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Yorktown Candidates Clash over Alleged Email Privacy Breach

By Rick Pezzullo

Chappaqua resident and presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton now isn't the only public official whose use of e-mails has been scrutinized.

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace and his Republican running mates charged Councilman Vishnu Patel, who is looking to unseat Grace in November, improperly used town resources for political purposes by distributing an email on September 28 opposing the proposed relocation of the town's highway garage to a list of addresses obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

"It is wholly improper for the town's email lists to be used in furtherance of

a political campaign. Absolutely taboo," Grace remarked outside Yorktown Town Hall Thursday afternoon at a press conference called by the Yorktown Republican Committee with Patel and fellow Democratic Councilwoman Susan Siegel listening intently an arm's length away.

"It doesn't take a brilliant scientific mind to know right from wrong, does it?" Grace asserted in an apparent reference to Patel, a retired IBM scientist. "Vishnu Patel abused not only the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law, and residents deserve an apology for this abuse."

Grace and his executive secretary,

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Town Board members Vishnu Patel and Susan Siegel address GOP allegations as Supervisor Michael Grace looks on.

Tentative Peekskill Budget Calls for 5.9% Tax Increase

By Rick Pezzullo

The tentative 2016 budget released last week by Acting Peekskill City Manager Richard Leins calls for a 5.9% tax hike.

The proposed \$53.8 million spending plan, which must be adopted by December 1, also includes increases in water and sewer rates and would result in the average single-family homeowner in Peekskill paying \$126 more in taxes next year.

"The tentative budget for 2016 is intended to provide a platform from which the city may move forward in the years ahead," Leins stated in his budget message to Mayor Frank Catalina and the Common Council. "Much work has already been done to address the financial condition of the city. This budget sub-

mission seeks to acknowledge realistic revenue and increases in costs which will permit the city to maintain services to its residents and businesses and allow it to continue to thrive."

One of the boldest recommendations made by Leins in his proposed budget is for the city to pay its current outstanding balance of \$4,278,000 to the New York State Pension system, instead of its deferred obligation of \$360,000 under a previously agreed upon repayment schedule.

Another suggestion proposed by Leins to help close a \$1.5 million deficit is to utilize approximately \$1.3 million from a fund where transfer taxes were deposited for the planned Central Firehouse, a

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Support Connection Celebration

The 21st Annual Support-A-Walk at FDR State Park in Yorktown Sunday drew its traditional large turnout of participants who came out to walk in honor or memory of a loved one who experienced breast or ovarian cancer. For more photos, see page 17.

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Yorktown Candidates Clash over Alleged Email Privacy Breach

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Mary Capoccia, who is running for town clerk, claimed they were barraged for several days with phone calls from angry residents complaining about receiving the email from Patel. On Wednesday, Capoccia said she handled more than 25 calls.

Town Clerk Alice Roker, who is not running for reelection, said the email addresses were requested legally through the Freedom of Information Law on two separate occasions. The first on June 10 by Barbara Walker, a member of the Working Families Party, and the second on July 21 by Victoria Abbate, wife of Democratic Town Justice candidate Richard Abbate. In both instances, Roker said affidavits were signed stating the email addresses would not be used for solicitation or fund raising purposes.

"The email blast in no way broke any law or in any way was 'an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,'" said Ron Stokes, co-chairman of the Yorktown Democratic Committee. "The Republicans are desperate. They're grasping for straws in an effort to stop the bleeding in their campaign. The Republicans clearly don't know the difference between 'commercial solicitation' and political free speech.

Councilman Patel has every right, and obligation, to inform his constituents of his position. He wasn't soliciting anything."

No so, according to Grace, who insisted Patel, whose email had a subject line "Stop Supervisor Grace from wasting millions on a new highway garage that we don't need!," was soliciting votes and urging the approximately 2,700 people who were sent the email to sign a petition opposing Grace's plan to move the highway garage on Front Street and revitalize downtown Yorktown with a multi-use commercial building.

"It's a solicitation for support. I can't think of anything more obnoxious than receiving campaign solicitations on an email address provided to my town for the purposes of receiving official town communications," Grace said. "The email is completely inaccurate. The petition is erroneous. The highway garage won't cost the town a dime."

In paperwork submitted for a series of state grants, town officials stated the highway garage project would cost \$4.8 million. Despite those estimates town officials gave to the state in search of funds that even if received would require \$2.7 million from Yorktown, Grace has maintained the project may still not cost

the town anything once the property is sold (\$1.5 million) and put back on the tax rolls (about \$90,000 annually).

He also has stressed having the two departments under one roof would improve employee efficiency and extend the life of equipment since trucks are now parked outside year-round.

Patel, who has two years remaining on his councilman term, said the more than 2,000 residents who have signed a petition spearheaded by the United Taxpayers of Yorktown against the highway garage demonstrates how Grace is out of touch with his constituents on the issue.

"I have walked 8,000 homes. I can get 16,000 emails if I wanted," Patel said.

Siegel, who is running for a full four-year term on the Town Board, said the use of emails in this day and age is a common, less costly way to communicate with residents, adding only a few residents who received Patel's email asked to be unsubscribed.

"Just because Supervisor Grace says it's so, doesn't make it so," she said. "Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the NYS Office of Open Government – and the acknowledged expert on the Freedom of Information Law – has said, unequivocally, that the release of the

town email lists was not an unwarranted invasion of personal property AND that Councilman Patel's email blast was not a solicitation. If the Republicans were interested in the truth, all they had to do was make a call to Freeman."

Meanwhile, Siegel maintained Grace recently used the town's audio visual equipment, four staff members and the Town Hall meeting room to tape a more than two-hour program on his cable show Grace Notes to outline his position on the highway garage and his vision for the downtown.

Grace called an emergency meeting of the Town Board on Friday to discuss implementing a new privacy policy for the town's website to prevent future "spam solicitations." A resolution passed 3-2, with Patel and Siegel voting no, regarding the use of town resources.

"The use of government resources for a political campaign effort is a serious charge that must be answered," Councilman Tom Diana, who is running for a full four-year term on the board on Grace's ticket, said in a written release. "Spam is an annoyance, but compromising the town's email list is unconscionable."

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TJ Elementary, PTA Recognized as School of Excellence

By Rick Pezzullo

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in the Lakeland School District and its PTA were recently recognized by the National PTA for building effective family-school partnerships.

The Thomas Jefferson PTA was one of only four PTAs in New York State selected for the honor this year and the only one in the Hudson Valley. In the past, the Van Cortlandtville Elementary School PTA in Lakeland received the same recognition.

"The partnership between Thomas Jefferson Elementary and TJ PTA is a true example of what can be accomplished when schools and families work together," said Othia Thornton, president of National PTA. "Thomas Jefferson Elementary and TJ PTA have put strong practices into place that involve families



Thomas Jefferson Elementary School officials and PTA members strike a pose in front of National PTA School of Excellence banner.

in the life of the school."

To be recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence, PTAs evaluate their

current family engagement strategies and submit a goal for school improvement that families, teachers and admin-

istrators have set together.

"We understand that family involvement and family-school partnerships is key to secure students success in education and beyond," said TJ PTA President Lynn Cannizzaro. "We are very fortunate to have a principal, school district and family community that share the same view."

Thomas Jefferson Principal Karen Gagliardi said research has shown children achieve better results and enjoy school more when schools, families and community groups work together.

"This school community thrives not only because of our qualified staff but because of our dedicated energized PTA for without their efforts and support TJ would not be as dynamic a school as it is," Gagliardi said.

Lakeland to Hold Hearing on Veterans Tax Exemption

By Rick Pezzullo

The Lakeland Board of Education is scheduled to hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15 to consider adopting a tax exemption for veterans who served during wartime or in a combat zone or have a service-related disability.

