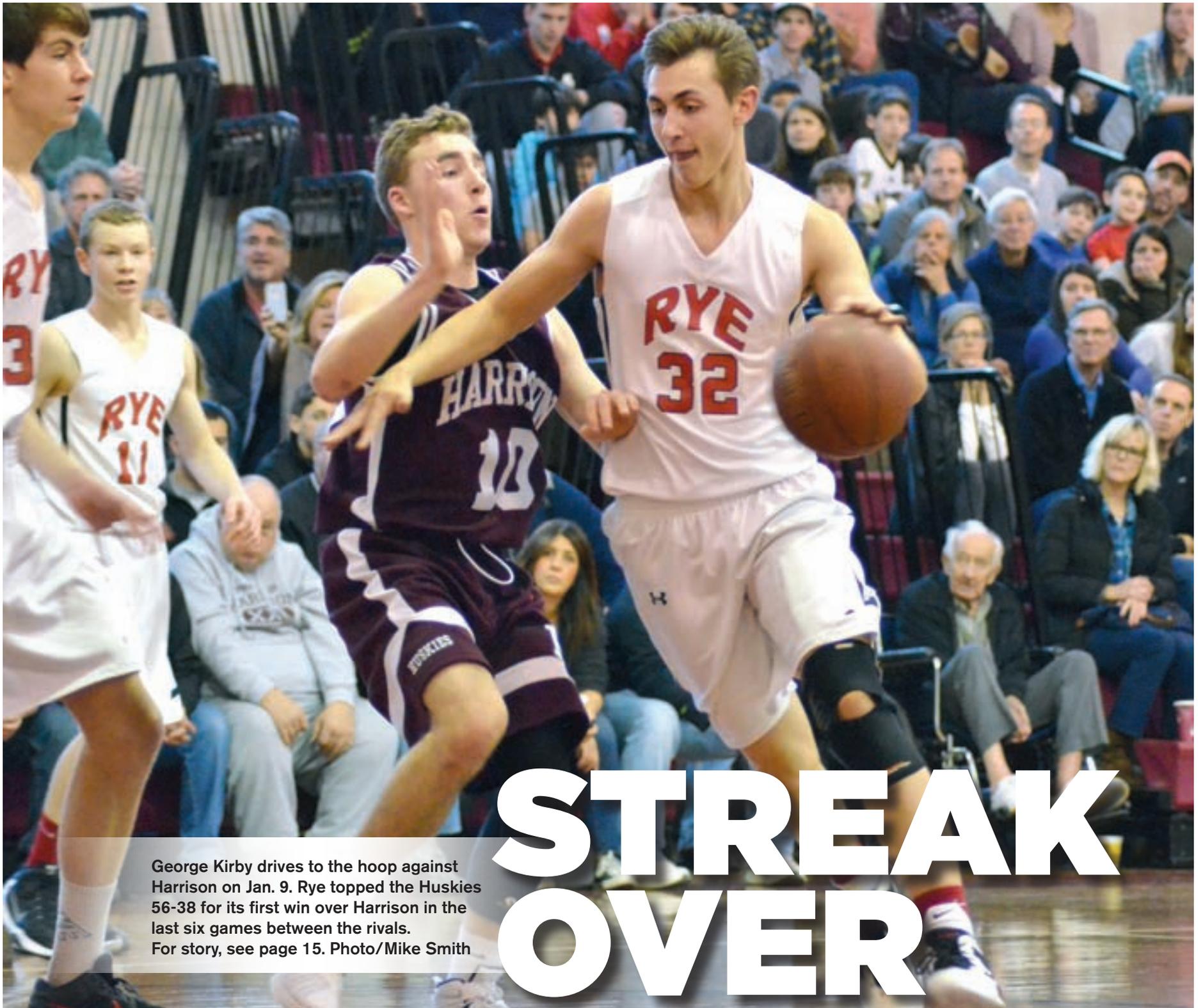


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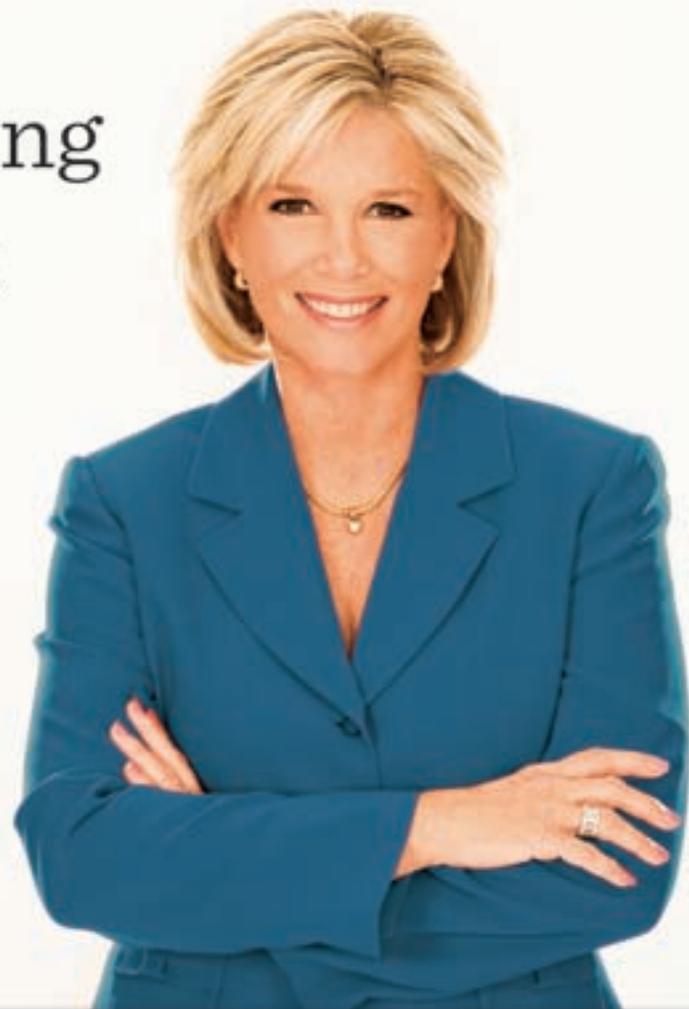
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George Kirby drives to the hoop against Harrison on Jan. 9. Rye topped the Huskies 56-38 for its first win over Harrison in the last six games between the rivals. For story, see page 15. Photo/Mike Smith

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Parents up in arms over class size proposal

By SARAH VARNEY
Education Reporter

A stream of polite but angry parents expressed their opposition to a proposal to increase class sizes in grades three through five at the Jan. 12 meeting of the Rye City Board of Education.

Public comments followed a brief presentation by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, who cited in broad strokes some of the research for and against increasing class sizes.

The proposal calls for recommended class sizes for elementary grades three through five to increase from the current size of 18 to 22 students to classes of 20 to 25 students. The current policy recommends class sizes with 18 to 22 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The reasoning behind the proposal is that physical space for the district's three elementary schools is limited and that unanticipated enrollments by students moving into the district has made it difficult to adhere to the current limit.

Board of Education Vice President Chris Repetto, sitting in for board President Katy Keohane Glasburg, emphasized that a decision has not yet been made and comments from parents and teachers were welcome.

"We have had a couple of situations recently—one over at Milton with a first-grade class and we haven't discussed class sizes in the recent past. We want to get everyone's feedback," Repetto said.

Schools Superintendent Dr.

Frank Alvarez echoed Repetto. "This is the beginning of a conversation. This is not a done deal," he said.

