or used books geared to children 12 years or younger. These books are then given to children, at no cost, during an open, public event. The event, “Men Who Read to Children,” will take place on Saturday, October 24 at the Field Children’s Library in Peekskill.

To donate new or used books for children aged 12 years and younger, simply drop the books at the Field Library’s Children’s Library at 3 Nelson Ave.

Residents and local businesses have been extremely generous in the past, donating over 1,000 books to each of Peekskill Reads’ book drives. Peekskill Reads is a community-based organization that actively supports comprehensive, community-based literacy programs and the education of Peekskill’s children. The only requirement for membership is a desire to actively volunteer in supporting literacy and education in Peekskill.
By Rick Pezzullo

For the last 11 years it’s been a must-see for the Halloween season, as evidenced by the more than 115,000 visitors last year who traveled to Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson to be mesmerized by the sights and spooky sounds of The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze.

The Blaze, which started out as a small event for Historic Hudson Valley to showcase the area during October, has grown, by popular demand, to 30 nights to allow everyone a chance to get in on the fun. This year, the Blaze kicks off on Friday, October 2 and will continue through November 15.

The creative director of the Blaze is Michael Natiello of Garrison. To survive the six weeks of shows, 100,000 pounds of pumpkins are ordered from an upstate farm. Each night, more than 7,000 Jack O’Lanterns are on display, about half of which are real and the other half are foam. However, each pumpkin is hand-carved and designed by one of the 15 talented carvers, who range from college students to senior citizens. More than 1,000 volunteers pitch in to make the Blaze a success.

At the Blaze, visitors meander through the historic, 18th century grounds and are greeted by pumpkins in various forms, such as slithering ground snakes, Jurassic Park dinosaurs, shrunken monsters, a doomsday grandfather clock, a giant spider web and Jack-in-the-Boxes springing up and down, along with elaborate synchronized lighting and sound effects.

New creations this year are an immersive Pumpkin Planetarium and Circus Ghost Train, featuring clowns, animals and other colorful circus characters.

The Blaze also has a gift shop that offers a variety of Blaze-specific merchandise, including hats, notepads, games, t-shirts, magnets, caps, mugs and jewelry. Café Blaze, by Geordane’s of Irvington, will sell soup, chili, muffins, pumpkin cookies and cider.

Admission to the Blaze is by advance purchase timed tickets, with the first shows starting at 6:30 p.m. Online tickets are $20 for adults ($25 on Saturdays) and $16 for children ages 3-17 ($20 on Saturdays). Tickets can be purchased online at www.hudsonvalley.org/store or by calling (914) 366-6900. Van Cortlandt Manor is located at 525 South Riverside Avenue in Croton, just off Route 9.

Meanwhile, now in its sixth year, Horseman’s Hollow is back at historic Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow, which is transformed into a terrifying landscape ruled by the undead, the evil and the insane, all serving the Headless Horseman.

More than 27,000 visitors were brave enough to take part in the interactive, pleasantly terrifying experience with state-of-the-art spooky art special effects.

Dates for the Horseman’s Hollow are Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 29-31 and Nov. 1. Online tickets are $20 for adults ($25 on Saturdays). New this year, Fast Track lets visitors skip the line in their time slot and upgrade for $15.
Police Blotter

State Police
September 13
Two Cortlandt residents were arrested following a detailed investigation. Anthony Mahabir, 33, was charged with criminal contempt for violating an order of protection and possessing 11 snakes in his home in Lake Peekskill that were not properly confined to secure cages. The reptiles were removed from the home and seized by the SPCA. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be lodging separate charges against Mahabir for illegally possessing three pythons without a permit. Meanwhile, Victoria Mahabir, 46, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child for knowingly allowing her child to reside in the house despite the fact the reptiles were all kept in unsecured Rubbermaid totes.

September 18
Diana Espinoza, 29, of Peekskill, was charged with driving while ability impaired by police on September 21 in the Town of Cortlandt. A drug recognition expert was utilized to confirm Espinoza was impaired.

September 21
Langdon Simmons, 39, of Mohegan Lake, was charged with robbery in the second degree after troopers were contacted by a Cortlandt man on September 16 that a robbery had occurred at an East Main Street apartment. The victim, an acquaintance of Simmons, reported he was assaulted by Simmons. Simmons then allegedly forcibly stole a gold chain from around the victim’s neck. The victim was treated at Hudson Valley Hospital where he received stitches for a laceration on his face. Simmons was located by police on September 21 in the Town of Hyde Park. He was arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court by Town Justice Gerald Klein and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of $25,000 cash bail.

Yorktown Police
September 18
1:20 a.m. – Colin Glenn, Jr., 21, of Mohegan Lake, was charged with speeding and driving with an alleged revoked New York State driver's license after being pulled over on Seth Ct. by Police Officer Matthew Racioppo after being observed traveling at an unreasonable speed on Route 132.

September 22
10:20 p.m. – Boyd Campbell, 19, of Peekskill, and Kenisha Dyer, 29, of Ossining, were charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree for allegedly working together to steal merchandise, valued at $1,558, from K-Mart over the course of two days. They were both released to a family member on $250 bail and are due in Yorktown Town Court on October 27.

September 23
1:20 p.m. – Anthony Waterhouse, 25, of Peekskill, was charged with two counts of criminal contempt after police received a call from a female resident of Weskora Road reporting a past order of protection violation. An investigation revealed Waterhouse allegedly left a voicemail and text messages on the Weskora Road female’s cell phone on September 22 violating an order of protection. On September 23, the female victim reported at 12:30 p.m. Waterhouse was currently bugging her back door. Waterhouse fled the scene by being located by Police Officer Keith Fortunato hiding under a deck in an area yard and placed him under arrest. Waterhouse was arraigned by Yorktown Justice Sal Lagonia to Westchester County Jail in lieu of $10,000 bail.

YORKTON HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE
The Yorktown Consolidated Water District will be flushing fire hydrants in parts of sections 4, 5, 7 and Jefferson Village Condos from October 5, 2015 thru November 13, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Please refer to your Town of Yorktown Trash Collection Schedule for the list of streets included in each section. For additional info please visit the Water Department webpage at www.yorktownny.org/water or contact us directly at 914-245-6111.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
Editorial


The late, great Yogi Berra certainly had a way with words. One of the famous quotes attributed to him was: “When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”

Fortunately for countless women who have been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer since 1996, when they found themselves suddenly at a fork in their lives after hearing from a physician “you have cancer,” they were able to reach out to Support Connection, the not-for-profit organization based in Yorktown that provides free and confidential programs and services.