The tax savings for Lakeland veterans in approximately 1,500 households would range from \$317 to \$1,583 annually, while non-veteran homeowners would experience a tax increase of .75% to 1% since the exemption would redistribute the tax levy in the district.

The hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Walter Panas High School on Croton Avenue.

The veterans' exemption, which was signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2013, would also provide a tax break for certain family members of veterans, including spouses and un-remarried sur-

living spouses. Gold Star parents, who lost a child who was serving in the line of duty, may also qualify.

The Board of Education must adopt the exemption and vote on the exemption limits no later than March 1, 2016 for it to be effective for the tax levy in the 2017-18 school year.

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Plans for New Firehouse Discussed in Somers

By Neal Rentz

With a potential deal to purchase property from IBM apparently fallen through, the Somers Fire District is seeking to demolish its current Route 202 facility and construct a new firehouse close to its current one.

At the October 1 town board work session, Somers Fire District Commissioner John Markiewicz said a new firehouse was needed, noting the issue has been discussed by the commissioners for several years.

Markiewicz said a new firehouse was needed because the current roughly 50-year-old Route 202 structure was aging, did not meet requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, and more bays for fire trucks were required.

The current plan is to purchase a less than one acre property, through a foreclosure sale, located adjacent to its current 4,000-square-foot firehouse. The current facility would be taken down and in its place a 7,000-square-foot firehouse would be built.

The commissioners had hoped to buy 12 acres adjacent to the state police barracks, located at 295 Route 100. The concept was to build a 25,000-square-foot, two-story facility, both for the fire district and the State Police. He said State police officials "loved the plan" to have the fire district lease space to the police for 20 to 25 years.

Without a new facility, Markiewicz said the State Police would eventually be

forced to leave Somers.

Discussions between fire district officials and IBM began about two years ago. The fire district was willing to pay IBM \$50,000 per acre, but after a report from its appraiser, the company said earlier this year it would accept twice the amount per acre the commissioners were willing to spend, Markiewicz said. IBM said, "Take it or leave it," he said.

Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey told his colleagues he was scheduled to take part in a meeting in a few days with the company in hopes of having IBM to reduce its price, but Markiewicz said the commissioners were assuming they would not be able to come to an agreement with the company.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Somers Fire District Commissioner John Markiewicz discussed plans for a new firehouse at the Oct. 1 town board meeting.

Auditor Praises Town of Somers Finances

By Neal Rentz

The finances of the Town of Somers were given a strong review at last week's town board meeting.

Domenick Consolo, a partner with O'Connor Davies, discussed his firm's audit of the 2014 town budget at the October 1 meeting.

"You've done a great job," Consolo told the town board.

Consolo said the town generated about \$755,000 more than expected last year in fund balance in its \$8.5 million general fund budget.

One of the main reasons for the larger than expected fund balance was the town recovered unpaid property taxes from previous years and penalties paid by property owners who did not pay their taxes on time, Consolo said. In 2014, the

town also received \$238,000 more than it the board expected in non-property taxes, particularly Somers' share of the Westchester County sales tax, he noted.

The town used about \$125,000 of its 2014 fund balance to hold down property taxes in this year's budget, Consolo said. While Consolo said he had no problem with the town devoting a portion of its fund balance to hold down the tax

hike, he mentioned bond rating agencies do not recommend municipalities using some of its surplus that way.

Even though a part of the fund balance from 2014 was used to offset some taxes, 39 percent of the budget was fund balance for the end of the year, Consolo said.

"I don't know any town that has more than 39 percent," he said.



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Serial Killer who Murdered YHS Grad in 1988 Executed

By Rick Pezzullo

A 49-year-old convicted serial killer who murdered 1984 Yorktown High School graduate Rachael Raver and her boyfriend in Virginia in 1988 after they were carjacked was executed in the same state last week.

Alfredo Rolando Prieto, who was on death row in California for the murder of a 15-year-old girl when DNA testing 10 years ago made him a prime suspect in the December 4, 1988 deaths of Raver and Warren Fulton III, both 22, and another woman the same year, was put to

death last Thursday by lethal injection as four of Raver's relatives watched.

"Today ends a long and painful ordeal for my family that has haunted us for over 26 years," Raver's sister Deidre, who witnessed the execution, said in a written statement. "I speak on behalf of my sister, Rachael Angelica, who will have the last word after all. Although Alfredo Prieto violently took my sister's life, he did not silence what Rachael would want us to say today. Following a cowardly attack and violent assault, Prieto terrorized Rachael and her companion

during their last moments on Earth. His selfish and hateful crimes against Rachael and others left a trail of unimaginable destruction and pain to last a lifetime."

Raver, who excelled in soccer at Yorktown High, graduated from George Washington University in 1988 and was working with the American Council on Education. She met Fulton in college.

The bodies of Raver and Fulton were discovered in a vacant lot two days after they were shot by Prieto. Their murders remained a mystery for years until the

DNA match identified Prieto.

"There are those in the anti-death penalty movement who defend Prieto and try to equate his execution with the crimes he committed. This is an outrage," Deidre Raver stated. "He must be held accountable for his crimes and I know in my heart that Rachael would want us to seek justice for her last hours she spent pleading for her life. Today is about the victims having the last word and recognizing that we would never forget them or what happened."

Police Blotter

Peekskill Police

September 25 - Four store clerks were charged with selling alcohol to a minor during an alcohol compliance check. Nine of the 13 establishments visited by detectives John Merritt and Ralph D'Aliso and two underage agents refused to sell alcohol to the underage purchaser. The individuals charged worked at Garfield Deli, Valentine Deli, B&D Deli and Grocery and the American Latino Marketplace. The four establishments that illegally sold alcohol could be facing heavy fines and the suspension or revocation of their liquor licenses.

State Police

September 26 - Salomon Aguirre, 40, of

Mahopac, was charged with driving while intoxicated after his vehicle was stopped on Route 6 for operating erratically.

Yorktown Police

September 19-11 p.m. - Alexis Mitchell, 20, of Mohegan Lake, was charged with resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration after police responded to a report of a verbal altercation in the parking lot of Jefferson Valley Lanes. While investigating the dispute between Mitchell and her boyfriend, police alleged Mitchell became physically hostile toward the officers and was yelling profanities. She also allegedly made a threat to harm herself. She was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital

for a psychiatric evaluation.

September 30 - 2:50 p.m. - Anton Dedvukaj, 51, of Yonkers, was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license and vehicle registration after being pulled over for making a right turn from the Taconic State Parkway North exit ramp on to Route 6 allegedly without making a full stop.

October 1 - 11 a.m. - Police investigated a complaint of a possible barricaded/suicidal person in the Fox Meadow Road area of Yorktown. For their safety, area residents were either evacuated or told to stay in place. Police approached the residence and a 40-year-old male exited the home without incident.

6:45 p.m. - David Desilva, 56, of

Hopewell Junction, was charged with driving with a suspended registration and without insurance following a traffic accident in the area of 2000 Saw Mill River Road. He was released on \$100 cash bail.

October 2 - Police reported receiving numerous complaints about a person who appeared to be taking videos and photographs of people in the vicinity of the Shrub Oak Shopping Center and surrounding neighborhood. In some instances, children were in the company of adult guardians at the times the pictures were taken. Police identified the person allegedly taking the photos and videos but investigations revealed no laws have been violated.

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Letters

Republicans are Trying to Divert Attention by Creating a Non-Issue

To the Editor,

I give the Republicans credit for their creativity in trying to divert attention from Supervisor Grace's pet project, building a new \$4.8 million highway garage, by creating a non-issue of an alleged violation of privacy. I'm referring to the outrage from the Republicans in response to the email blast that Councilman Patel sent out last week that was critical of the highway project.