Wyks stressed that the research is mixed, but it is clear that school districts consisting mostly of students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds reap the benefits of smaller classes. "Impoverished or underprivileged kids get the biggest benefits," she said. "That's not the situation we have here in Rye."

Repetto asked Wyks and Alvarez to identify the "ideal class size," but both hesitated.

"There isn't a magic number," the superintendent said. "The district got it right when they set ranges [instead of set numbers] way back when."

But parents were unimpressed. Several said they felt betrayed in light of the 2015-2016 school budget override which passed overwhelmingly last May. With the support of the voters, the school district implemented a budget that superseded the state-mandated property tax levy cap for the current academic year.

"Supporting [current] class size guidelines was promised when the argument was made for the override," Milton mom Megan Wardle said.

Colleen Margiloff, a Midland parent and PTO co-president, was also adamant about this apparent disconnect.

"This feels like a slap in the face that now the PTOs have to go back to parents and explain this increase. I spent hours and hours to get the budget override

passed," Margiloff said.

Several parents also brought up the increased difficulty of the Common Core curriculum and the fact that standardized testing begins in third grade.

"I don't believe we have the test scores to increase class sizes," Wardle said. "Third-graders today are being asked to do work that is very different from when we were in school."

According to another Midland mother, the elimination of one class section of third grade at the school would increase class sizes by 25 percent and leave two teachers jobless.

Parental complaints during the meeting were not limited to lower grades, however.

Susan Owen, mother of two Rye Middle School students, said that the physical size of growing adolescents in "small" classrooms is making it difficult for teachers to maneuver around the rooms.

Alvarez noted that Rye Middle School had received 36 new students during the current school year, making the current eighth grade unusually large.

In other business, Alvarez announced that Julia Chung has been given the permanent job as director of pupil services and special education for the district. Chung had been serving as interim chief since the retirement of longtime head Dr. Shirley Klein.

District administrators could not be reached for comment as of press time.

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New hotline tracks deer sightings in Rye



Homeowners of the city of Rye, who spot deer on their property, can now call a deer hotline at 481-8914 or send an email to ryedeercensus@gmail.com. According to Hank J. Birdsall, the Rye-based wildlife biologist now underway with his deer count, it's difficult to count the four-legged animals when they're on private property. Photo courtesy Hank J. Birdsall

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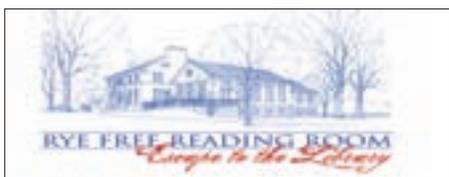
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WHAT'S GOING ON...

Rye Free Reading Room events



The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Visit ryelibrary.org for more information on these and other events and programs.

Bilingual Birdies Family Storytime

On Saturday, Jan. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Children's Room. Shake off those winter blues and come by for a blast of culture, music and stories in Spanish. Have fun learning songs and rhymes en español. This event is sponsored by the Auxiliary Board of the Rye Free Reading Room.

'Ballet is Not Pink' presentation

On Saturday, Jan. 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Bring the family for this unique and special presentation by director and choreographer Carole Alexis, with a performance by Ballet des Amériques.

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Teacher-in-the-Library

On Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Got homework? Drop by the library. Rye teachers offer afterschool homework help to students attending local public and private elementary schools in the Rye area. This is a free program sponsored by the Auxiliary Board of the Rye Free Reading Room, The Woman's Club of Rye/Children's Philanthropy Section and the PTO of Rye Schools.

Weight loss presentation

On Thursday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Meeting Room. Dr. Kurt Waples has developed a program to accurately assess body composition, both looking at hormone function and cellular health. He has taken this knowledge and clinical experience and is sharing it with the public.

Did you know toxins are fat-soluble? Toxicity and inability to properly detoxify are huge reasons

why obesity is on the rise. Is your thyroid functioning normally? Kurt will discuss the latest development in thyroid assessment and treatment which may be plaguing your fat loss efforts. Do you have a "trouble area?" Odds are it is hormone-related and easily treated if you or your doctor know how. If you have extra fat to lose, have tried diets that haven't worked, have a loved one who is overweight or simply want to learn about fat loss, this is the presentation for you.

ACT strategy session

On Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room. To register for this session, visit applerouth.com/signup and enter the event code ACT 2351.

This workshop is an introduction to the major testing strategies of the ACT. Students will learn the broad concepts of each section of the test, as well as some specific strategies that they can master and apply to their own studying and test prep after this session. This is an ideal foundation from which any student can begin his or her test prep. All attendees will receive the abridged version of Applerouth's "Get Your ACT Together: The Fabulous Guide to the ACT."

Ruby's Oyster Bar & Bistro

'Have a Cup of Joe with Us'

On Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., stop by to meet with your elected officials—state Sen. George Latimer, state Assemblyman Steve Otis and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Parker—to discuss state and county issues and concerns over a cup of coffee. They'll be at Ruby's Oyster Bar & Bistro, located at 45 Purchase St. in Rye. No appointment needed. Free literature will be available on state and county issues. The coffee's on Latimer, Otis and Parker.

Wainwright House



Jazz Brunches on the Sound

Let the jazz ring through the air at musical brunches on special Sundays at Wainwright House, located at 260 Stuyvesant Ave. in Rye. The musical brunches will be held on Sundays, Jan. 17, 31, Feb. 28 and April 3 and will feature popular local jazz trios, a delicious brunch buffet, champagne

and the chance to meet new people. It is a perfect opportunity for family, friends, clubs and alumni groups to get together and share a good time.

The series features the Victor La Gamma Trio on Jan. 17 and the John Dentato Trio on Jan. 31, with more acts lined up. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Walk-ins are welcome. For reservations, call 967-6080.

Heard in Rye Committee

Lynn Lyons talk

The next Heard in Rye Committee talk will feature Lynn Lyons on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rye Middle School's Multipurpose Room. Her topic is "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: How to Stop the Worry Cycle." She aims to "help parents learn the difference between healthy worrying and anxiety and how to model and encourage optimism to help our children grow with independence and courage." The snow date for the event is Thursday, Feb. 4.

Rye Meeting House

Gary Adamson concert

The Bird Homestead nonprofit will present a concert at the Meeting House on Saturday, Jan. 23. Musician Gary Adamson will give two performances of his new show, "California Dreamin'," one at 6 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. Percussionist Fred Wolcott will accompany him. Proceeds will benefit educational programs at the Meeting House.

Come warm up with songs by The Beach Boys, The Mamas and The Papas, Buffalo Springfield, the Byrds, Crosby, Stills, & Nash, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, The Eagles and much more. Spend the evening "California dreamin'" on such a winter's day."

Adamson is a Rye-based singer/songwriter. He is the founder and leader of Back To The Garden 1969, a Woodstock tribute band. He also runs Waters Edge Music, a music production company. Wolcott is a veteran of the thriving New York City music scene. This will be Adamson and Wolcott's third appearance at the historic Meeting House.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person. The Meeting House is located at 624 Milton Road in Rye. For further information, email birdhomestead.meetinghouse@gmail.com or call 967-0099.

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Astorino launches Keep Healthy campaign

County Executive Rob Astorino joined the Westchester County Department of Health and local health clubs on Jan. 5 to announce the county's Keep Healthy campaign—an education initiative focused on providing residents with best practices and services to help lead a healthier lifestyle.