But more than anything else, what Support Connection offers women and their families is hope since all their counselors and most of their incredibly dedicated staff have been stricken with the disease and survived.

Shortly after last year’s Support-A-Walk, an inspirational event like no other which attracts about 10,000 people annually to FDR State Park in Yorktown, Barbara Cervoni, whose year-round job is to get the word out about everything Support Connection has to offer, was diagnosed with breast cancer and suddenly her role with this year’s Support-A-Walk, taking place Sunday, October 4 at 9 a.m., changed in a heartbeat from observer to, thankfully, a first-time survivor.

Cervoni recently said she expects Sunday’s walk to be emotional, as it is for other survivors each year, as well as for families and friends of loved ones who have died but whose spirit is, without a doubt, present in a big way.

Celebration of life is also a big part of the Support-A-Walk festivities and you can’t help but be uplifted by the sea of signs pinned to people’s backs that let everyone know “I walk in celebration of my mother, my sister, my friend.”

Support-A-Walk is the largest fundraiser for Support Connection, so every dollar pledged means so much since it does not receive grants or other financial boosts as some of the larger cancer organizations do. Equally important is the outpouring of humanity that gathers, letting those coping with treatments, loss of hair, anxiety and everything else that comes with going toe-to-toe with cancer know they are not alone in their fight.

So leave a few hours free in your busy schedule this week and plan to be part of Support-A-Walk. As Yogi said, “You can observe a lot by just watching.”

Letters

Community is Encouraged to Attend Support-A-Walk

To the Editor,

Support Connection cordially invites all community members to participate in our 21st Annual Support-A-Walk that will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights. Join us for this uplifting event where we gather to celebrate and pay tribute to people whose lives have been impacted by breast or ovarian cancer. The Support-A-Walk is about the power of caring and the importance of community. The money raised at the Walk helps fund Support Connection’s critically needed free, confidential breast and ovarian cancer support services.

Over the last few months, your publication has promoted our Walk and shared stories of strength and hope with your readers. We are so grateful for your belief in our mission. Since Support Connection is one of the few organizations in the country who offers personal support provided by cancer survivors, the demand for our services continues to grow. Since opening our doors in 1996, with a phone and a few volunteers, we have grown to help thousands of people all over the country. The success of the Walk throughout the years enables us to continue to provide these vital services.

Participating in the Walk will leave a lasting impression on you. With over 200 volunteers present, it is truly a labor of love. Along the walk path, walkers enjoy the spirited bands, cheerleaders and supporters. Refreshments and music await at the end of the Walk, all due to the generosity of our donors and sponsors. Seeing the sheer volume of walkers relays the message that no one has to be alone when dealing with cancer.

Even if you can’t make the Walk, you can still make a difference by making a donation. For more information about the Support-A-Walk or to make a donation, please visit www.supportconnection.org or call us at 914-962-6402.

A special thanks to Brian and his wonderful staff at FDR State Park who work tirelessly to make sure the Park is spotless and welcoming to all participants in the Support-A-Walk.

With deep gratitude,

KATHERINE QUINN
Executive Director
Yorktown Pizza and Pasta captured first place in the Yorktown Small Business Association's 2nd annual pizza contest.

Finishing in second place was Frankie and Augie'Z Ristorante and Pizzeria in Jefferson Valley and third place was awarded to Campagna Pizzeria and Restaurant in Shrub Oak.

"Each and every pie we tasted stood on their own, but Joe's pie at Yorktown Pizza and Pasta was a cut above the rest," said YSBA member, judge and Town Board candidate Lanny Gilbert.

"The depth and variety of offerings from our many pizzerias/restaurants is fantastic," added judge and YSBA founder Bob Giordano. "Our residents should make sure they patronize all of them."

By Jerry Einbinder

After undergoing a major renovation program in less than six weeks, Bao's Chinese Cuisine in downtown White Plains has reopened for lunch and dinner.

The entire dining room has been redone, including ceiling tiles, tables, chairs, carpeting and colorful decorated walls. In the new stainless steel-walled kitchen, the cooking equipment and freezer are new, too. All that needs to be done is the installation of a waterfall fountain, which is expected to take place in about a month.

The menu was expanded during the renovation period with the important addition of a Szechuan section. Spicy Szechuan dishes appearing in this new section include fish fillet with pepper-corn sauce ($20.95), the "Peppercorn Delight" with shrimp, chicken, beef and vegetables ($20.95) and "Malatang," which combines shrimp, chicken, beef, tofu, noodles and vegetables ($20.95).

Daily specials are listed on a standing blackboard at the restaurant entrance. Also new and not shown on the menu but available every day is a crepe called Bao Bao bun. Roast pork with vegetables and a sweet and spicy sauce ($14.95) is another non-menu item that appears often on the blackboard.

Owner May Tan said spicy Malaysia fried rice with shrimp, chicken, egg and vegetable ($14.95), crispy and soft fried rice ($13.95) and a braised beef and tofu casserole ($17.95) have long been popular with regular customers.

A pair of soups in large bowls are also longtime favorites: spicy braised beef noodle soup ($10.95) and Thai curry noodle soup with shrimp and chicken ($10.95).

Whole Peking duck ($34.95) is available every day but the supply is limited and can run out during the evening. Patrons planning to order it should inform the restaurant when making a reservation.

Fresh seafood includes flounder, sea bass and soft shell crab in season. About 50 lunchtime combination specials are offered in three price groupings ($7.95, $8.95 and $10.95). A few other lunch specials are priced up to $12.95. All meals include an entree, soup or egg roll and fried rice.

Best-selling beverages, Tan said, are a coconut mojito martini and a chocolate drink for children called Milo Dinosaur.

For 15 days beginning on Chinese New Year, Feb. 8, 2016, Bao will commemorate the Year of the Monkey with a supplementary menu offering authentic Chinese dishes. Bao is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and noon to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday. It provides free delivery up to three miles and offers catering services.

It is located in the White Plains Mall at 200 Hamilton Ave. and can be entered from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The mall's parking lot has a nighttime parking rate of $6 that Bao validates for patrons with bills of $35 or more. Metered municipal parking lots are nearby and typically charge $1 an hour.

For more information, call 914-682-8858 or visit www.baochinesecuisine.com.

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Bao Reopens in White Plains, Adds Szechuan Dishes

By Jerry Einbinder

Yorktown Pizza and Pasta Wins Pizza Contest

Joe Giuliano and his family were congratulated by members of the Yorktown Small Business Association.