No one's privacy has been violated. The Democrats have, and always will, respect the privacy of the town's residents. The Republicans are making much ado about nothing. In the digital age, the official NYS Committee on Open Government has determined, unequivocally, that the release of email addresses on lists maintained by a municipality is not "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

How many emails did you get yes-

terday from people you don't know? If you're like most people who use email, if you're not interested in the subject line or don't know the sender, you immediately hit the delete button. End of issue. Your privacy was not violated.

Alternately, if you took the time to open the email and decided you don't want to get any more messages from that person, you hit the "unsubscribe" link. Again, end of issue. Your privacy was not violated and you won't get any more emails from that person.

Where's the crisis? Why did the Republicans feel it necessary to hold a press conference, call a special Town Board meeting and make numerous robo calls about a non-issue?

The Republicans say they won't use government resources for political purposes. I guess that means they won't be using the Board of Elections' voter files

to send you their campaign mailings later this month. The voter files, which are public records, include your name, address, party registration, voter history, and even your age.

If the Republicans mean what they say about not using government resources for political purposes, then I'll expect Supervisor Grace to stop using the town's audiovisual equipment and the Town Board meeting room to produce his Grace Notes program which, after all, only presents HIS partisan side of any town issue.

In the remaining weeks of the campaign, let's get back to debating the real issues facing Yorktown, like whether we need a new \$4.8 million highway garage when our roads, bridges and drainage are in urgent need of repair.

ELLIOT KROWE
Co-chair, Yorktown
Democratic Committee

Siegel Broke Her Own Promise

To the Editor:

During the March special election, Susan Siegel was accused of playing Big Sister when she dispatched a town inspector to spy on a political adversary's residence. This is becoming a troublesome and frightening pattern.

When Susan Siegel was our Town Supervisor, she boasted about the launch of the town's public notice system. She indicated that residents would "not have to worry" about receiving spam.

"Also, the list will not be shared or sold for other uses," Siegel said. We now know that to be false. She broke her own prom-

ise.

But when lauding the launch of her system, she also said that it would also include the phone number for every resident in town, through the purchase of Verizon's reverse 911 list. This haughty campaign promise also turned out to be false, as Siegel failed to deliver and has since opined that the "system is missing the phone numbers of about 15,000 residents, or about three quarters of the phone numbers assigned to Yorktown."

In light of the recent e-mail scandal involving Councilman Vishnu Patel, who is yet to speak in his own defense

or even answer those who replied to his message asking how their email addresses were obtained, the manner in which Susan Siegel rushed to his aid has led me to believe the reason she was so eager to acquire our phone numbers was the result of her political ambitions and not an honest concern for our safety.

Her woe is of her own making. As a voter who cherishes our civil liberties and the mother of a young child, I don't want Big Sis Susan Siegel invading our privacy any further.

ASHLEY URIBE
Yorktown Heights

Ninth Amendment was Violated by Wrong Use of Yorktown Emails

To the Editor:

The sole defense being claimed by Susan Siegel and Vishnu Patel for looting the town's public notification e-mail list is that they misrepresented it would not be used for "solicitation," which they now say is not defined by the law.

The fact that they do not acknowledge or understand they did something wrong shows they cannot even fathom the consequences of a privacy breach like this.

In seconds, a list of harvested email addresses can be matched to sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn to ascertain and mine your identity, pictures, job information, beliefs and anything else you shared via your email address. Imagine if instead of just being

subscribed to a spam e-mail list, someone decided to take the email addresses and use them to create fake online accounts for people at differing websites that don't require verification.

It's these unintended consequences that show why prohibiting release of the town's email subscribers to anyone is just common sense.

The founders of our nation had a plan for this kind of scenario, called the Ninth Amendment. It says we the people reserve rights that are not conferred to the government. It is the doctrine of "expressio unius est exclusio alterius," or in English, "at the exclusion of all else," in that when there is no express exclusion in the law, it is nonetheless implied.

The Ninth Amendment right to privacy was so obvious to the founders that they didn't need to write it down, it's implied, just as I implied to the town that I wanted my property tax bill, not campaign literature.

Perhaps big government politicians like Vishnu Patel and Susan Siegel were so busy trying to take away our civil liberties that they needed a written reminder here in this letter.

Yours truly,

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Mahopac Teenager Jumps to National Stage on *The Voice*

By David Propper

Adjusting to life as a nationally known singer has proven to be a welcomed challenge for Mahopac's own Amanda Ayala.

"My phone is blowing up, everything has just been super, super crazy and super, overwhelming," Ayala said in an interview last week. "But it's also fun at the same time. I've never gotten this much recognition. Definitely so cool."

Ayala, 18, appeared as a contestant on NBC's *The Voice* last week, belting out the rock song Mississippi Queen in front of thousands of onlookers and millions on television. Celebrity judges Adam Levine of Maroon Five, Gwen Stefani of the former band No Doubt, country rocker Blake Shelton, and pop star Pharrell were impressed enough with her performance to send her off to the next round, where she'll get coaching from Levine. Mahopac, which has been in the national spotlight in years past for all the wrong reasons, now has a reason to beam with pride behind a voice that has stood out for years.

Watching the show since its first season in 2011, Ayala has always enjoyed what it offered viewers and perspective musicians. Admittedly, Ayala wasn't sure if she had what it took to become a contestant, but her mother convinced her to try out.



Amanda Ayala

"My mom is definitely my biggest supporter," Ayala said. "She's been there for everything."

In fact, both Ayala's parents were the driving force behind her musical career and the genre of music she performs, which is typically classic rock. Growing

up, she said her parents always used to play classic rock from the 1980s and she would catch herself "nodding her head to a beat." Well-known female rockers like Pat Benatar and Joan Jett are just a couple of Ayala's inspirations.

She had a rock band called Dead End when she was only 12 and then another band until recently when everyone went off in different directions for college. The biggest venue she performed in before the show was probably The Bitter End, Ayala said, a hot spot in New York City for up and coming artists.

While most teenage girls are listening to Top 40 hits like Taylor Swift or Katy Perry, Ayala is cut from a different cloth. She knows her music selection can be "head turner." Even the judges were impressed after she finished up performing her song, with Levine giving her a standing ovation.

"I'm just so curious how a 17-year-old girl would choose that song," Stefani said during the show. Shelton added, "I'm so impressed that you're 17-years-old and you want to do classic rock."

Ayala admitted it was "a little bit intimidating" performing in front of such high profile artists, but those nerves eventually melted away after the four celebrities fought with each other to have

the right to tutor Ayala throughout the rest of the competition.

"It was just mind-blowing," Ayala said. "And the whole thing I'm still in shock. Watching it back, I was just like 'This is the best thing ever' and just to have superstars fighting over you is something that anybody would ask for so it's just a dream come true."

Going forward, Ayala can't reveal much but noted next up are the battle rounds. Regardless of how far she goes, she hopes it's a springboard to other opportunities down the line.

Watching how other contestants on the show have done afterward, Ayala understands the exposure can only move her career forward. Of course, she already knows community members in Mahopac include a big portion of her fan base.

Ayala, who has lived in Mahopac since a toddler and graduated from Mahopac High School last year, has been amazed with the overwhelming support. Just recently, she walked into a local restaurant and a little girl came up to her and asked if she was the girl on *The Voice* and then asked for a picture.

"This whole experience has just been incredible," Ayala said. "And the support my town has given me is absolutely incredible."

Tentative Peekskill Budget Calls for 5.9% Tax Increase

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move Catalina said he opposes.