The campaign brings county health department professionals to five locations of three area fitness centers—Crunch, Club Fit and 24 Hour Fitness—on Tuesdays in January to offer free flu shots, blood pressure screenings and #KeepHealthy tips and information. Each of the health clubs will also provide free guest passes and giveaways to visitors and club members during the health department's visit.

"The county teaming up with Crunch, Club Fit and 24 Hour Fitness is a great way to help residents keep their New Year's resolutions to stay active and lead healthier lives," Astorino said, kicking off the campaign at Crunch in White Plains. "The Keep Healthy campaign accomplishes three things: it gets free health services and infor-

To take advantage of the free flu shots, blood pressure screenings and health information, visit one of these clubs:

Jan. 19

- Club Fit, Briarcliff Manor, noon to 2 p.m., 584 North State Road
- Club Fit, Jefferson Valley, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 600 Bank Road

Jan. 26

- 24 Hour Fitness, Yonkers, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 589 Tuckahoe Road

mation to residents, it promotes healthy living and it supports local businesses."

Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler explained that the health department targeted health clubs to reach adults between the ages of 18 and 50 who are less likely to make time for a flu shot or check their blood pressure than children or seniors.

"Keeping healthy is all about the choices we make, both large and small. The decision to get a flu shot or take your blood pressure can be the first step to a healthier you," Amler said.

Representatives from the local health clubs were excited to part-

ner with the county to support the healthy living campaign.

"We at Crunch are thrilled to help keep Westchester healthy," said Eric Jozwiak, district marketing manager for Fitness Holdings, owner of Crunch in White Plains and Port Chester. "We think this is a great benefit for anyone who cares about their health and encourage residents to come to our club."

Karen Santiago, manager at 24 Hour Fitness in Yonkers, added, "We at 24 Hour Fitness are glad to join Westchester County to offer more ways for our members to stay healthy this year. We believe real health and fitness begins by understanding your current mindset—the set of beliefs that determines what you do—so you can start taking steps to achieve your goals."

Bill Beck, president of Club Fit, said, "We're delighted to team up with Westchester County to put the focus on fitness and health. Keeping Westchester healthy is our mission, too. We hope this initiative will encourage new members to stop by and join us."

The health department's brochures and flyers will be avail-



On Jan. 5, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino announces the county's Keep Healthy campaign at a Crunch gym in White Plains. Photo courtesy Westchester County

able in the department's clinics in White Plains and Yonkers, on the department's website and distributed at health fairs, com-

munity events and through partnerships with other health providers and county departments. Tips and information will be

shared through social media on Facebook.com/wchealthdept and on Twitter @wchealthdept. (Submitted)

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Late Port Chester man honored for Mount Rushmore

BY SARAH VARNEY
Staff Writer

After 28 years, the Del Bianco family of Port Chester finally has succeeded in getting the National Parks Service to recognize the contribution of grandfather Luigi Del Bianco as chief carver of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Keystone, South Dakota.

Last week, grandson Lou Del Bianco of Port Chester got the official word that his decades of work trying to persuade parks department officials to honor his grandfather had been rewarded. While details of the actual memorial to be erected haven't yet been decided, Lou Del Bianco hopes it will be the same as the one erected in Port Chester in 2014 at 68 N. Regent St., near where Luigi Del Bianco had lived.

"The tipping point was the documentation. [The sculptor Guston] Borglum had described in detail the contributions that my grandfather made," Lou Del Bianco said.

But Luigi Del Bianco's story has always meant more to his grandson than just a squabble over a piece of granite. That story has morphed into a one-hour stage show that Lou Del Bianco

performs throughout the tri-state area.

On Jan. 12, Lou Del Bianco, an actor, gave a multimedia presentation of the story of his grandfather's work as one of the chief carvers on the 14-year-long Depression-era project to fifth graders of the Osborn School in Rye.

Lou Del Bianco performed the story dressed in the same period clothing worn by his ancestor and spent some of the program speaking in the same half-Italian/half-English language his grandfather used. It included an audience participation segment with five students who each enacted one part of the carving process.

Luigi Del Bianco spent seven years of his life working on the Mount Rushmore project. In 1933, he was the only person given the title of chief carver. During the school presentation, Lou Del Bianco showed black and white photos of the workers climbing the 706 steps—half the height of the Empire State Building—to reach the work site. Luigi Del Bianco was

paid \$1.50 per hour. The entire monument cost approximately \$1 million to build.

In order to re-create the huge stone carvings of presidents

Roosevelt, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, Luigi Del Bianco and his team used a formula of ratios to ensure the carvings were made to scale.

The chief carver was responsible for refinement of the facial expressions for the presidential quartet. One student in the audience asked how Luigi Del Bianco was able to make the pupils of the sculptures' eyes so lifelike.

Lou Del Bianco explained that the pupils were designed using the same principle as a sundial. The light of the sun is used to give the eyes expression as it moves through the day. Borglum learned the technique from Auguste Rodin while studying art in Paris and taught Luigi Del Bianco how to use it on the presidential faces. Borglum is credited as the sculptor of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, with the chief carver never having been recognized for his work.

Luigi Del Bianco emigrated to the United States after serving in World War I and first settled in Barre, Vermont, where a group of Italian stonecutters had moved to work in the granite quarries. One of Luigi Del Bianco's peers recognized his talent and recommended him to Borglum.

The chief carver moved his wife and three sons to South Dakota for the project where



In an undated photo, Luigi Del Bianco stands on a scaffold next to the model of Lincoln's head used to recreate the mountainside Rushmore version. Photos courtesy the Del Bianco family

his sons attended school and his wife ran the family. One son, Vincent, became enamored with horses and the Lakota Sioux Native Americans who lived on a reservation nearby. Luigi Del Bianco befriended some of the Native Americans, and on Sundays, the family would travel to the reservation where Nicoletta Del Bianco would serve up macaroni and sauce for 100 people or more.

Later in his life, Luigi Del Bianco worked as a stone carver and created more than 500 of the headstones at St. Mary's Cemetery located in Rye Brook.

Lou Del Bianco only became close to his grandfather in his final years. The chief carver likely succumbed to lung disease in 1969.

Starting in 1988, Lou Del Bianco teamed up with his Uncle Caesar to try and gain recognition for Luigi's accomplishments. The lesson that Lou