Bao Reopens in White Plains, Adds Szechuan Dishes

At Bao, White Plains has a new Chinese restaurant, opened in early December. The restaurant was a hit with Yorktown residents until it closed temporarily while renovations were made. It reopened March 10.

Bao is a family-owned restaurant that is located in the White Plains Mall.

Bao's Chinese Cuisine in downtown White Plains has reopened for lunch and dinner. It is located in the White Plains Mall and can be entered from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The mall's parking lot has a nighttime parking rate of $6 that Bao validates for patrons with bills of $35 or more. Metered municipal parking lots are nearby and typically charge $1 an hour.

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Obituaries

Elsie Hull

Elsie M. Hull, a longtime Peekskill resident, died September 22. She was 92.

Mrs. Hull was the ‘Mother of the Church’ at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Peekskill, where she served faithfully for many years. She worked from 1952-1978 in nursing services at the FDR Veterans Hospital in Montrose, until retiring in 1978. She owned and operated the first dry cleaners in Verplanck.

Mrs. Hull was the beloved husband of 59 years to the late Charles Nadovich, of Bethlehem, PA. He was 89.

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He is survived by his son, Christopher T. Nadovich and his wife, Joanne of Easton and two grandchildren, Thomas and Julia Nadovich.

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Play Connection
Jefferson Valley

By Neal Rentz

Every day can be a party day at Play Connection, located in the Jefferson Valley Mall.

“Play Connection is our indoor party place,” owner and Thornwood resident John Iorio said last week.

You can have unlimited play for one hour on a variety of arcade games and use a bouncy castle for $5. The facility, which is open every day, is also rented out for a variety of events including birthday parties. A two-hour children’s birthday party costs $450 for 15 kids. The cost includes exclusive use of the facilities.

Unlike the typical game room, “no tokens are ever needed,” Iorio said. “It’s all set to free play.”

Behind the arcade is a private party room, where pizza and cake is served. “We provide everything,” Iorio said. If a customer wants something other than pizza for their party Play Connection orders food from Nuthin Too It Catering in Yorktown. Food for adults requires an additional charge.

Play Connection also puts on corporate parties, including holiday parties, which could feature a disc jockey or a sound system. Iorio said, noting there is also optional bar service. “We can add so many things because we’re a full event optional bar service. “We can add so many things because we’re a full event

Painting Parties are offered in which an artist will provide art instruction, Iorio said.

Iorio said Play Connection is part of his Funtime Amusements, which is based in Yorktown. Play Connection opened in the mall in March. When Iorio’s company was running one of its annual Expo events with the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce in the mall it was suggested by a business owner to him to come to the shopping center, Iorio said. Play Connection opened in a small location in the middle of the mall in the spring but moved to its current larger location near Sears because this summer because the center of the shopping center is undergoing renovations, Iorio noted.

“It’s just suited us so well. It’s double the space of our first store,” he said.

Play Connection sells Pop Vinyl toy figures. “We have the biggest selection in this area,” Iorio said. “We’re going to be adding more to our collection.”

Outside of his work, Iorio is active in Westchester and Putnam Counties. Iorio has staged street festivals for the Chambers of Commerce in Yorktown, Mount Kisco and Mahopac and is a member of the Chambers of Commerce in Yorktown and Mahopac.

Iorio said opening his Shrub Oak facility has served a need for local residents. “If you want to go to a party place that has what we have here you really have to go to Rockland or down to Mount Kisco. So really nothing that’s close by that does what we do,” he said.

Shown above is staff from Play Connection, located in the Jefferson Valley Mall. From the left are: party attendant Travis Flanagan, party host Caitlyn Iorio, owner John Iorio, John Iorio Jr., vice president, and party attendant Alexis Crawford.

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By Michael Giuliano

With the official beginning of autumn now here, the time for seasonal culinary and cultural favorites is in full swing. Two local orchards, Wilkens Farm in Yorktown and Stuart’s Farm in Somers, are in the midst of their busy seasons, and each has unique opportunities to offer visitors from near and far away.

Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm, which is in its 99th year of operation, is located off of White Hill Road near Mohansic Avenue and the Taconic State Parkway. Open from late August until Christmas, pick-your-own season begins with the peaches, before moving onto apples, and finally pumpkins. While not pick-your-own, Wilkens also offers homegrown plums, pears, and berries for sale in their on-site market. Once the picking season for fruit is over (usually around Halloween), the farm starts to prepare for Christmas tree season, which opens the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Randy Pratt, who runs the farm with his wife Barbara (née Wilkens), said that 100 acres of the farm is made up of apple trees, and that new breeds are introduced every once in a while. “A tree can last for 20 years or longer,” said Pratt, who is also in charge of overseeing the planting and growing of the crop. “We’re planting new ones each year.”

At last count, Wilkens Farm grew 42 different varieties of apples, though Pratt admitted there are a few favorites that stand out from the bunch. “McIntosh and Yellow Delicious, of course,” Pratt began to list. “Crimson crisp, Northern Pine, Idared, and Macoun are all big ones.” Showing off the prowess that comes with being a long-time apple cultivar, when a customer asked which apple was best for baking, Pratt was able to immediately answer with “Baldwin.”

It should be noted that pick-your-own days are reserved for Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, though Wilkens has both an on-site market where fresh fruit can be bought any day of the week. The farm also has a bakery (open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), with the two stores being deliberately separated.

“It gives it more of a village setting, where you can wander around a bit instead of being stuck in one big room,” said Pratt.

The bakery, where the large ovens used are visible from behind a glass divider, specializes in fresh cider donuts (plain or chocolate-covered), fruit pies, and assorted cakes. Pies and cakes can be ordered ahead of time, either in-person or online, and they recommend getting orders in early, because things can get very busy around...
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Thanksgiving. The market contains all of the non-baked items, including pre-picked bags of apples, local honey, recipe books, and fresh apple cider. The cider is made on-premises every Thursday, with enough being made to last for the week.

Wilkens is also in the process of opening a vineyard on the grounds. Pratt's two daughters, who majored in Enology and Viticulture, started growing grapes on the property four years ago, and are looking forward to harvesting the first usable crops in the near future. Within the next year, they are also hoping to open a wine tasting room.

Coincidentally, Stuart’s Farm is also working on starting their own vineyard, and has already managed to make a few bottles of wine.

“I think we’re on our fourth vintage,” said Betsy Stuart, who owns and operates the farm with her husband, Bob. “We can’t sell it, yet, but we’ve been testing it, and it’s good!”

Some of the grape varieties grown there include Chardonnay Franc, Riesling, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The original mill, which is no longer usable to make cider, is now used to make the wine, though it will probably be a while before any can be sold to the public.