"Without raiding this segregated money, the proposed tax increase would have been much higher, closer to 11%," Catalina said. "I cannot support raiding this fund for any other purpose other than the Firehouse or fire-related expenses."

Overall, Catalina said he was not surprised by Leins' proposed tax increase, which he blamed on past decisions by the council under Mayor Mary Foster.

"In my first year in office (2014), we were able to clearly identify the areas of

the budget that were underfunded and where income was overstated," explained Catalina, who is running for a second two-year term in November. "Anyone who watched the budget workshops can remember we (Republicans on the council) literally begging (councilwomen) Kathy Talbot and Vivian McKenzie not to pass the budget without making the cuts necessary to avoid this huge operating deficit. They ignored those warnings, instead choosing to continue the mindless Foster Policies of deficit spending and deferring today's expenses onto fu-

ture budgets."

Talbot and McKenzie are running for reelection this year on the Democratic ticket with mayoral candidate Ken Martin.

Leins said mortgage tax revenue was down in the city, along with \$336,481 from property taxes based on tax certiorari challenges. Meanwhile, medical and Workmen's Compensation costs combined are projected to increase by \$373,000 next year.

Despite those factors, Leins is calling for the hiring of a code enforcement of-

ficer in the Building Department to replace an assistant building inspector position, along with a laborer in the Parks Department and administrative employee that would share time between the Assessor's Office and the Personnel Office.



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**Businesses
of the Week**

Westchester Tool Rental Peekskill

By Arthur Cusano

After more than three decades of serving the Elmsford area, Westchester Tool Rental has opened a second store in Peekskill to serve northern Westchester.

Store owner Ken Puff, his family and staff celebrated the grand opening of the new 1075 Washington St. location on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The company has been in business for 34 years, and is family owned. It was founded by Ken Puff and his parents, Bud and Anne.

"This is a special day for us, 33 years in the making" Ken Puff told those in attendance for the noon ribbon cutting ceremony.

Puff said he wished his father, who passed away a year ago, could have been at the event. "He was my best friend and my business partner," he said.

But Puff said he was happy to be continuing the family business with his son, who will manage the new location.

"The city was very welcoming to all of us, and they made the second part of my dream come true - that my son could be here," he said.

Ben Puff said the new location would have



ART CUSANO PHOTO

Westchester Tool Rental owner Ken Puff speaks at ribbon cutting ceremony in Peekskill.

a larger emphasis on new equipment sales, parts and service. The store stocks rollers, pressers, booms, generators, excavators, Stihl and Husqvarna products, and also offers hydraulic hoses made to order.

"We have a lot more property here than in Elmsford, so that allows us to store more equipment," Puff said.

The new store opened July 15, but the grand opening was scheduled for

the fall to allow more people to attend, Puff said. Visitors enjoyed free hot dogs, hamburgers and snow cones, as well as a bounce castle for the kids and a raffle for \$1,500 in rental credit.

The Puffs and their staff were joined by Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina and city council members Darren Rigger and Kathy Talbot, as well as County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill) and

state Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining). Testa honored the business with a certificate of merit from the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Ben Puff said he wanted the company to be an active part of the community, and said he has also offered to fund and build a gateway sign for the entrance to the city southern border at the corner of Welcher Avenue and Washington Street. He has suggested a contest to design the sign to city leaders, but has not heard back from anyone yet.

"We're still anxious to get that contest going," he said.

Executive Assistant Kathy Kalabro was one of many employees on hand for the event. She said the company was very much a family affair, and not just in its ownership.

"We actually now have employees that are bringing their children to work here, so we have second generation employees as well," Kalabro said.

The Westchester Tool Rental Peekskill store is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, go to www.wtrrentals.com, or call (914) 739-9000.

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GOP Hopefuls Looking to Break Democratic Stronghold

By Rick Pezzullo

The Republican Party in Cortlandt is looking to end a 15-year drought without a representative on the Town Board with two candidates vying to unseat incumbent Democrats Dr. Richard Becker and Frank Farrell in November.

Martin Mastromonaco and Lisa-Marie Birdsall, two political newcomers, have stepped up to the plate as admitted underdogs, armed with the difficult task of defeating the two running mates of long-time Supervisor Linda Puglisi, who is running unopposed for a 13th two-year term. Puglisi is tied with Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner as the longest serving supervisor in Westchester.

"I think it would be nice to have some fresh thoughts and new blood," Mastromonaco said. "Linda's like a queen over there. I don't think anyone ever opposes her on anything."

Mastromonaco, 58, has lived in Cortlandt for the last eight years with his wife, Lisa, and two sons, Hunter, 16, and Jake, 13. He grew up in Valhalla and his father is a World War II veteran who uses the services at the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose, which town officials have been lobbying to keep intact despite development pressures and constant downsizing threats from officials in Washington D.C.

For more than 25 years Mastromo-

naco worked with his brother Ralph as a civil engineer/ designer working on various residential and commercial projects throughout the town and county. A base guitar enthusiast, he is now employed with the high end audio equipment firm Soundsmith in Peekskill.

"I feel my experience in engineering, life experience raising a family in the town and a strong desire to have a say where and how my taxes are spent make me a perfect candidate for the town councilman position," Mastromonaco said. "Everyone complains about taxes. It's the number one issue. It just keeps going up. They say taxes don't go up, but they're high already."

Mastromonaco suggested with a comfortable fund balance town officials should look to reduce taxes or spend more on fixing roadways that are in disrepair.

"My big thing is infrastructure. Roads are crumbling messes," he contended. "This is reducing property values. She (Puglisi) has extra money sitting around."

A resident of Apple Hill Estates off Croton Avenue, Mastromonaco opposed the recreational field that was once proposed nearby on a former farm. He also disapproved of the way a member of the Planning Board tried to rally support for

the project.

"It was ill-conceived having a field in an area like that," he said. "I've been on both sides of the fence. I've done many subdivisions in the town. Land owners have a right to develop their property."

Birdsall, who founded Recycled Paws Rescue, a non-profit small dog rescue group, in 2008, could not be reached for comment. The last Republican councilman in Cortlandt was Joe Cerreto, who left the board in 2000.



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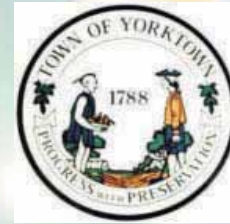
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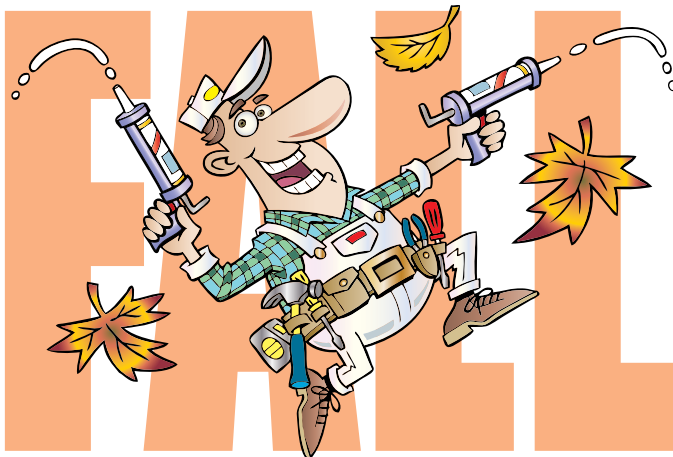
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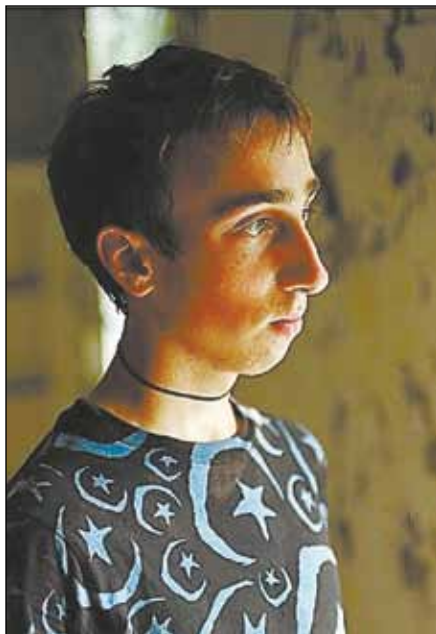
The upcoming concert also presents an opportunity for The Justin Veatch Fund All Stars to strut their stuff at the historic Peekskill Theater. "We're excited about finally being able to hold one of our concerts at The Paramount," said Jeffrey Veatch, president and founder of The Fund.