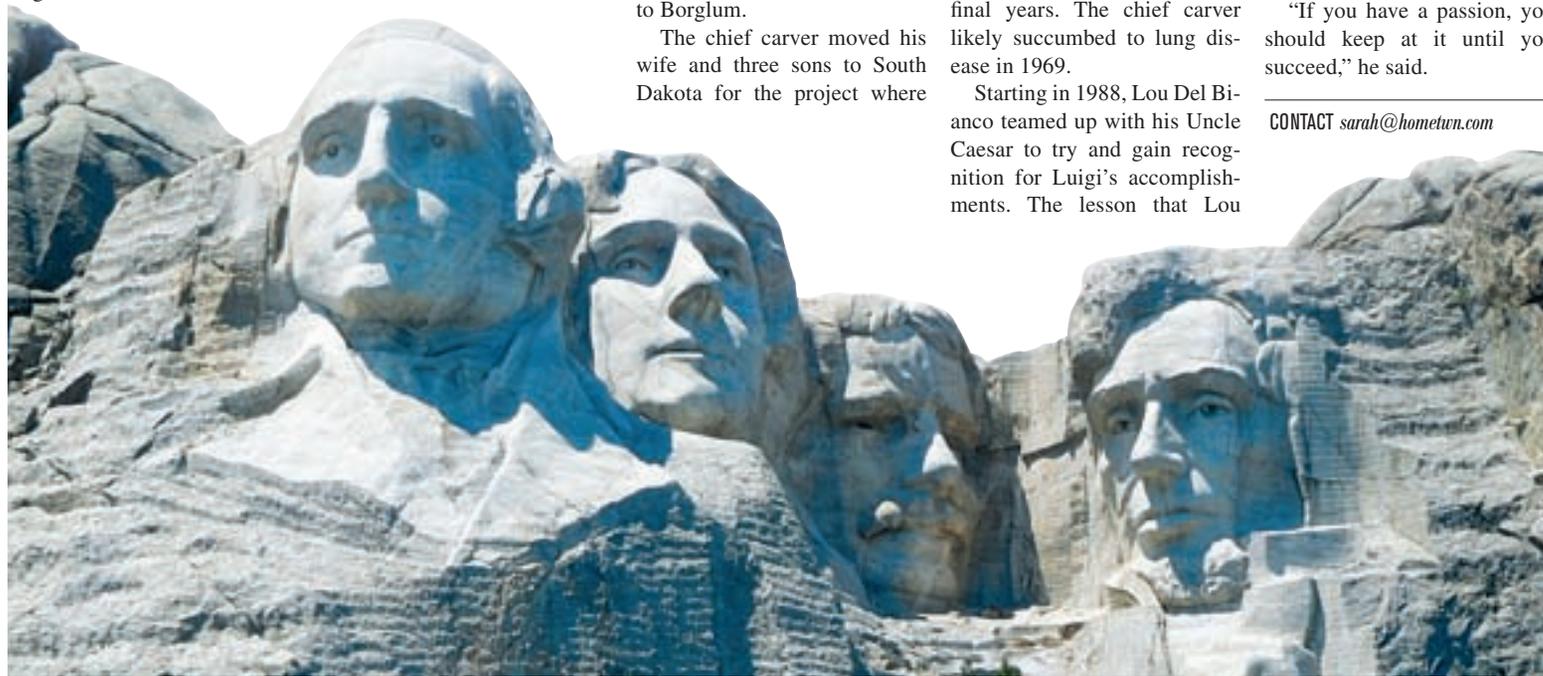


A ratio of 5 feet to 60 feet was used to transfer the dimensions from paper to the mountainside. The same "grid method" is taught to art students today.

Del Bianco strives to convey in his presentations is one of perseverance.

"If you have a passion, you should keep at it until you succeed," he said.

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The original design for the Mount Rushmore by sculptor Guston Borglum called for the hands and torsos of the four presidents. However, that part of the design had to be scrapped when it was discovered that the rock beneath the heads was pegmatite granite which is too granular for carving. Photo courtesy pixabay.com

\$1.2B biotech facility slated for development

BY JAMES PERO
Staff Writer

A \$1.2 billion project slated for development in Valhalla will, according to county officials, bring not just a state-of-the-art biotech facility to Westchester County, but also thousands of jobs.

The 80-acre, 3-million-square-foot facility dubbed Westchester BioScience & Technology Center—which is being developed by Fareri Associates—will encompass two massive research wings, a 100-room hotel as well as a 34,000-square-foot children's center.

According to county officials, the facility will succeed in not only establishing Westchester as a center for biotech research, but also supplying a healthy amount of jobs to the county.

"[The] BioScience & Technology Center [will] create thousands of new construction and permanent jobs, while po-

sitioning Westchester County at the forefront of the region's emerging new economies," John Fareri, president of Fareri Associates, said in a statement.

A statement from the county executive's office indicates that the county can expect to add 8,000 permanent jobs, both entry-level and professional as a result.

"This strategic investment positions Westchester to grow smartly in the future," said Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, a Republican, in a released statement. "It creates jobs that play to the strength of the county's highly-skilled and educated workforce."

Once built, the county expects the facility to generate \$9 million in annual real estate taxes and \$7 million in annual rent.

The rent will stem from the fact that Fareri Associates is leasing approximately 60 acres of land from the county located on the Grasslands Reservation. According to a statement by

county officials, this would be a long-term lease.

Structurally, the facility will also feature large amounts of open space, with about 54 percent of the property being dedicated to open green space.

The open space, however, won't be the only green aspect of the facility. Much of the facility will also utilize sustainable technologies and energy sources, including solar panels, rain gardens, on-site wetlands and bioswales—landscaping designed to remove pollution from runoff water.

While the funding for the facility is in place, the lease must still be sent to the county Board of Legislators for approval, and must also be approved by Mount Pleasant's land use boards.

Ned McCormack, communications director for the county executive's office, could not be reached for comment as of press time.

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A \$1.2 billion biotech facility, which will include two massive research wings in addition to a 100-room hotel, is slated for development on county-owned land in Valhalla. Rendering courtesy Westchester County

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Rye Arts Center hosts STEAM deluge



Sisters Layla, 5, left, and Sydney, 8, show off their completed duct tape wallets. Both wallets mysteriously came with \$1 bills.



Using LittleBits pieces, Grady, 6, attaches a slide dimmer to his completed circuit so that he can control wheel speed. The LittleBits kits include buzzers, motors, power supplies, inverters and batteries.

Adam Levi, Rye Arts Center's senior director, wasn't sure what kind of attendance numbers to expect at the second annual STEAM Maker Day on Jan. 9. It was cloudy, gray and the sky was spitting rain intermittently. He needn't have worried though, as this year's event drew 400 children and many more families than the January 2014 program.

The daylong workshop featured about a dozen stations spread out over five rooms where children could make items ranging from birthday cards to physical Minecraft blocks. Each station offered a project using science, technology, engineering, art and math—STEAM—disciplines with paper, clay, microchips, 3-D printers, electronics and lots of laptops.

STEAM is an outgrowth of the Race To The Top initiative spawned in 2009, which was funded by a \$120 million grant to the U.S. Department of Education.

The first Maker Day event was held in 2014. The 2015 program was postponed due to weather and as the year stretched out, other events and programs overtook it, Levi explained.

This year's event featured instructors from some of the center's current classes including designing for 3-D printing, programming with Code Combat and Minecraft.

The concepts around the STEAM initiative aren't new at the Rye Arts Center, even if the technology is. "There's a misconception that all of the activities are technology-based but some of the projects go back and use more basic concepts," Levi said.

Making cards with sturdy cardboard malleable enough to create moving parts and everyday items out of duct tape provided younger children with the opportunity to stretch their creative muscles.

Levi noted that the Rye Arts Center began offering classes in animation and recycled art as far back as 2005 to 2006.

He expects the event will grow next year. "We may have to double it next time," he said.

-Reporting by Sarah Varney



Making computer programs is popular particularly with boys ages 8 to 10 at The Rye Arts Center.



Moms help with cutting brightly patterned duct tape for their children. No one was spotted running with scissors. Photos/Sarah Varney



For children waiting to get at the electronics stations in other rooms at the Maker Day event, motion-enabled cards provide a low-tech alternative activity.

County legislators pass climate change resolution



By replacing its traditional street lights with LEDs, the city of Yonkers is expected to save more than \$18 million in energy costs over the next 10 years. Photo courtesy city of Yonkers

BY KILEY STEVENS
Staff Writer

The Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a resolution last month, making the county the latest municipality to become a New York Climate Smart Community.

The resolution, originally introduced to the board by county Legislator Catherine Parker, a Rye Democrat, will add Westchester to a network of communities throughout the state who have begun to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to adapt to climate change. The pledge, which is comprised of 10 key elements, was written by the Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of Climate Change.