Located within the small Somers hamlet of Granite Springs, Stuart’s Farm was originally founded as a dairy in 1828 by

James W. Conklin (whose tombstone can still be spotted inside the market). It wasn’t until the mid-1920’s that the farm shifted operations into becoming a full-fledged apple orchard. Stuart’s stretches over 200 acres of land and yields a produce crop that is almost equal to its apple crop. In addition to growing their own produce, the Stuart family rents the land out for local farmers to grow their crops, increasing the variety of fruits and vegetables to be found on the property.

At their farm stand (which is open daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.) some of the vegetables that can be found include sweet corn, heirloom tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, eggplants, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, and acorn squash.

The pick-your-own season for Stuart’s begins in late July when the peaches and raspberries ripen, but even before that, in the spring, their greenhouses are busily blooming with annual and perennial flowers. Afterwards, the new vegetable crops are seeded in the greenhouses before being transplanted into the ground for the growing season.

Apple season picks up in mid-September, and visitors are able to choose from 38 varieties of apples to pick. Unlike Randy Pratt, though, Betsy Stuart was able to narrow down the favorite picks quite easily.

“Honeycrisp, definitely,” Stuart said. “It’s the most popular. It just has such a delicious, sweet taste.” Stuart also names the Macoun (a hybrid of a McIntosh and a Jersey Black apple) as a bestseller and as her personal favorite.

In their bakery, the Stuart family has the standard fare of cider donuts (freshly-made throughout the day) and apple pies, but also offer a plethora of other fruit, berry, and even mincemeat pies, along with various cakes and scones. While Betsy is often seen manning the produce stand, Bob can often be found behind the counter of the bakery, along with his son-in-law Shaun Pelky. Orders are especially popular throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, and can be made right up until Christmas Day, when the farm closes for the season.

Stuart’s is perfectly designed to handle a high volume of people, and school tours are scheduled from Monday to Friday. Wilkens Farm offers tours to school groups as well, but usually reserves them for Friday afternoons. As a result, Fridays can be especially busy; Wilkens has reportedly brought in over 1,500 students on a single day.

“We have them come from as far as Manhattan and as close as ‘Yorktown,’” Stuart said. Local Yorktown and Somers High School students also volunteer to help out on the farm during the weekends.

For more information on Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm, their website is www.wilkensfarm.com, and their phone number is (914) 245-5111. They can also be reached by E-Mail at wilkensfruitfarm@gmail.com.

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The modern version of this seemingly trite joke could easily take place in the surroundings of a wine bar or high-end restaurant. "Waiter, there's black gunk in my glass of wine." "That's all right. It's our house special."

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Many winemakers make painstaking efforts to eliminate these particles and natural compounds from the wine before bottling. Others endeavor to produce the most natural wines possible, just as they feel nature intended them. If there is any residue, it is a sign of the natural order, in which imperfection can be viewed as an indication of perfection, the perfect balance between a winemaker as alchemist and conduit of nature.

Here are several examples, in two categories, that, on the surface, might be considered reasons for rejecting a glass of wine that is served to you. In most instances, they are not cause for concern.

No need to be concerned, it's just the natural order:
1. Black gunk. What is more pleasurable than anticipating the last drop of particularly enjoyable wine? What is more disconcerting than ingesting a mouthful of black, tart-tasting sediment instead? While disconcerting and a palate-killer, this sediment is harmless. Sediment is a natural byproduct in the production of wine. The reason certain wines contain sediment while others are free of this black gunk is a winemaker's choice. Many winemakers will filter out this sediment using elaborate mechanical technology before bottling. Others prefer to produce the most natural product possible, proudly labeling their wines as "unfined and unfiltered." Most consumers, once aware of the innocuous nature of this untouchable debris, simply exercise a bit more caution when approaching a bottle of red wine.

2. Barnyard smell. Phew - no fine wine should emit aromas of a steamy pigsty. Yet I've experienced this phenomenon several times. The cause? Brettanomyces, or Brett, a yeast that may linger in a bottle of wine in spite of a winemaker's efforts to eliminate it. While totally harmless and often fading after exposed to air, many consumers find it quite off-putting - unless you're a fan of the barnyard.

3. Oxidation. If your Pinot Noir tastes like Sherry, it is likely the victim of intrusive oxygen through a faulty cork. Unless you enjoy Sherry with your lamb chops, reject the wine.

Wine is an evolving product of nature. As such, it is imperfect and highly variable. Winemakers may attempt to control its evolution and influence the outcome. Nature doesn't always cooperate.

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As I opened the door to my kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack, the thought occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and wondered how I managed without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a “butler's pantry,” which we hadn't had before. To me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home should have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It is where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appliances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under the bottom shelf.

Being naturally curious about the origin of things, I also wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on through the ages socially, economically and, today, architecturally.

The word “pantry” comes from the French word paneterie, meaning from “pain,” the French word for bread. In medieval times food and supplies were stored in a number of specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder, alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was stored in the pantry.

In Europe, traditionally the butler’s pantry was used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen-related items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

In America, pantries evolved from early American “butteries,” built in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in self-sufficient farmsteads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be kept refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheesecakes, pastries, eggs and butter were common foods kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Prior to World War II, smaller homes in America did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage.

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By Bill Primavera

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Tuesday, Sept. 29

Farmers’ Markets: The Putnam Valley Orange Farmers’ Market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Mill Street and Peekskill Hollow Road (Adams Corners).

Chekmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information, contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Field Library Exhibit: The Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, and the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art are presenting Sabrina Occhipinti: Table Bedspreads, Pillows, Quilts, Comforters, Kitchen or Bath Accessories made of Fabric, to be held through Oct. 12. Info: 914-737-1212, peekskill.org.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Intro To Yoga: Teens & Tweens Intro to Yoga & Mindfulness will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8 and 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Somers Library. INFO: 914-739-0500 of www.firsthebrew.org.