Steven Wright-Mark of Cortlandt is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and producer who has three solo CDs in release, has been working with the Veatch All Stars. "The Justin Veatch Fund is a terrific organization that does very important work, and it has already been my pleasure to play a number of benefit shows on their behalf," said Wright-Mark. "I'm particularly excited about getting to work with the incredibly talented young musicians who have been studying, and honing their craft, at the Fund's stellar workshops"

Entergy, Park Ford of Mahopac and Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 21 of Peekskill are the concert's main sponsors. All proceeds will go toward Justin Veatch Fund music programs for teens and annual scholarships presented in June. Tickets are \$25 and \$35 and can be purchased at the Paramount Hudson Valley box office.

The Justin Veatch Fund is a 501(c)3

Organization and recognized New York State charity formed in 2009 following the death of high school senior Justin Veatch from an accidental drug overdose. Jeffrey Veatch, Justin's father, travels around the region delivering a multi-media talk titled "A Message from Justin" which addresses the issue of substance abuse among youth. Justin's story is also told in the documentary Whispering Spirits.



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to eligible War-Time Veterans, Combat Veterans, Disabled Veterans, and Gold Star families who reside in the 6 towns of the Lakeland School District. Since this law was signed into effect in 2013, 25 school districts surrounding Lakeland have adopted this small tax break for their resident Veterans. The Lakeland School Board needs the residents and Veterans of our District to attend this meeting to show their support for this helpful exemption for Lakeland's valued Veterans.

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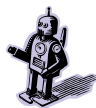
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Paul Robeson Play Comes to Peekskill's Paramount

Call Mr. Robeson, an award-winning play from the UK is to be performed at Paramount Hudson Valley Theater on Saturday November 7, 2015.

This rollercoaster journey through actor/singer Paul Robeson's remarkable life highlights his pioneering and heroic political activism as well as his music. It features Ol' Man River and other famous songs, much fiery oratory, and a defiant testimony to the House Un-American Activities Committee. One of the highlights of the play is the infamous Peekskill Riots of August and September 1949.

Written and performed by Nigerian-born, UK-based playwright and singer Tayo Aluko with piano accompaniment by New York pianist Dennis Nelson, Call Mr. Robeson was chosen by the UK Guardian's theatre critic as his top pick for

things to see in London January 2011.

The play received a standing ovation at New York's Carnegie Hall February 2012 and was staged in London's West End October 2013. It has sold out several theatres internationally, including all seventeen performances of a 2015 tour of New Zealand and Australia.

Call Mr. Robeson enjoyed a four-week residency at the Tristan Bates Theatre in Covent Garden, October 2013 where BBC Radio 4's Loose Ends presenter Clive Anderson saw it and later described it as one of the most memorable plays of the year.

Call Mr. Robeson has won numerous awards against international competition including Best Musical Performance at the Atlantic Fringe in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 2013, Best Solo Show at the Stratford-upon-Avon Fringe, June 2013 and the Argus Angel Award for Artistic Excellence and the Best Male Performer Award at the Brighton Fringe, May 2008.

Listings Information

What : Call Mr. Robeson. A Life, With Songs. Written and performed by Tayo

Aluko, with Dennis Nelson, Piano.
Directed by Olusola Oyeleye, Designed by Phil Newman

When : Saturday, November 7, 2015, 7.00pm

Where : Paramount Hudson Valley Theater

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Westchester Marketing Cafe Sponsoring Girls Go Tech Jewelbots Contest

Girls across the country now have the chance to get their tech and jewelry on thanks to a Westchester marketing company's new promotion.

The 2015 Westchester Marketing Café "Girls Go Tech" Contest is for girls who are ages 9 to 14 and runs through October 15. The contest is a way to raise awareness about Jewelbots, the open-source wearable jewelry for teens, and get girls interested in computer coding.

Jewelbots are programmable friendship bracelets that teach girls the basics of coding.

Yorktown-based Westchester Marketing Cafe Owner Jann Mirchandani said she loved the idea of the girl-centered technology so much that she "wanted to throw our support behind the project."

"I came across the kickstarter campaign and just knew it was something we needed to get involved with," Mirchandani said.

Jewelbots Founders Brooke Moreland and Sara Chipps, both 34, created the wearable technology here in New York with the help of investors and a Kickstarter campaign, which to date has raised over \$166,000. The tech jewelry will be available for sale to the public in March 2016.

Now tweens and teens can enter for chance to win one of the first Jewelbots along with other prizes including admission to a four-hour Jewelbots workshop in LA, San Francisco, NY or DC.

The entrants can apply online and are being asked to write a "short narrative about a woman – past or present – in technology and how she has inspired you or others."

For details on the Girls Go Tech contest visit: <http://westchestermarketingcafe.com/girls-do-tech-contest-entry>



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There Are Ways to Create the Illusion of Bigger Space

Who says bigger is better? Well, all of us do, it seems, when it comes to living larger and wanting more space, especially if we happen to be downsizing but don't want to be fully aware of it.

There are countless ideas in decorating magazines, on HGTV and the Internet about how to give the illusion of pushing back those walls and elevating the ceiling, but not all experts are in agreement about which techniques work best. It all depends on the mix of color, furniture arrangement, accessories, pattern and texture. But color is where to start.

The rule of thumb for enlarging space has normally been to paint walls in lighter colors. For me, a prime example comes to mind from the play and movie "The Producers" when Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom hit pay dirt and hire their very efficient secretary Ulla, who in turn paints their entire office white, including all furnishings and the safe.

Suddenly the set expands visually from a dim and depressing space to a bright and sunny environment, seemingly twice its size. Traditionally we have believed this works because we know that lighter colors reflect the light, rather than ab-

sorbing it.

But some decorating consultants would argue that lighter colors bring walls and objects closer to us and actually make a room seem smaller, while darker shades, such as a grey, can give the illusion of receding into deep space. I believe that either technique can work depending on a variety of factors, from the height of the ceiling to the amount of natural light the room receives, to how the room is furnished and accessorized.

But there are endless ways to deceive the eye.

Some years ago, I had a friend, a fashion editor, who complained that apartment had the smallest bedroom one could imagine, with just enough room for a double bed, a dresser and a night table. But she came up with an ingenious idea inspired from a Barbra Streisand movie. She covered her entire bedroom in a small floral print. That included the wallpaper for both her walls and ceiling and the fabric, which was used for all her bedding, including the headboard.

When she invited friends over to see the finished result, it was amazing. Stepping into that room with its pale, repetitive pattern throughout was like entering

into an endless flower garden where the walls just seemed to disappear.

There are other tricks that expand space. There's one old rule that small furniture in a small space is the way to go, but a few larger pieces of furniture in a small room will often make it look bigger. Just don't overdo it. A sleek sofa or chair will give as much sitting room as an overstuffed version but will take up much less usable space. For the dramatic effect of utilizing larger pieces without taking up floor space, take to the walls, either with a mirror or art.