Of all of the counties in New York state, Westchester has the most municipalities who have signed the resolution, with 29 out of the 43 towns, cities and villages already committed to taking the pledge. Parker said she decided to introduce the pledge to Westchester after attending a meeting about climate resilience with FEMA and the DEC.

"By becoming a climate smart community, we would be tackling some of the issues related to climate change," Parker said. She added that the county would also become eligible for funding to-

ward flood mitigation and storm hardening, two problems Westchester faced following Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

The vote for the resolution passed 16-1, with the only dissenting vote coming from Legislator Michael Smith, a North Castle Republican, who told the *Review* that the resolution was never properly examined. "[The resolution] was rushed to be accomplished by year-end and it was not done in a proper manner."

Smith, no longer on the board, didn't seek re-election last year after taking over as president of Berkeley College.

Several municipalities in the county have already begun taking steps to become more environmentally conscious and to save money on energy costs. In 2014, the city of Yonkers replaced all 11,300 of their street lights with LEDs. According to the city's website, the project is expected to save taxpayers \$18 million in energy costs over 10 years, and reduce Yonkers' carbon footprint by 3,000 tons each year.

George Oros, chief of staff to Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, a Republican, said that because there are many factors that contribute to climate change and many reasons for its cause, the Astorino administration will not involve itself in that

political "debate."

"But we are going to implement things that are environmentally friendly and save the taxpayers money," he added.

Astorino's administration has already made strides to improve environmentally-conscious programs, including recycling plastics of all numbers, a decision made in 2011, before which the county had only recycled plastics labeled with numbers one and two, according to Oros. Each plastic has a specific number, one through seven, identifying which type of resins it is made with.

Other efforts to improve the environment are also already in place.

The organization Sustainable Westchester, a union of Westchester local governments that promotes effective sustainability initiatives, was formed in 2014 when the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium, NWEAC, and the Southern Westchester Energy Action Consortium, SWEAC, merged.

The village of Tuckahoe, a member of Sustainable Westchester, is one of 14 Westchester communities yet to sign the New York Climate Smart Community pledge.

"Back in 2013, the village was looking to adopt a modified version of the 10-point Climate Smart pledge," said Tuckahoe Mayor

Steven Ecklund, a Republican. "At the time, it was brought to our attention that [the DEC's Office of Climate Change] required, required that the entire pledge be adopted as is with no changes."

Ecklund and Tuckahoe decided to continue solely as members of Sustainable Westchester. Tuckahoe recently received multiple awards from the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District, along with the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (Westchester-Putnam) for "a model of green infrastructure" for their reconstruction project of the Fisher Avenue parking lot in Tuckahoe, in which the village installed an oil, contaminants and water separator, an electric car charging station, and pervious pavement which allows rainwater to be naturally filtered through the soil rather than ultimately ending up in the Bronx River. The mayor added that plans for adopting the Climate Smart pledge will be reviewed at a later date.

Parker hopes the municipalities that have not yet signed the pledge will be encouraged to do so once the new energy conservation

and sustainability director for Westchester County officially takes his position sometime this year. In April, the Board of Legislators passed legislation creating that position, and in August, Timothy Carey, former president of the New York Power Authority, was appointed to the position by the Astorino administration. Although appointed, Carey has not yet been officially approved by the board, according to the administration.

According to Parker, one of the director's responsibilities will be to educate municipalities on how to reduce greenhouse gases and

their dependency on fossil fuels.

In addition to the environmental impact of adapting to climate change, Parker said this resolution will be an economic victory for the county.

"I think that when you can make the case that these [changes] are good going forward for something like climate change, that doesn't necessarily speak to all residents," she said. "But when you tell them it can save them money, it speaks to those who are less moved by the climate change movement."

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CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY PLEDGE

- 1 Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community
- 2 Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action
- 3 Decrease community energy use
- 4 Increase community renewable energy use
- 5 Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart, solid waste management practices
- 6 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land use tools
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State of the City 2016 address

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Mayor Joe Sack



First, as we start the new year, I would like to welcome two new members of the Rye City Council: Danielle Tagger-Epstein and Emily Hurd. I would also like to welcome back councilmember Richard Mecca. Congratulations and good luck to you all.

Further, I would like to recognize all former councilmembers and current elected officials who are present.

We have, as our most special guests this evening, the fourth- and fifth-grade student government leaders from the Midland, Milton and Osborn schools.

I would like to thank the school principals, Jim Boylan, Joanne Nardone and Angela Garcia, as well as Mary Partington, Michelle Johnson and Laura O'Leary, for their help in arranging the students to be present. I would also like to thank Superintendent Frank Alvarez, Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, and board President Katy Glassberg for working as partners on issues that affect us all.

Girls and boys, you have ahead of you middle school and high school, college and beyond, and unlimited potential. That may seem like a long road, but I assure you, as the parent of three daughters myself, all about your age, it goes by very quickly.

And indeed Katie, Allie and Mary Sack are here tonight. It's not too embarrassing to be the

mayor's daughter, is it?

You may someday move away from Rye, but when you put roots down elsewhere, you will draw strength from the memory of the community in which you were raised.

And for those of you who will return to Rye to raise families of your own, as far off as that may seem, you will no doubt take leadership roles in organizations which have served as pillars of our community, including the Rye Little League, the Rye Arts Center, the Rye Nature Center and the Rye Free Reading Room.

I am sure that among you right now are future city council members, a future mayor of Rye.

Because of you, and because of your families, the state of our city is strong, and will continue to be strong.

My colleagues and I on the City Council play important roles. However, we are volunteers and serve in a part-time capacity. We all have careers and other responsibilities aside and apart from our public service.

The day-to-day operations of the city are run by a full-time professional Rye city manager who oversees all other Rye city employees. Therefore, one of the most important responsibilities that the City Council has is to hire a good and trustworthy person to fill this role. In 2015, we did just that when our long and diligent search led us to Marcus Serrano.

Our top mandate to Marcus has been, and continues to be, to lead city operations in an open,

honest and responsive manner. In short order, Marcus has exceeded our high expectations in that regard. Marcus, we are very glad that you are here.

Subsequently, Marcus proceeded to select two new key city department heads, with the hiring of Michael Corcoran as police commissioner and Carolyn D'Andrea as city clerk, bringing fresh perspectives to police headquarters and to City Hall. Michael and Carolyn will continue to make significant contributions toward solidifying the public's renewed trust and confidence in our city government.

Thank you to all city employees for the great work that you do day in and day out. Like Fred Astaire dancing, you do it so well that you make something quite difficult look rather effortless. Your service helps make Rye such a terrific place to live.

In 2015, together we achieved good outcomes on a number of long-standing issues, including:

- the passage of historic new rock-chipping legislation
- the creation of a new downtown historic district
- the implementation of the innovative new off-leash dog policy at Rye Town Park
- the successful search for and retention of a new insurance broker
- the investment of \$1 million dollars in repaving our roads
- the approval of rezoning for a senior housing project on the site of a vacant building on Old Post Road
- with the help of councilmembers Terry McCartney and Kirstin Bucci especially, the navigation of a difficult summer at Rye Golf Club which saw the closing of greens, but which culminated in a positive financial resolution.

How did we do it? In the words of former Mayor and Judge John Carey, with hard work, teamwork, imagination and guts from all seven members of the council. And by the way, John has been a tremendous resource and role model for me as I have developed in my role as mayor.

For the past two years, the City Council has worked very hard to set a new trend in how we conduct our business.