Friday, Oct. 2

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal ICC Early Childhood Center at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize all under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher. Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services in the spring will begin at 8 p.m. and Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. On most Saturdays, after the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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  - Soft Toys - stuffed animals, rag dolls, beanie babies
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  - **Hard toys must be able to fit inside a 24x24x21 box.***
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Crossword

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1. Media watchdog, for short
2. Promissory note, so to speak
3. Freon, generically
4. Soaking sound
5. Cask for holding liquid
6. Chicken-king connector
7. White ball
8. Barely manages
10. Trip for the conceited
11. Auto shaft attachment
12. A dozen berries that grew on a wooden vine, or Peekskill Restaurant, 12 __
13. Noble domain
14. Put to test
15. Vote in
16. Lumpy
17. Noble domain
18. Barely gets the words out
19. Brutish sort
20. __ but a goody
21. Jeer
22. Vote in
23. Lumpy
24. Aftershock
25. Prediction
26. __ but a goody
27. End of grace
28. Noble domain
29. Philippine city
30. Holy statue
31. Philippine city
32. “__ myself and I”, De La Soul
33. Fix upon
34.军事扩张
35. Fix upon
36. __ but a good __
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Age. To fill the need for kitchen storage, in the early 1900s the Hoosier Cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Co. in Indiana, was created to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home. Most Hoosier cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with built-in storage bins and containers for everyday items like flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier cabinets today are found mostly on eBay, but for those that don’t have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store a lot of items, particularly if they are equipped with pullout can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. Lazy Susans help with access to items that would normally be stored in the back of a shelf. Pullout shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items together and organized.

Because some things stored in pantries can be quite small, a pantry can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places to store bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

In today’s homes, Butler pantries can serve as an “in between room” located between the kitchen and formal dining room. Typically you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the “heart” of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.


Supervisor Claims Lawsuit over Leased Parkland without Merit

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Move an existing 26-inch gas pipeline that has existed since 1934 without incident and replace it with a 42-inch one would take place in the summer of 2016 and last for two to three months. The gas pressure would also increase by 25%. The project was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in March.

Spectra is proposing to run another pipeline, four miles in length, from Stony Street to the Town of Somers. The Atlantic Bridge pipeline, which Spectra is looking to start constructing in 2017, would cross through some residential developments, Legacy Field and near Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin elementary schools and a playground on Curry Street.

“I am glad that someone is holding Supervisor Grace accountable for his poor decision to lease our parkland to Spectra and for endangering the health and safety of all the residents in this area,” said resident Michelle Kearns, whose family lives close to the pipeline. “As a home owner who lives 400 feet away from this proposed pigging station, and construction zone, and the mother of three young children, I am terrified of the dangers we could be exposed to.”

As a tradeoff for disturbance of a right-of-way near the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan with its Algonquin expansion, Spectra will be restoring Junior Lake in Yorktown by planting 700 new trees and shrubs.
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Sabbath service has a spiritual and engaging feel while following traditional modes. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbibw@optonline.net.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Muscoot Farm Pottery Show: The Hudson River Potters will be hosting a pottery show and sale every weekend during the month of October at Muscoot Farm, 51 Route 100, Katonah. Saturday hours are noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Info: parks.westchestergov.com or 914-864-7282.

Halloween Train Show: Take the kids on a scavenger hunt or a wagon ride at the eighth annual Halloween Train Show beginning Oct. 3 at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial.2610 Amawalk Rd. (Route 35), Katonah. The program will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 1 and on Columbus Day, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The principal attraction of the event in the main house will be the huge railroad layout, featuring Lionel trains traveling through haunted scenery and a Jurassic world of dinosaurs, the latter being significantly smaller than the actual behemoths of long ago. The main house will be transformed to the time when dinosaurs ruled the Earth with exhibits about the creatures, presented along with some special treats and surprises. The library will screen the 3-D children's movie, "Rexy the Dinosaur." Children can experience an outdoor fossil dig, surrounded by a hay maze, presented by Westchester Tool Rental. Young aspiring paleontologists can take part in a scavenger hunt presented by Prospero Nursery. The Lasdon Memorial Garden will be transformed into a prehistoric topiary garden with many surprises, made possible by SavATree, Inc. Halloween wagon rides will be “haunted” by reptilian ghouls and will culminate with a special Jurassic treat. The Garden Shop will offer refreshments, including “dino dogs” and “bronto burgers,” along with plants, pumpkins and gifts for sale. The Westchester Veterans Museum will be open during show dates. The train display, movie and house admission is $3 per child and $7 per adult. Wagon rides are $5 per person. Combination packages are available at $5 per child and $10 per adult. The program is presented by the Friends of Lasdon and supported by American Petroleum Equipment & Construction Company, Berger Hardware, Ledley Food Service, M & T Bank, Merrill Lynch, NYSEG, Prospero Nurseries, SavATree, Inc., Westchester Tool Rentals and Whitehall Auto Service. Lasdon will host its annual costume party for adults, Friday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 11 p.m., featuring food, drink and dancing to music provided by the Gerard Carelli Collective. The party will have a prehistoric theme. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Admission is $60 per person. Net proceeds from the events will benefit the Lasdon Conservatory project. For information go to parks.westchestergov.com or call 914-864-7268.

Arts And Crafts: The 4th Unitarian Society of Westchester, 1698 Strawberry Rd., Mohegan Lake, will hold its second annual Fine Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and start your holiday shopping with us. Choose from a great variety of unique, handmade items by local artists and artisans. Admission is free and there will be a bake sale and raffle. For more information, contact Jennifer at 914-648-8583.

Car-B-Que: The community is invited to Bethel’s Car-B-Que from 1 to 4 p.m. This free event will feature vintage cars, BBQ treats and Doo Wop music. The Car-B-Que will be held at Bethel Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 67 Springvale Rd., Croton-on-Hudson. Info: 914-739-6700 Ext.1220.

Harvest Festival: Saint Luke’s Harvest Festival & Super Tag Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bailey Park in Somers. The Parish of Saint Luke’s hopes to raise money to help preserve the historic church building, which is in need of a costly steeple renovation. If you would like to make a donation to the Save our Steeple Fund, please call the office at 914-277-3122. The fund raising profit will also benefit the church’s local programs for the community such as the Somers Food Pantry at Saint Luke’s Church. Vendors are wanted./ Please consider helping Saint Luke’s cause and reserve your own 12’ x 12’ space for only $35. Contact 845-628-0578 for your reservation. Parking should be available at Town Hall and Bailey Court.

Edwardian Fashion: The History of Edwardian Fashion with Denise Vanaria will be held at 2 p.m. at the Somers Library. The program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Somers Library. Please join Denise for a fun and informative filled afternoon as she focuses on proper Victorian/Edwardian wardrobe for the Victorian/Edwardian gentleman and lady as well etiquette rules of the day. Registration is not required for this free event, but seating is limited and is offered strictly on a first-come, first-seated basis. No seats may be saved or reserved and no standing is permitted. Info: 914-232-5717 or somerslibrary.org.