Don't automatically place your furniture against walls, believing that it frees up floor space. Sometimes placing a piece at an angle or surrounded by open space, even if it's just two or three inches from the wall, will make a room look bigger.

Choose tables and desks of clear glass. When you can see through objects, it creates clear space, rather than blocking it.

When it comes time to select fabrics and rugs, choose smaller prints like my friend did or plain colors that will visually expand a small room.

You can lengthen a room with drapes by hanging them from the ceiling rather than from the tops of the windows. Making them sheer lets in the light.

Another way to raise the ceiling is by

painting it a darker shade than the four walls.

The oldest trick in the book is placing two mirrors on walls across from each other, which gives the illusion of a room that goes on and on forever.

It's always best to choose furniture with exposed legs, rather than a skirt, for expanding space.

And, finally, eliminate the need for some pieces by taking advantage of all the double-duty furniture now available to us through outlets like Home Goods, such as ottomans that double as storage units or as coffee tables.

Then again, if you live in a small house and want to ignore all the tips above, there is nothing wrong with living in a cozy space, with everything near at hand, feeling embraced by your environment. When you think about it, who said everything has to stretch?

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Tuesday, Oct. 6

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

Checkmate: 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.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Field Library Exhibit: The Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, and the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art are presenting Sabrina Occhipinti: Doorways at the library through Dec. 31. Info: 914-737-1212, peekskill.org or visit the library's Facebook page.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Authors' Talk: Come to the Northeast Westchester Rotary meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinnacle Restaurant in Heritage Hills in Somers and hear authors and outdoor enthusiasts, Jane and Walt Daniels. Through pictures and stories, you can learn about some of the 200 parks suitable for hiking and walking near Somers and beyond. Community members are invited to join Northeast Westchester Rotary at the open dinner meeting, but are asked to contact the club in advance at: email@NEWRotaryClub.org or 914-669-8304 because of space limitations. The cost of dinner is \$22.

Intro To Yoga: Teens & Tweens Intro to Yoga & Mindfulness: will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 8 and 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Somers Library. IMPORTANT: Please bring a yoga mat or a large beach towel to class. Class is geared towards teens and tweens in fifth grade and up. Funding is provided by the Friends of Somers Library. Space is limited. Please register for this event by calling the library at 914 232-5717 or register online at www.somerslibrary.org.

Love: "Love," an exhibit about varying aspects of love in the 20th and 21st Centuries in paint, installation, video, and sculpture, is being held through Dec. 6 at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. Artists include Alzamora, Barney, Bercea, Brenner, Brickley, Edmier, Feuerman, Gutheil, Hacker, Indiana, LeDray, Majic, Mapplethorpe, Neshat, Newsom,

Otterson, Ozbolt, Pretzer, Ritterpusch, Ruckhäberle, Sadler, Tomasula, and Wathen. Info: 914-788-0100 or www.hvcca.org. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Friday, Oct. 9

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public

Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC 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,

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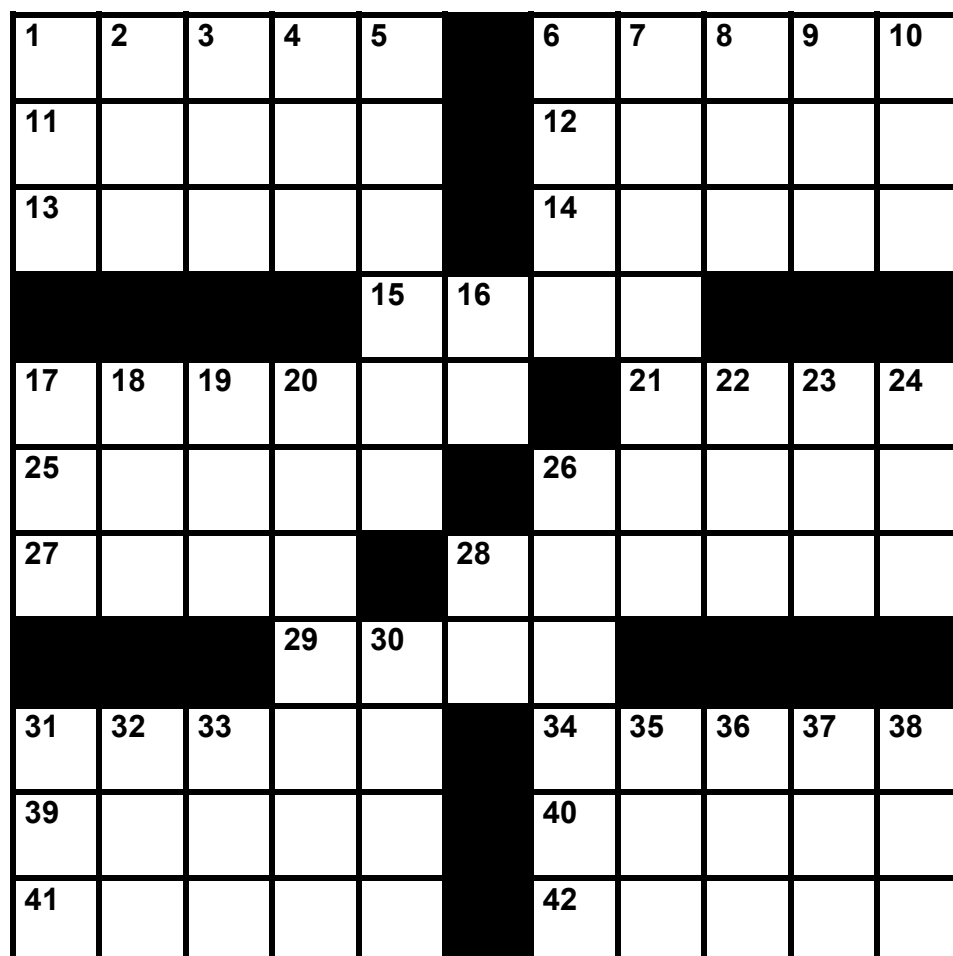
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1. Full of chutzpah
6. Comedy
11. Halos
12. Contest effort
13. Reconnaissance, in the British army
14. Ease
15. Comedian, Bob
17. Brewster insurance agency
21. Philippine city
25. New bride's acquisition
26. Milk dispenser
27. Feline musical
28. Boot part
29. Amounted (to)
31. Open, as a bottle
34. Wedding dress fabric
39. Basketball infractions
40. Words before a high note
41. Thin's opposite
42. Sparrows' homes

DOWN

1. Rule out
2. Be penitent
3. Welder type
4. Cul-de-_____
5. Long-running TV variety show

6. Mound
7. Makes straight, in a way
8. Three letters every rail commuter knows
9. Mere morsel
10. Deli bread
16. "Horse ___ Black" by Purvis Young
17. Part of three-in-a-row
18. Cell constituent
19. In the last month: Abbr.
20. The Young _____ (pop group)
22. "Much ___ about nothing" Shakespeare play
23. Salon supply
24. ___ we there yet?
26. Not on the level
28. Messaging format
30. Domed recess
31. Mystery craft
32. ___ Hill, San Francisco
33. Pool tool
35. Pronoun
36. Security guard's requests
37. Word with "parking" or "odd"
38. Military rank: Abbr.