In dealing with the public, the council has been committed to listening to and considering all good faith points of view. While residents sometimes hold



One of the City Council initiatives for 2016 is restructuring the Rye Fire Department to provide more administrative supervision. The state of the department has become an issue as the ranks of the volunteer base continue to dwindle.

passionately to one perspective or another, which is their right, councilmembers do not have the luxury of serving only as partisan advocates.

In dealing with the city manager and his staff, the council has chosen to encourage creativity and to allow our professionals the leeway to do their jobs, while also appropriately exercising a necessary level of guidance and oversight.

In dealing with each other, the council has made an affirmative effort to develop consensus around workable solutions. Members of the council have had, and no doubt will continue to have, differing points of view on the substance of issues, but we have been united in supporting a process of productively working through disagreements.

Moreover, the council has learned that achieving a buy-in from all members on controversial issues carries greater moral value, and garners wider and deeper acceptance, especially when public opinion is initially divided. We have found that it is better to be personally effective than to take uncompromising stands or to engage in political posturing, which serves no beneficial purpose.

Collaboration and equanimity have been our hallmarks. This has generated good will and mutual respect in our community. Residents appreciate it, expect it and deserve it. Let's keep the positive momentum going. At the end of the day, we are one community. We are one Rye.

This approach will continue to be essential as we address other new and continuing issues in 2016, including:

- the negotiation of new collective bargaining agreements, which deal with unchecked long-term health care liabilities
- the restructuring of our fire department to provide for appropriate supervision and to recalibrate the dynamics between professional and volunteer members
- the establishment of better emergency preparedness protocols and procedures
- the publication of a revised Master Plan for the next 30 years
- the continued monitoring of Port Chester's plans at the former United Hospital site
- the resolution of the continuing litigation at the Rye Golf Club
- the activation of a comprehensive deer control strategy
- the development of a plan to meet sewer line influx and infiltration requirements
- the maintenance of forward progress at Rye Town Park in partnership with our neighboring municipalities, as we look to negotiate new contracts for park amenities
- a continued search for new revenue and planning for the future at the Boat Basin
- a continued commitment to protecting Rye's interests at Playland
- the purchase of energy-efficient lighting and green technology
- the study of a citywide 25 mph speed limit
- the implementation of flood mitigation strategies using the promised New York Rising grant money
- the funding and prioritizing of other needed infrastructure improvements
- the consideration of a charter change to increase our relatively low debt limit
- the overall achievement of preserving both essential and desired

city services in a tax-capped environment with ever-increasing costs.

This summarizes just a partial list of our past highlights, and our new challenges ahead. We have a lot on our plate, but we look forward to rising to the occasion.

Sadly, 2015 marked the loss of two of Rye's most prominent citizens: John Carolin and Judge Peter Lane.

John was 99 years old when he passed, but he was one of the youngest people I knew. He was a kindred spirit—we both benefited from a Jesuit education—and I admired his unique combination of rectitude and irreverence.

Peter was a fine jurist, a caring family man, a trusted confidante, and—truth be told—a first-class schmoozer. As mayor, as in life, Peter always beseeched me to be “presidential,” and I hope that word does not lose its true meaning in today's world of less than inspiring national political candidates.

In the last year or so, three former mayors of Rye have died: Warren Ross, Fred Hunziker and Ed Grainger. On the wall in this council chamber are affixed their portraits, which now serve as eternal tributes to their great service to our city.

Along with luminaries such as Theodore Fremd, John Motley Morehead, Livingston Platt and Clay Johnson, Ed Grainger is one of Rye's most famous mayors, for his role during the late 1960s and early 1970s in fighting New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and the powerful Robert Moses over their plans to build a bridge from Oyster Bay, across the Long



In his State of the City address on Jan. 13, Mayor Joe Sack said the city would activate a comprehensive deer control strategy to help deal with what city officials believe is an exploding deer population. File photos

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One of the city's priorities will be to investigate what the future will hold for the Rye marina, according to Mayor Joe Sack. File photo

Island Sound, and right through the heart of Rye. Ed will always be remembered for winning that fight and saving our community.

Not long ago, in December 2014, at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of City Hall, Ed regaled us from this very spot about how he did it. That videotape, which you can find on the city website, is quite a piece of oral history. I'd encourage you students to take a look, and maybe even do a report for some extra credit at school.

Unbelievably, the same threat that Mayor Grainger thwarted over 40 years ago is upon us again. Last week, Gov. Cuomo announced plans to study not a bridge, but a tunnel from Long Island, possibly to Westchester, possibly through Rye.

The resulting construction and traffic would have devastating impacts on the Sound Shore region. In Rye, it would forever alter for the worse our quality of life.

Another former Rye mayor, Steve Otis, whose picture also hangs on the wall, now serves us in the state Legislature, as does former councilmember George Latimer. I am confident that they will strongly represent our interests on this issue in Albany.

I myself would encourage Gov. Cuomo to think more like a mayor. He ought to consider the impacts that this project would have on what matters most to most people—the place we live with our families, the place we call home.

The governor should know that

we will vigorously oppose any bridge or tunnel that interferes with the homes and environment of our city. And we pledge to support other Sound Shore communities in their opposition to any bridge or tunnel running through their towns.

Just as the bumper stickers from decades ago implored the governor to “Ban the Bridge,” the rallying cry today from the city of Rye’s perspective must be “Topple the Tunnel.”

Earlier this month, at the new councilmember swearing in, Resurrection Church pastor Monsignor Dwyer referenced in his Invocation: “We pray especially for the well-being of our young people. Some of our kids are over-worked, stressed out and too busy. This leads to poor judgment and dangerous behaviors. Lord, there are incidents in our community of teenagers who are playing with fire by abusing alcohol, prescription drugs and other illegal substances. Oh God, help us to admit that this is a problem, and guide us to a solution.”

At the start of 2016, Monsignor Dwyer vocalized, simply but powerfully in a public forum, what has been in the front of our minds and what we have been speaking about privately and quietly amongst ourselves. As we set our priorities for the coming year and into the future, we can set none higher than raising awareness about and dealing with this issue.

Girls and boys: You, the children in this room, represent the most precious asset and treasure that we have, and we ought to do more to address this difficult but important topic.

To that end, we should all support the efforts of the newly-formed alcohol and drug coalition, comprised of a variety of local organizations and individuals, called Rye-ACT (Rye Action for Children and Teens) and led by one of our own, Julie Killian. The coalition is committed to promoting long-term health and wellness by inspiring youth, parents and community leaders to foster healthy behaviors and reduce youth substance use.

As we begin 2016 together, there is change, there is always change. Change to the composition of the council, change to our priorities, and even change to these very council chambers. Within the next few weeks, this stately room will be completely re-furnished with a new coat of paint, new (and more comfortable!) chairs and a new floor.

We must always be ready for change, and we must inevitably embrace change, but as we move forward, we may also take solace in the immutable constants in our city, in our beloved Rye. And that always begins and ends with our mutual support for, and fidelity to each other.

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A Jew walks up to St. Peter...

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Lenore Skenazy



You'd think this would be good news to a Jew like me: The Vatican has declared that my tribe can get into heaven.

In a statement just released in honor of the 50th anniversary of the "Nostra Aetate"—itself a high point in Jewish-Christian relations, in that it stated Jews should not be considered "accursed by God" (yay!)—the Vatican has gone one step further. The new document states that "it does not in any way follow that the Jews are excluded from God's salvation because they do not believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God."

In other words, Jews are now heaven-eligible—which has me very worried. (How Jewish is that?)

