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IN BRIEF

City man charged after raid nets heroin, shotgun

City of Poughkeepsie police said Saturday they seized more than 200 small bags of heroin, \$500 cash and a shotgun in an early morning raid on a Conklin Street home. Thomas A. Moshier Jr., 38, was captured by Dutchess County sheriff's deputies and members of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department shortly after he fled from his home at 31 Conklin St., said Sgt. Richard Wilson of the city police's Neighborhood Recovery Unit. Members of the unit and the department's Emergency Services Unit executed a no-knock search warrant, culminating an investigation of several months into heroin sales in the Conklin Street area, Wilson said. Moshier was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and criminal possession of a weapon, a misdemeanor. He was being held in the city lockup Saturday pending his arraignment.

Beekman fest to offer food, vendors, fireworks

BEEKMAN: The Town of Beekman will host its Community Day starting at noon Saturday at Recreation Park. The event will feature vendors, contests, activities and games scheduled throughout the day. Food and entertainment are provided by local groups, businesses and organizations. The celebration culminates with a fireworks presentation at 9:30 p.m. "Community Day is a great way for residents to experience all of the great things Beekman has to offer. Residents look forward to this event each year, and it is something that we are proud of," Supervisor Dan French said. For information, contact Jeanne Scigliano, recreation director, at 845-227-5783.

Journal seeks reporters for Beacon, Fishkill

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SpeakUp

Saturday's question

Should state lawmakers and the governor stay in Albany until a budget is passed?

355 Yes

9 No

364 responses

Today's question

Is the cost of a passport too high? (Please see story on this page.)

Vote on today's question and see what others are saying at poughkeepsiejournal.com. Find SpeakUp on the left-hand side of the home page, just below "Weekly Specials."

Rain cools heat wave, delays fest

Beacon party is today; Millbrook night parade goes on as planned

Larry Hertz
Poughkeepsie Journal

Finally, a little rain. A weeklong heat wave that began to ease Thursday came to a soggy end early Saturday as more than an inch of rain fell in parts of the mid-Hudson Valley. Downpours early in the day forced the postponement of Beacon's 15th annual Latin American Festival until today and caused nervous

moments for organizers of Millbrook's 102nd annual Firemen's Parade and Carnival, which went on as planned Saturday evening.

More than an inch of rain fell in Millbrook on Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

But staff meteorologist Steve DiRienzo said the majority of the rain would be well off to the east by the end of the day.

"We may get a few more showers (Saturday evening), but we're not due for any more sustained rain until at least Tuesday," he said.

Millbrook Fire Company President Matt Rochfort said about 25 volunteer units from as far away as

Hudson and Falls Village, Conn., were expected to march in Saturday evening's parade.

"We're just praying we stay dry," he said Saturday. "We can handle a drizzle but no downpours."

Eddie Ramirez, promoter of the Latin American Festival, said heavy rain in Beacon Saturday morning had left the ground in Riverfront Park "filled with puddles."

But since the weather had been so dry for so long, Ramirez said, he expected the park to be in good shape when the festival begins at noon today.

"The grass is so dry, it's soaking up a lot of the moisture already," he said Saturday, "and we're expect-

ing sunny skies (today)."

DiRienzo said parts of the Catskills in Ulster County and the Dutchess hamlet of Annandale had more than an inch of rain. About six-tenths of an inch was reported at Dutchess County Airport.

Saturday's rainfall still leaves the region about six inches short of normal precipitation for this time of the year, DiRienzo said.

And though the scorching heat may be over, summer is still here.

"We'll see temperatures in the mid-80s (today), and it could hit 90 again Monday," he said.

Reach Larry Hertz at lhertz@poughkeepsiejournal.com or 845-437-4824.



Photos by Darryl Bautista/Poughkeepsie Journal
Myles Mancuso, 14, front right, of the Mojo Myles Band entertains the crowd Saturday during the WPDH Roof-a-Thon at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls.

Annual Roof-a-Thon aids juvenile diabetes research

Sarah Bradshaw
Poughkeepsie Journal

WAPPINGERS FALLS — Each year, more than 13,000 young people are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a chronic disease that doubles the risk for death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The heartbreak from losing her son Scott at 18 after he drifted into a diabetic coma made Town of Wappinger resident Nancy McManus into an activist pushing for a cure.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation volunteer helped out at this weekend's 27th annual Roof-a-Thon fundraiser for the research foundation at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls.

Held by Cumulus Media station WPDH (101.5 and 106.1



Counterclockwise from top left, Mark "Coop" Cooper, John Mulrooney and Kricket interview Len Weiss of The Fit Squad.

FM), activities today include a picnic, parade, food, craft vendors, kids fun area and live music.

Early Saturday afternoon, Mark "Coop" Cooper and DJ

John Mulrooney of "Coop and Mulrooney in the Morning" joked about the pouring rain between announcing pledges on

SEE ROOF-A-THON, 2B

Passport fees will rise again Tuesday

Dutchess office extends hours Monday for filing before hike takes effect

Shantal Parris Riley
Poughkeepsie Journal

The cost of a passport will go up. This is the second time in nearly three years passport-application fees have been raised. The fee increase takes effect Tuesday.

A first-time application for an adult passport will rise from \$100 to \$135. The fee for those under age 16 will increase from \$85 to \$105.

Local officials say the increase comes at a bad time for many.

"In my opinion, it's a huge and unwarranted increase," Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall said. "Passports are a necessity, not a convenience."

Renewal fees also will be increased, from \$75 to \$110.

Kendall said a news release was issued in February, in conjunction with the New York State Association of County Clerks, urging the U.S. State Department not to put the increase into effect.

The State Department did not respond.

Kendall said passport office hours would be extended to 7 p.m. Monday to allow more time to file passport applications before the fee increase goes into effect.

The local passport office is at 22 Market St. in the City of Poughkeepsie.

For automated information on passport services, call the Dutchess County Clerk's Office at 845-486-2120.

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NRC won't add spent fuel to Indian Pt. review

Regulator: Issue will be resolved nationally, not in license renewal

Greg Clary
Gannett News Service

BUCHANAN — Federal regulators have ruled against an environmental group's request to add the issue of safe nuclear fuel storage to the review of Indian Point's 20-year license extension.

The nuclear plant has applied to be able to operate to 2035, but the application is still under review and is opposed by several parties, including New York state.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater had petitioned the Nuclear Regula-

tory Commission to add the issue of long-term storage of spent fuel at reactor sites, either in spent-fuel pools or in dry casks, to the application. Indian Point has both types at the Buchanan site.

"The issue remains under active consideration by the commission," Sheehan said. "This is not the proper place to resolve the spent-fuel issue."

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said the agency's decision has more to do with regulators already looking at the fuel-storage issue than the specific merits of Clearwater's concerns.

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In August 2008, the NRC's reli-

censing board agreed to allow debate on 15 of the 154 separate challenges brought by those who oppose the Indian Point nuclear plant's relicensing. The number is the most ever for a license renewal from the NRC.

Among those contending are Clearwater, Riverkeeper and New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office, which had 10 of the 32 arguments accepted for further review.

A final environmental impact statement on the plant's relicensing is expected by the end of the summer, and hearings for those opposing the extension likely will be held by the end of 2010.

Sheehan said a final decision on the plant's future is expected "sometime in 2011."

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