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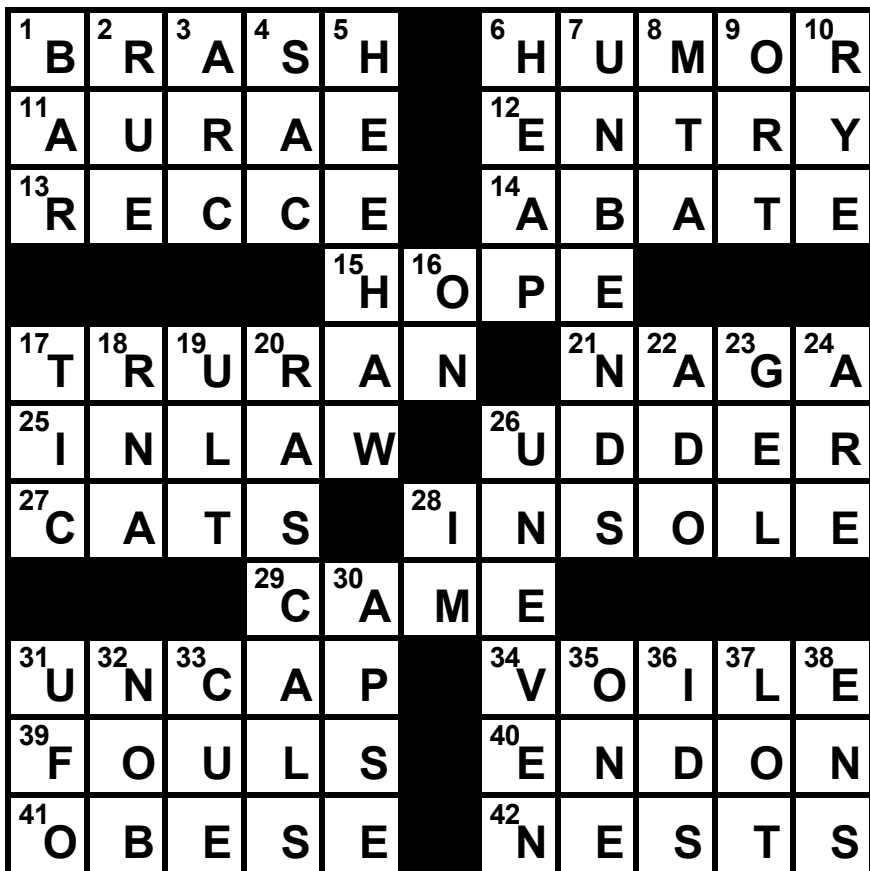
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Bean Runner Performances: Two performances have been scheduled for this weekend at the Bean Runner Café, 201 S. Division St., Peekskill. The Ray Blue Quartet will perform on Oct. 9 and the Clifton Anderson Quartet will perform on Oct. 10. Admission is for each event are \$10 and both performance begin at 8 p.m. Info: 914-737-1701 or beanrunnercafe.com.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Autumn Tag Sale: An Autumn Tag Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Rd. Purchase a spot and keep everything you make. The fees are: 10'x10' \$20, 20'x10' \$30. Bring your own tables. Limited indoor space is available --10'x6' \$35. Registration forms are available at www.yorktowngrange.org. E-mail questions to grange862@gmail.com. The rain date is Oct. 11

PSAT Boot Camp. This weekend, Eduscape Associates, Inc. and the Ossining School District Community Partnership Program, will host this session that will review new PSAT test strategies, intense timing, and practice testing. The program will be held today and Oct. 11 at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$150. Limited scholarships may be available. Register on line at <https://ossining.feepay.com>. Info: 914-886-5043.

Touch A Truck: The Cortlandt Rotary Club and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society have teamed up to bring an exciting new family friendly event to our area for the first time. They will host the "Westchester Putnam Touch A Truck" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be located at 155 Highland Avenue where the OLMC Society holds their Annual Italian Feast each July. The program will provide a unique opportunity for children of all ages to explore and learn about all types of vehicles - including fire, law enforcement, military, construction, farming, utility, delivery, emergency, community, truck dealers and more. There will also be a free face painting and balloon artists making animals for the children. A sausage and pepper booth of OLMC fame, and a booth with hamburgers

and hot dogs for sale. Admission is \$5 at the gate (\$4 in advance) and Infants under are free Creamery have helped to support this event. All proceeds will go split between the two charities to distribute. The Cortlandt Rotary Club will be providing dictionaries to the third graders and thesauri to the fifth graders in the Town of Cortlandt, holding an event for Town of Cortlandt Seniors in February and will distribute to other local charities and events. The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society will receive the other portion of the proceeds.

Halloween Train Show: Take the kids on a scavenger hunt or a wagon ride at the eighth annual Halloween Train Show through Nov. 1 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. The wagon rides are \$5 per person. Combination packages are available at \$5 per child and \$10 per adult. Lasdon will host its annual costume party for adults, Friday, Oct. 30, from 7 p.m. 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 lasdonpark.org or call 914-864-7268.

Bottle Party: A Pokemon Battle Party will be held today at the Somers Library. There will be two sessions: Younger Group (grades 2-4) 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Older Group (grades

5 and up) 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Teen Advisory Group and funding is provided by the Friends of the Somers Library. Please join us for a friendly competition to battle Use your 3DS or your DS. Bring your cards as well to show and battle independently. Every participant must bring the following games for their device: For 3DS - X, Y or Oras; for DS - Black 2, White 2 or lower. Please bring your own chargers Snacks and small prizes will be provided to all. To register, which is required, call the library at 914-232-5717..

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 DowntoEarthMarkets.com for vendor details, events, and other updates at Ossining's Down to Earth Winter Farmers Market.

Overeaters Anonym-mous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anonym-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 am at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-2488

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 segment describing the sacrificial services of the High Priest. The surrounding walls feature 12 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. 11

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Yorktown Festival: The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Town of Yorktown, will be hosting its seventh annual Yorktown Festival and Street Fair from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Yorktown along Commerce Street and Veterans Road. There will be more than 250 vendors with something for everyone. Last year's event brought out a record breaking number of attendees who enjoyed a fabulous day of sunshine, exhibitors, food, music and fun; with estimated 20,000 people. New to the Festival this year is the "Y" Dog Challenge; fuel your competitive spirit and appetite by entering the first annual Hot Dog Eating Contest (register online at www.yorktownfestival.com). Vendor and sponsorship applications, as well as Festival updates, can be found via the Festival Web site: www.YorktownFestival.com. Please contact the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce at 914-245-4599 or via e-mail at Info@YorktownChamber.org for additional information on how to become a vendor and/or sponsor. You may also contact Events To Remember, the event management company assisting the Yorktown Chamber, with any questions regarding this event at 914-218-3968 or via e-mail at EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com.

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

Hudson Bells Concert: The Friends of the Somers Library is happy to again sponsor a concert with the popular Hudson Bells at 3 p.m. at the library. The Hudson Bells is a women's choral group, singing three and four-part harmony, both a cappella and with piano accompaniment. Their wide-ranging repertoire includes American songbook standards, jazz classics, Broadway favorites and contemporary pop tunes. They also offer their own original brand of irreverent musical humor. Registration for this free concert is not required, but seating is limited. Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. There is no reserved seating for late arrivals. Info: somerslibrary.org.

Folk Dancing: Learn and enjoy folk dancing from around the world including Israeli, Balkan, Scandinavian and more, taught by professional performers and instructors Linda Mansdorf and Michael Sternberg. This monthly event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of Beach Shopping Center. \$5 per class. New dancers are always welcome. Info: 914-739-0500, fhc@firsthebrew.org or www.firsthebrew.org.

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Grant Opportunity!

Somers Denied by Brewster, 48-16

Somers QB Grant Tragni would complete this early pass attempt to FB James Lucadamo, but the Tusker offense would stall time and time again when the visiting Brewster Bears delivered a 48-16 statement win with a stout defense, including No.54 Brian Milano (team-high 9 tackles) and No.42 Kevin Blank (Pick 6), that produced three touchdowns and denied the Tuskers a chance to gain momentum after the big win over Yorktown a week earlier... see Grid Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

Brewster Strong on Both Sides of Ball in Rout of Somers

Mahopac Back in Saddle, Prepping for Game of Year vs. New Ro'; Scarsdale, How Could You?