Jewish Center Events: Two events have been scheduled for the Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Schmoozing in the Sukkah will be held on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting in our Sukkah for wine, dessert, and the company of friends and neighbors. Please join us, and call our office to let us know you are attending. On Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. we will be having our annual Simhat Torah dinner. The cost is $18 for adults, $10 for a child, with a total of $54 for a larger family. Please make reservations at the office. You are also invited to services (with or without dinner) at 7:30 p.m. for which there is no charge. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Yoga Program: Support Connection, which provides free programs and services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, announces a free program: "Yoga-A Path toward Wellness." It is offered every Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit, 600 Bank Rd., Jefferson Valley. The program is open to women with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer. To learn more, or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Ossining Farmers Market: Down to Earth Markets is holding the Ossining Farmers Market outside at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. The market runs every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit DownoEarthMarkets.com for vendor details, events, and other updates at Ossining’s Down to Earth Winter Farmers Market.

Overeaters Anony-mous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anony-mous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m at the Yorktown United Methodist Church. Info: 914-717-2488.

HVCCA Exhibit: The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St. Peekskill, is presenting Hermann Nitsch’s one-person installation, “Leviticus” through Dec. 6. The installation features Nitsch’s “Leviticus,” his seminal book (52’ x 38’’) opened to the page describing the sacrificial services of the High Priest. The surrounding walls feature12 terragraph prints and accompanying extracts from Leviticus in both Hebrew and German. Info: 914-788-0100 or www.hvcca.org. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Chalk It Up: The second annual Ossining Chalk It Up! Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a day of music, crafts and food alongside amateur and professional artists painting Ossining’s Main and Spring Street sidewalks. Sponsored by the Village of Ossining’s Downtown Events Committee, the event is free and all ages are welcome. Market Square, For more information, including how to participate as an artist, contact Ingrid M. Richards, Manager of Downtown and Economic Development, at 914-941-3534, irichards@villageofossining.org or visit www.villageofossining.org/economicdevelopment.

Pet Blessing: The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will offer a Blessing of the Pets, remembering St. Francis of Assisi and his feast day. Members of the community are invited to bring their pets and gather in the back parking lot at 2 p.m. for the ceremony and individual blessings led by Pastors Chip Low and Tami Seidel. Families may wish to bring a picture of a pet that is too infirm to come in, who is terminally ill or temporarily unable to attend the ceremony, or who has died in recent years and for whom the family is thankful. This year a member of the church’s youth group is collecting Friskies canned and Purina dry cat food for a local pet shelter. You are welcome to contribute to this project. For more information see www.fpcyorktown.org.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is $15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartsyoga.com.

Monday, Oct. 5

Swimming Lessons: A new season of American Red Cross Swim Lessons are being offered in our indoor warm water pool by certified instructors in Peekskill All levels are offered and private lessons are also available. Call Terri, manager of the Society Hill 2 Recreation Center, at 914-737-4909 for more information.

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1’s. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

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Somers junior RB Messiah Horne rushed for a touchdown and 120 yards on 25 totes and snared a five-yard TD pass from QB Grant Tragni in the Tuskers’ stunning 38-21 triumph of visiting Yorktown on Homecoming Day at Somers where Tusker Nation turned out in force to witness the upset of the state-ranked (No.11) Huskers... see Grid Notebook
Naysayers Beware: Somers is Back in Business

Carmel Continues Impressive Run Behind RB Correa

By Ray Gallagher
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Somers High was out to prove the world -- and the naysayers -- wrong last Friday night on Homecoming Day in the land of the Tusker. The pundits, this scribe included, said the Tuskers were in a "rebuilding mode" and "likely not quick enough to run with Yorktown" in a Week 4 game that had become void of glitz and glam (eating crow sucks). Who could argue after Coach Tony DeMatteo's Tuskers struggled to beat winless Panas in Week 2 and were tossed about by Lourdes in a 40-3 Week 3 drubbing?

With most of Section 1 casting a shadow of doubt over Somers and the greater Lincolndale area, Somers scored 31 unanswered points, erased a 21-7 deficit and blew Yorktown's doors off in a 38-21 Class A victory that threw the focus off the playoff picture. It seemed predetermined that Yorktown would get a shot at a championship crack at defending champion Rye, a chance to avenge its 31-20 Week 2 loss, in which the Huskers blew a 10-point fourth-quarter lead.

Somers, however, will not be discounted. The loss to Lourdes was humbling. It was time to hold themselves accountable and Tusker Tony D did just that, clearly spelling things out to his Tuskers.

"This was one of the craziest games I've ever been a part of," Somers captain Aldo "Kaczmanian Devil" Kaczmarkiewicz said. "After such a bad loss last week the team was really humbled and we watched the way Rye played against Yorktown, and we really focused all week on the mentality of running to the ball and responding to adversity."

Adversity was a 21-7 halftime deficit and all the momentum on Yorktown's side, so Coach DeMatteo dipped into his bag of tricks and opened the second half with a perfect on-sides kick from K Eric Sylvester, a serious D-I bound weapon in his right. The tide would slowly change before an all-out tidal wave of momentum would shift toward the Tuskers (2-2) when QB Grant Tragni connected on a 24-yard fade to WR Jason Holland to open the fourth-quarter scoring and gave Somers a 28-21 lead.

"When they went up 21-7 we didn't panic and that on-side kick really gave us all the momentum we needed," said Kaczmarkiewicz, who, along with sophomore DL Nick Gargiulo, sabotaged Yorktown's vaunted running game and its All-Section RB Nick Santavicca. "Everyone stepped up, especially the QB's, Jason Holland and Messiah Horne."

Horne was special, alright, rushing for a 104-yard 3.5 tackles for loss) doing major damage. State-ranked (No.11) Yorktown has some serious soul-searching to do after poor second halves against state-ranked (No.3) Rye and Somers, which should drop the Huskers from the state rankings later this week. When Yorktown WR Brett Makar hauled in a perfect spiral from QB Jose Boyer and raced 60 yards for a 21-7 Yorktown lead just before the half, the Huskers looked well on their way, but looks can be so deceiving in high school football; just ask anyone who doubted Somers... w over in BREWSTER, going deep into...
Selfless Mahopac senior Chris Kocovic moved from RB to O-line for the good of the team and led the way on both sides. Double overtime and pulling out all the stops in a 51-50 win over John Jay CR last Saturday at Mahopac. Bears Coach Ed “Stones” Mulvihill went for two in double OT and QB Matt “The Cat” Catalano (16-for-27 for 216 yards passing, rushing for 117 yards and two scores on 14 carries) continued its ascension with a 28-14 victory over visiting North Rockland (1-3) last Friday when the undefeated Rams (4-0) saw hotshot RB Nick Santavicca rushed 23 times for 182 yards and a touchdown for a 14-6 lead, giving him seven TDs for the year and over 500 yards for the season. He is looking like one of the best backs in Section 1 this season.