You see, until now, I was already a little obsessed by what qualifies a person for a post-life thumbs up or down. And by "a little obsessed" I mean, I worried that if I ate a piece of bacon, it would make me a bad Jew, which then might damn me to hell, even though we don't really have hell, so maybe even framing the question that way was a sin, meaning I was headed to some sort of miserable afterlife that supposedly doesn't exist, with or without a devil/pitchfork/lake that burns without

giving off any light, etc.?

See? So Jewish.

And then, when I did something actually unkind—and by "unkind" I mean screaming at a cabbie who totally deserved it, because he made a right-hand turn while I was in the crosswalk, but still, those guys have a hard life and are barely surviving, thanks to Uber—I'd worry, well, was that one little blow-up actually going to tip the scales? I'll be standing before St. Peter as he looks at a list of everything I did and asks, "Why did you yell at the poor cabbie? They're barely surviving, thanks to Uber," and he shakes his head like, "Sorry, you blew it," and then he pushes the little button that opens a trapdoor in the floor.

All this while I'm still in the crosswalk, shaking my fist.

"Don't worry about hell!" my husband has told me, over and over. (Am I dishonoring him by writing this?) "We don't believe in it!"

But now, sheesh. All bets are off. I mean on! That whole Pascal's wager thing is now in our court: Bet that there *is* a God and if we're right, infinite rewards await us if we can just keep it in our pants (metaphorically speaking). But bet that there is *no* God (or heaven), go rip-roaring wild, and we could be in for a world of pain (and jackals gnawing our intestines) later. That was a wager we Jews didn't have to worry about.

Until now.

So how good do we have to be to go upstairs? What is the fine print? Is one "Godd*mn it!" all it takes to rip up our VIP pass? Or do I have to be Bernie Madoff before I worry?

Or, to put it a bit more proactively, how can I prove my heaven-worthiness?

Jews were already told to live righteously, give generously, dress warmly (well, most of us were). We already know we're not supposed to murder, steal or commit adultery. The real trip wire on that list is, "Thou shalt not covet." But even if we *did* covet—come on, who doesn't—it wasn't like we were immediately disqualified from anything great. Coveting a fantastic house, less jiggy thighs or a job that pays more than freelance journalism, did not mean kissing goodbye to eternal life and harps that, because they are in heaven, must not sound as horrible as I imagine 10 billion amateur harpists must sound. We Jews just knew we were supposed to try to not covet so much.

No wonder the goyim drink. (I'm kidding! I'm kidding! St. Peter, it was just one dumb, slightly un-P.C. joke. Come on!)

Now I'm a Jew faced with all the worries of a Christian without even Christmas to ease the pain. Because a Jew celebrating Christmas? I'd hate to think where they'd end up.

But I probably will.

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Celebrate MLK Day with Volunteer New York!



Volunteers celebrate after participating in last year's Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service. Photo courtesy Volunteer New York!

Volunteer New York! is offering more than 25 service opportunities in honor of the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service on Jan. 18. The volunteer opportunities on Saturday, Jan. 16 will impact and support local causes, such as Disaster & Emergency Services, Family Services, Hunger & Homelessness, Civic & Community, Children & Youth Education, Health & Wellness and Senior Services.

"MLK Day is a day we can choose to come together as volunteers, inspired by a message of hope and equality, and enact positive change by addressing local needs. We welcome all volunteers to share this dream with us and carry on the vision of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," says Volunteer New York! Executive Director Alisa H. Kesten.

Families or individuals can sign up at volunteernewyork.org/MLK. Many of this year's MLK Day volunteer opportunities are family-friendly. Volunteering with your kids is a great way to introduce the value of service to youth.

Here is a list of some MLK Day service projects taking place on Jan. 16:

- Painting at The Carver Center in Port Chester from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family-friendly for ages 16 and up.
- 2-1-1 disaster volunteer preparedness with United Way of Westchester and Putnam in White Plains from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Minimum age: 18.
- Clothing sorting for children in need with Family Services of

Westchester (FSW's The Sharing Shelf) in Port Chester from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family-friendly for ages 10 and up.

- Clothing sorting, coordinating and packing with WJCS-Kid's Klose in White Plains from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family-friendly for ages 12 and up.

- Create craft bags for children in shelters with My Sisters' Place in White Plains from 10 a.m. to noon. Family-friendly for ages 5 and up.

- Updating and sorting magazines with New Rochelle Public Library in New Rochelle from 10 a.m. to noon. Family-friendly for ages 5 and up.

Other MLK Day events:

- College application assistance for Latino community with Latino U College Access Inc. in White Plains on Sunday, Jan. 17 from noon to 2 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For the full list and descriptions of more than 25 active projects, which will take place throughout Westchester and Rockland counties, visit volunteernewyork.org/MLK.

In remembering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is also important to remember his prolific role as a mentor in his community and to his followers.

"We can't forget that January is also National Mentoring Month and what that means in relation to Dr. King, who set such a strong example, and what we can learn from that. We need more mentors and tutors in our community in order to ensure the next

generation of great leaders," Kesten said.

The core mission of Volunteer New York! is to inspire, mobilize, and equip individuals and groups to take positive action to address pressing challenges, support nonprofits and improve the quality of life in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties. For the past 65 years, the organization has encouraged adults to serve, youth to build character, families to bond, young professionals to lead, mature adults to share their wisdom and businesses to engage through volunteerism.

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The agony of defeat

LIVE MIKE
Mike Smith



If you hail from Minnesota or Cincinnati, or root for the football teams in those areas, I want to offer my condolences. I don't know how you got out of bed on Monday.

Over the weekend, the Vikings and Bengals suffered absolutely brutal losses in the NFL Wild Card round, and while any defeat in the playoffs is painful, the way these teams lost—and the continued futility of the franchises in question—ensures that the unpleasant memories of this weekend will stick with these fan bases for a while.

I mean, these losses were painful.

On Saturday, the Bengals had Pittsburgh dead-to-rights. Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was sidelined with a shoulder injury, and the Bengals

had the ball—and the lead—with 1:30 left to play. But then, as they say, the Bengals *bengaled*. A Jeremy Hill fumble gave the Steelers one last shot, Big Ben came back into the game, and the Cincy defense lost its cool, leading to 30 yards of knuckle-headed penalties from Vontaze Burfict and Pacman Jones to set up a game-winning Pittsburgh field goal. As good as Marvin Lewis' Bengals have been in the regular season over the last 13 years, the head coach is now a dismal 0-7 in the postseason.

The Vikings, who have been similarly unlucky in the playoffs—neither they nor Cincinnati have a Super Bowl win to their names—also wrote another chapter in their tortured history the next day. With time running out at home against the Seahawks, Minnesota's kicker Blair Walsh—who had previously accounted for all nine of the Vikes' points on the day—lined up for a 27-yard game-

winning field goal, which should have been a chip shot for Walsh, but, this being the Vikings, he shanked it wide left to lose the game.

Two devastating losses, sure, but coming from a Red Sox fan, these are losses the fans should have seen coming.

When you root for a team that consistently rips your heart out in the postseason, it begins to wear on you. I can remember Aaron Boone's home run to end the 2003 ALCS like it was yesterday. It wasn't a shock to me then; it wasn't surprising at all. After all, the Red Sox were perennial losers; it wasn't a question of *if* they were going to lose to the Yankees, it was a question of *how*.

Keep in mind, I was too young to remember the Buckner game in 1986 or the Bucky Dent homer in 1978, but those losses become part of the collective memory of a fan base, feeding into a sort of perpetual negativity.