“I haven’t seen them all but he’s pretty special,” Carmel Coach Todd Cayea said. “But slow and steady wins this race.”

Carmel QB Joe Rodriguez connected with WR Quinn Willman for an 82-yard scoring strike, making for a blowout nobody saw coming. With weapons out his fanny, Carmel Coach Todd Cayea has seen the Rams go from an afterthought to a potential high seed with a home playoff game on the horizon if Carmel can take care of business against Scarsdale and Fox Lane in the days ahead. Nobody puts the cart before the horse like we do here at the Examiner, but it’s entirely possible that the Rams could enter the playoffs undefeated should they take care of business on the road. Not sure anyone saw this type of season coming.

MAHOPAC (2-2) showed a great deal of selflessness when several key skill players converted to offensive linemen, including senior RBs Chris Kocovic, Zac Carlin and Tommy Murray, who led the charge. The result was an improved ground game that produced 260 rushing yards in a 38-6 win over visiting Horace Greeley on Homecoming Day at Indian Country. Senior Joe Cavaciuti rushed 19 times for 120 yards, including a career-high four touchdowns. Kocovic led the team with eight tackles and sprung every Cavaciuti score with a monster block while Murray and Dino Milazzo each had seven tackles. DT Milazzo was a disruptive force all night, with a slew of tackles behind the line of scrimmage, a blocked punt and recovery. Robert Hoyt added a TD for the Indians.

The Mahopac coaching staff admits there is room for improvement but they had to love what they saw from a team that is currently at a crossroads. With Arlington up next – on Breast Cancer Awareness Night at Mahopac – the Indians must bring their A-game if they are to be taken seriously as a playoff threat; with or without injured QB Dan Foley, who they hope can practice this week in an effort to play Friday.

OSSINING senior RB Kyle Cristello rushed 23 times for 182 yards and a touchdown RB Shamar Holebrook had 19 carries for 120 yards and a score in the Pride’s 28-14 win over visiting Port Chester as the Pride improved to 2-2.

No.1 CARMEL – Yeah, we can’t deny: Coach Cayea’s Rams have been the most consistent team in the region and they have more than earned top billing.

No.2 MAHOPAC – The Indians have shifted gears and put some bigger skill players into the O-line trenches and with the possible return of QB Dan Foley they think they are on to something special.

No.3 SOMERS – WR Holland going vertical and RB Horne off the edge provide a speedy combination that will be tough for Brewster to stop in Week 4.

No.3A BREWSTER – With senior signal caller Matt Catalano under center, the Bears will have the edge at QB on Somers, but the Brew Crew couldn’t stop a bloody nose with a room full gauze pads against John Jay, so the Tuskers will pose similar problems.

No.5 YORKTOWN – The Huskers had a tough time unleashing stud RB Nick Santavicca against Somers, which doesn’t say a whole lot about an O-line that hasn’t exactly met the expectations we have become accustomed to in this neck of the woods. Either we all overrated the Huskers or they just didn’t come prepared.
Culture Change at Put Valley Bears Fruitful Results on Pitch

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Class B Putnam Valley High soccer Coach Craig Glenn was a hard-headed winner when he patrolled the Walter Panas soccer pitch as a fearless defensemen, who was essentially using soccer as a way to stay in shape for wrestling, where he would win a Section 1 title in 1993. It took some doing, but Glenn has managed to change the culture at Putnam Valley this season, where the Tigers (5-2-1) are off to the best start in school history.

"Our guys are playing well right now, but we hope they can keep the momentum going," said Glenn, now in his third season at PV, where soccer had essentially been an afterthought among the student athletes since the turn of the century. "Our coaches have worked together to get these athletes since the turn of the century. "Our kids expect more out of themselves, and the coaches push them to reach new levels. Our kids are not playing soccer to get ready for another sport. They have been getting ready for this soccer season and it shows."

The Tigers posted a 2-0-1 week by trouncing Pawling 6-0 Saturday. PV also beat Peekskill, 3-1, and then played the next day at Westlake and tied in double overtime, but Put Valley failed to get past PANAS in a 2-0 defeat that saw Rob Rohan and Hassan Muhammad score for the Panthers (4-3). If the Tigers plan on making actual noise in the Class B playoffs, they will have to find a way to defeat middle of the road Class A clubs.

"We played 180 minutes of soccer in two days," Glenn said. "I was hopeful that my team was in shape, and this proved it. The team is looking at a tough matchup at Arlington B on Tuesday. Should be a great game. We hope to keep it rolling."

The Tigers got a career-best four goals from M Anders Spittal (off 2 assists by Max Martins, 1 from Christian Lopez and 1 from Emilio Sanchez) in the rout of Pawling to run their league record to 4-0, which is pretty impressive considering the Tigers have never had a whiff of a league title. Spittal scored three goals in 10 minutes time.

D Harrison Deegan (from Max Martins) and Liron Muriqi (from Nick Tortorella) added spare goals in the triumph.

YORKTOWN vs. SOMERS was the defensive struggle we thought it would be. It went down to the wire, as most suspected it would last Friday when visiting Yorktown spoiled Somers' Day with a late goal from Joey Landicino (from Max Martins) and send the Huskers to snap a scoreless tie from Enzo Sangiacomo 1) and Jay EF (5-1).

MAHOPAC hanced OSSINING a 3-1 setback behind Alin Basuljevic's hat-trick as the Indians improved to 4-5. The Indians will find the sledding a lot tougher from here on out with the three Dutchess powers on deck, including state-ranked (No.1) Arlington (7-0), (No.17) RCK (7-1) and Jay EF (5-1).

LAKELAND (4-3-1) defeated Ossining 1-0 on Chris McGovern's golden goal in the 97th minute on a header off a corner kick from Matias Prando, the unit's best player to date. The Hornets could not sustain that momentum in a 2-1 loss to state-ranked (No.8) Pearl River Saturday in the 3rd annual Westchester vs. Rockland Challenge. Lirik Brucaj scored from Prando. Lakeland keeper Nick Estrella (7 saves) had a whale of a save on Sean Coughlan's penalty kick in the 10th minute.

Somers M Alex Worsley looks to get a head on ball as Yorktown G Giuliano Santucci and the Husker defense prevail before him.

Somers’ Jack Maher gets a head on ball in front of Yorktown’s Sam Amo in Huskers’ 1-0 win.

to coach when possible. Our players are playing winter ball and indoors, spring travel, training/clinics, and summer league. We aren’t starting them out playing together for the first time at the end of August. The kids may be sick of seeing us, but the level of play is so much higher. I think the best reason for such a change is that our kids expect more out of themselves, and the coaches push them to reach new levels. Our kids are not playing soccer to get ready for another sport. They have been getting ready for this soccer season and it shows."

"The Tigers have never won a title. Spittal scored three goals in 10 minutes time."

PEEKSILL’S "The Wizard of Oswald" Annang scored both goals for the Red Devils in a 2-1 win over winless HALDANE.
Girls Soccer Notebook

Streaking Somers Prepping for North Rockland Showdown

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Thus far, undefeated Somers (7-0) has given us every reason to believe that the defending NYS Class A champion Tuskers are on the prowl to repeat as Section 1 and NYS champions this season, including a 1-0 win over Immaculate Heart (NJ), the pre-season No.1 team in the nation. Ranked No.1 in NYS Class A, the Tuskers are hitting on cylinders most teams don't have in Section 1, thus the 31-1 combined score against its seven foes.

A spirited Mahopac team gave a valiant effort Friday (down 3-0 at the half) but the Tuskers sent their homecoming crowd home with a 7-0 victory. Tuskers Ciara Ostrander (3G), Hannon Eberts (2G, 2A), Tina Morgante (1G), Stephanie Righetti (1G), Melina Couzis (3A) and Claire Mensi (1A) were all in the scoring column.

Against Fox Lane earlier in the week, Hannon Eberts (3G), Ciara Ostrander (2G, 2A) and Ella Beresford (1G) each tickled the twine in a 6-0 defeat of the Foxes. Melina Couzis, Claire Mensi and Jenna Menta each set up a goal. In yet another 6-0 win over Lourdes, Eberts (2G, 1A), Menta (1G), Ostrander (1G, 1A), Katrina Kurtz (1G) and Beresford (1G) helped to make short work of the Warriors.

All along, Coach Paul Salsis Tuskers, who were in cruise control at times against Mahopac, have been prepping for their next big test, an October 5th playdate with Class AA state-ranked (No.3) North Rockland, the two-time defending Section 1 champions. North Rock's lone blemish (4-1-2) came at the hands of Class A Pearl River, No.14 in NYS. The Pirates seem to be the team that could be standing in Somers' path this November when push comes to shove in the Class A playoffs.

Field Hockey Notebook

Lakeland Makes Short Work of Conn. Power Wilton

By Tony Pinciaro

The Lakeland field hockey teams has been the road warriors for the past 10 days and once again, the Hornets showed they were not good guests.

Lakeland had been traversing northern Westchester and Putnam counties, recently, but the Hornets took their stellar play to Connecticut to play perennial Nutmeg State power, Wilton. When the final whistle blew, six-time defending NYS champion Lakeland conquered Wilton, 4-0, and improved to 8-0.

Dana Bozek scored twice, Brianna Muniz added a goal and two assists and Meghan Fahey finished with a goal and an assist. Madison Beames handled three shots to register the shutout.

Senior and center back Julia Kim said she and her teammates look forward to playing high-caliber teams outside of Lakeland's league schedule.

"Playing these games helps us prepare for the big games in the post season," said Kim, one of four Lakeland captains. "And if we lose, then we know what we need to work on and it helps prepare us for the next big game."

Lakeland grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first half, and Kim and her defensive colleagues made it stand.

"Everything that we worked on during practice came together," said Kim, who will attend Albany next fall and play field hockey. "We had a lot of 2 vs. 1s, had a lot of shots on goal and they were quick shots. Our transferring really came together in the second half."

Lakeland continues to roll and now, the Hornets are setting into a nice rhythm. Kim said one of the keys to the season, to date, has been the overall contribution of everyone offensively. Based on this, opponents can't focus on shutting down one player.

"We are all working very well with each other," Kim said. "We are being very unselfish with the ball and trusting each other. We feel that anyone on our team can make things happen."

This unselfishness and familiarity with each other can be traced to Lakeland's year-round play with Sarsen's Hudson Valley travel organization. Lakeland also plays in the Hudson Valley Field Hockey Summer League.

"Both benefit us because we all know each other and our playing styles," Kim said. "And when we play summer league, it allows us to continue playing together and practice our plays."

SOMERS, like Lakeland, had a light week with only one game. The Tuskers took the lead and held it the majority of the game before BREWSTER scored the equalizer in a 1-1 draw.

Taylor Turchick put Somers on the board in the first half, assisted by Katie DeRago. Somers' defense was staunch, but Emily Fego drew Brewster even with six minutes remaining in the game.

Brewster did outshoot Somers, 7-5. Somers' Jess Monaco kicked out six shots and Brewster's Samantha Anfuso turned aside three shots.

"We came out strong and we were able to "tie one goal lead early in the game," Somers' coach Jaime (Irv) Pryschiak said. "It helped tremendously that we improved on our decision-making and defense, which gave us the ability to gain and keep the momentum. Brewster kept fighting hard to score and with six minutes left was able to put one away."

Pryschiak said Somers will be busy this week with four games.

HEN HUD split a pair of games, dropping a 4-1 decision to Ossining before rebounding with a 2-1 win over Putnam Valley.

Kaya Tandy did not waste much time against Putnam Valley, scoring at the 2:50 mark to give Hen Hud the quick 1-0 lead. Stephanie Wagner answered for Putnam Valley with eight minutes remaining in the first half, finishing off a feed from Jamie Turner.

Hen Hud regained the lead seven minutes into the second half on a Kelsey Byrne goal. Goalie Carol Sinicore (four saves) and the defense took over after Byrne's goal to preserve the win.

Grace McMurrin scored for Hen Hud against Ossining.

PUTNAM VALLEY lost to Pawling, along with Hen Hud, but PV Coach Rebecca Gherardi continues to see major improvement.

“We have increased the number of offensive opportunities and corners, but must improve our positioning to finish the play, to score more goals,” Gherardi said. “During the Hen Hud game, Cierra Espineira, Mary Calabro, Cassandra Link and goalie Lauren Turner continued to be a strong defensive line, clearing the ball, getting the play out of our end and up to the offense.”

Kotoe Abe scored for Putnam Valley, assisted by Stephanie Wagner, against Pawling and Stephanie Wagner had the goal against Hen Hud with Jamie Turner and Abe assisting.
Yorktown senior F David Metz and Somers F Joshua Sampson battle for position (inset) before smashing heads on a 50-50 ball in the Huskers’ 1-0 win over the host Tuskers last Friday on Homecoming Day at Somers... see Soccer Notebook