Now, the Sox shed their



On Jan. 10, Minnesota kicker Blair Walsh shanked a 27-yard field goal to cost the Vikings a win in the NFC Wild Card game. Walsh's miss will go down alongside Gary Anderson's in the annals of Minnesota's tortured football history. Photo/Jeffrey Beall

"cursed" title the following year, and since 2004, I've witnessed two more Red Sox championships. Because of that, I can watch even the tightest playoff

game with at least a glimmer of optimism.

For Vikings and Bengals fans, however, that optimism still needs to be earned. But

hang in there, this drought can't possibly last 86 years.

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Eck hits 1,000-point milestone



Maddie Eck drives to the hoop in a Dec. 30 game against Ursuline. Eck scored her 1,000th career point against Eastchester last week. Photo/Mike Smith

On Jan. 6, Rye senior Maddie Eck scored her 1,000th career point in the Garnets' 64-50 win over league foe Eastchester. Eck, who has been on the varsity squad since she was in the eighth grade, scored 21 points

in the victory. Teammate Katie Popp added 22 and Eastchester's Julie Murtagh paced the Eagles with 13.

Rye has had a strong start to the new year, topping the Eagles

in their first game back from break and downing Byram Hills on Jan. 8, thanks to a 16-point effort from Eck. They will be back in action on Jan. 16 when they host Port Chester.

-Reporting by Mike Smith

Rye Athlete of the Week

Franklin Goldzser

By LAUREN DEMPSEY
Contributor

Winning four of his matches in one week through grit and determination, senior wrestler Franklin Goldzser has earned recognition as Athlete of the Week. Goldzser is one of the team captains and has already collected 12 wins this season. This is his fourth year on the varsity squad. In his sophomore year, he qualified for the Sectional Championships, a feat that he hopes to complete again this year.

Although the sport is demanding and requires a lot of hard work and dedication,

one of the main things Goldzser likes about wrestling is the combination of it being both a team sport and an individual sport, as it is just himself and his opponent out on the mat.

"Franklin is an outstanding senior student athlete that leads by example," Garnets' coach Matt Beatty said. "As a captain, his character and work ethic inspires others to challenge themselves to also reach their full potential."

Teammate Blake McGowan agreed.

"Franklin is a great leader on and off the mat," he said. "He always pushes you to be your best whether you are



winning or losing."

Goldzser works hard outside of the wrestling mat, too. He is senior class president, a member of the school band, the National Honor Society and the Adopt A US Soldier club, and was recently named Rye High School Male Student of the Quarter. He will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

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Garnets top Huskies by 18



Charlie Nagle looks up the court against Harrison. Nagle finished with a game-high 23 points in the Garnets' win.

By MIKE SMITH
Sports Editor

On Jan. 9, bitter rivals Harrison and Rye squared off in the annual Michael Ice Memorial Classic with both teams needing a win to keep pace in a crowded Class A landscape. In the end, a late push by the Garnets put the home team on top for good, as Rye came away with a 56-38 win over the Huskies.

Buoyed by a 23-point performance from Charlie Nagle and an 8-point, 8-rebound showing by George Kirby, Rye controlled the action for much of the game, but Harrison hung tough, trailing 35-29 heading into the fourth quarter. The Garnets put the game out of reach with an early run, however, scoring the first seven points of the quarter and cruising to an 18-point win in the process.

Garnets' coach John Aguilar was especially impressed with his team's play late in the game, considering they were coming

off a tough 47-43 loss to Byram Hills on Friday night.

"I think it just shows our resilience, and it shows the work they put in during the offseason in terms of conditioning," Aguilar said. "Our boys showed a lot of guts coming back today on short rest."

The Garnets, who racked up five straight wins to start the season, came into Saturday's showdown having lost back-to-back games. According to Rye center Mark Croughan, the Garnets were eager to get back to their winning ways.

"You never want to lose three straight," Croughan said. "We knew Harrison would be a challenge and that they'd find a way to come back, so we just kept our motors going and kept playing like we were desperate."

Croughan helped lead a terrific defensive effort that held the Huskies to their second-lowest point total of the season. Jeff Solomon and Omar Nesheiwat

paced Harrison with eight points apiece.

Despite the fact that both programs have been among the best in Class A for the last few seasons, Croughan pointed out that the Garnets haven't had much success on the court against the Huskies in recent years.

"Everyone talks about the Harrison-Rye rivalry in terms of football, but I think people underestimate the basketball rivalry," he said. "We haven't beaten them the last six times we've played so to come in here today, in the Michael Ice game, this was definitely special."

Harrison, which dropped to 4-5 with the loss, will be off until Jan. 14, when they take on league foe Pelham, after press time. The Garnets will travel to Port Chester to take on the Rams on Jan. 13 before taking part in the Mamaroneck Tiger Tourney this weekend.

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Mark Croughan contests a shot by Harrison's Zach Evans. Croughan and the Garnets topped their rivals 56-38.



Andrew Carton looks to pass against Rye in the Michael Ice Memorial Classic. Photos/Mike Smith



George Kirby drives to the lane against Harrison on Jan. 9.

Rye falls to Suffern late

By MIKE SMITH
Sports Editor

For nearly 40 minutes on Jan. 6, it looked as though Rye was going to kick off the new year with an upset win over one of the best teams Section I had to offer. But costly penalties and a late push by Suffern ended up spoiling the Garnets' home debut in 2016, as the Mounties rallied for three unanswered goals to top Rye 3-2.

Suffern's Shaan Greenburg scored the game-winner with 4:43 left in regulation to drop the Garnets to 4-4 on the year. According to Garnets' coach Peter Thomas, Suffern's surge in the final period ultimately proved to be too much for Rye to handle.

"Suffern kept the pressure on, and they began to push back," Thomas said. "I think ultimately that kind of led to us tensing up."

The Garnets took an early lead in the first period on goals from Theo Bresolin and Tommy O'Brien. Garnet goalie Daniel Bonaventura was brilliant early on, racking up 20 saves in the first two periods to keep Suffern off the board.

But the Garnet penalty kill, which had been strong early on, faltered in the third period



Owen Beyer skates the puck into the zone against Suffern.

when Michael Ruthberg scored for Suffern on a 5-on-3. That goal, Thomas said, opened the floodgates.

"We've been proud of our special teams all year," Thomas said. "But after they got that first goal, I think we got a bit rattled."



Tommy O'Brien tries to force a shot through the Suffern defense. O'Brien had a goal and an assist.



Will Tutun fires a shot from his knees on Jan. 6. Photos/Mike Smith



Daniel Bonaventura makes a save against Suffern on Jan. 6. Bonaventura finished with 28 saves in the 3-2 loss.

Rye has dropped three of its last four games, but Thomas believes that the team's early-season struggles will pay off in the postseason. In December, the Garnets lost three straight one-goal games to tough upstate opponents.

"I think one of the things I want to do is challenge our team with the best teams we can find," Thomas said. "Even if we don't end up winning those games, it's

going to prepare them for the playoffs."

As far as last Wednesday's game goes, Thomas said he hopes his team learned the importance of staying loose against top teams.

"We can't be afraid to play with the lead," he said. "I think that some of the kids look at the scoreboard, see we're beating a team like Suffern 2-0 and they're almost in shock; but they have to

learn you don't play like you're just trying to hold the lead."

The Garnets will face another top team on Jan. 13, after press time, when they host Mama-ronneck, which is also coming off a loss to the Mounties.

"We just need to trust the system," Thomas said. "When we play our systems, I think we can play with anyone in the state."

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