By Ray Gallagher
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We'll open the Grid Notes on a despicable note, a pitiful commentary on someone at Scarsdale High, which failed to produce: 1. a moment of silence for the mass slayings at Oregon last week, or, 2. Get this, sing the national anthem before defeating visiting Carmel, 38-7, last Saturday.

I can live without the moment of silence because we'd likely never utter a word in this nation if we had to pipe down every time some mad man took a life, but the fact that Scarsdale didn't care enough to queue up our country's national anthem before a varsity football game is a direct slap in the face of every God-fearing American who wondered why the hell we weren't being asked to remove our caps by the P.A. announcer.

The P.A. announcer made dang sure he praised Muffy and Buffy for changing their underwear that morning, but the country's anthem was apparently an afterthought to the district. And we wonder why our country has gone to hell in a handbag (never quite knew what that meant but



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/BOB CASTER/ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Lakeland RB Keir Malley goes for some of his 100 yards in Hornets' 9-0 win over rival Panas Friday night.

my dad still says it so I know it rings true with the older generations who would be appalled by Scarsdale's actions or lack thereof).

It's indefensible! And don't try saying, "We forgot" because, like I tell my son when he runs a litany of excuses up the flagpole; that doesn't fly in my house, only the stars and stripes of my country will. Get with the program, Scarsdale!...

CLASS A

There was nothing blank

about the stare on Brewster senior RB Kevin Blank's elated face after he scored three touchdowns in the Bears 48-16 humbling of host Somers last Friday night. Blank took a pair long screen passes to paydirt -- a 39- and 41-yarder from QB Matt Catalano -- and scored off a Pick 6 as the Bears improved to 4-1 with the kind of defense this unit hasn't played in years.

Somers (2-3) RB Messiah Horne broke off a long-gainer to the house for a 10-7 Somers lead late in the first quarter, but the Bears got stingy from

that point forward, scoring 34 unanswered points; Blank and Jack Guida providing a 21-10 halftime edge. Catalano audibled on the screen pass to Blank, and Guida notched his second score midway through the second quarter, the first coming off a first-quarter fumble recovery caused by LB Nick Panucci.

Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill's Bears have now scored 99 points in the last two games, 51 coming against John Jay in a Week 4 51-50 double OT win over John Jay CR. Brewster's defense was shabby against the Indians and they took that performance -- and some critical comments in this space -- to heart.

"Yeah, motivating the defense this week was easy after giving up 50," Mulvihill exclaimed! "I'm very proud of the whole team, but the defense especially. My assistant coaches, Mike Honey, Matt Cunningham and Ryan Cleary came up with the perfect defensive game plan. The kids bought in and executed it perfectly. Connor Dignan had a huge game for us with Jeremy Meissner and Kevin Blank. Matty Cat was his usual self, making some great audible calls in big spots for us. Going on the road three weeks in a row against Sleepy, Jay and Somers and coming up with a win each time is special. Hopefully, we can continue to get better and try to make a run in the playoffs."

The Bears have the offensive weapons to make a Final 4 run: A rock solid QB in Catalano, a slithery RB in Guida and a versatile pass-catching RB in Blank. If the defense can come around and play to this level, Brewster can have its best season in

more than a decade.

"That was a game to remember," Catalano said. "Although the conditions weren't as what we hoped, we came out on top in the end. Somers has always been a tough team to play. Our defense was stellar. They executed everything perfectly and came up with some big plays when we needed it. Jack Guida's fumble recovery for a touchdown gave us momentum at the beginning of the game. Our defensive linemen were also amazing. Connor Dignan and Nick Leahy -- our defensive tackles -- gave penetration into the back field and stopped the ball once it got to the line of scrimmage. Our secondary had an amazing game. Our defense is the real deal and they're playing top notch. Guida and Jeremy Meissner on the offensive side drove the ball through the Somers defense. We ran the ball all night and it worked. We kept pushing down the field, advancing the ball every play."

YORKTOWN hopes to have righted the ship behind senior RB Nick Santavicca who rushed for 253 yards and four touchdowns in the Huskers' 35-0 win over visiting Sleepy Hollow. FB Scott Weaver added six carries for 66 yards and a score. The Yorktown defense, which was shredded a week earlier in tough loss to Somers, saw Justin Cavallo force two fumbles to go with six tackles. Big Max Costello had four tackles and an interception for the Huskers (3-2), who still have enough time to get their act together for a strong playoff push.

LAKELAND's Keir Malley scored a 28-yard TD run and went for over 100 yards in the Hornets' 9-0 win over visiting rival



Bears Kevin Blank (42) and Jeremy Meissner (32) spring Brewster RB Jack Guida for TD run.



Carmel RB Kasey Correa is dragged down by his shoe top in Rams' stunning 38-7 loss to host Scarsdale Saturday.



Carmel senior Luis Casillas makes tackle in Rams' loss to Scarsdale Saturday.

Walter Panas last Friday before a packed Pink-Out at the Hive. The funny thing about the Class A playoffs is that winless Panas (0-5) is still assured a playoff spot in the round of 16 while 3-2 Lakeland is

Sports

Grid Notebook



Brewster senior Kevin Blank outraces five Tuskers to score one of two TDs on day in 48-16 rout of Somers.

be turning it around as we inch closer to the playoffs. We all know Mike Smith as, perhaps, the finest lacrosse player in Sailor history (jury is still out), but his return to the gridiron this season was punctuated in the Sailors 28-19 win over visiting

three more scores in Friday's 27-14 win over visiting Arlington.

"We made some changes up front with our O-line, which really has created lanes for me to run through," Cavaciuti said. "The selflessness of players to step into new roles sparked a newfound excitement and confidence that we use to get better day after day. We're a different team than we were two weeks ago."

Mahopac RB Christian Donahoe rushed for another 90 yards and scored the game-clinching TD on a night when Arlington Coach Dom DeMatteo admitted his Admirals were beaten soundly in the trenches by a revamped Indian O-Line that is making for easier sledding, which may or may not be the case this Friday when the Indians travel to state-ranked (No.10) New Rochelle in what will amount to their regular season game of the year. Can the Indians get past the Purple and White mystique of the Huguenots? Will injured QB Dan Foley ever suit up? If he doesn't, the Indians are likely one ingredient, one key component, away from creating any sort of championship pie. If he does, the sky's the limit.

CARMEL simply didn't play close to its ability in the aforementioned loss to Scarsdale, and we're not 100% sure if we overrated the Rams (4-1) or they simply had a bad game, because that's what it was on many levels, a bad game. Most disturbing was the fact that Scarsdale rushed for nearly 400 yards when everybody in the house knew the Raiders were rushing ball. Additionally, Carmel killed itself with self-inflicted wounds; not the sign of a championship contender.

OSSINING (3-2), playing for much more than Pride this season -- as it is dedicated to longtime assistant Coach Roger Rowe (ill) -- continued on the uptick last Friday in a 33-8 rout of visiting Mount Vernon. Pride QB Shamar Holebrook (33 carries for 208 yards, 2TD rushes, plus 1 TD receiving) and RBs Kyle Cristello (22 carries for 98 yards, 1 TD) and Mekhi Knox (11 carries for 111 yards, 1 TD) were just three of the players who were out there laying it all on the line for one of the most revered figures in the history of Ossining football. Wishing you well, Coach Rowe. I remember the 90s like they were yesterday, when you were welling with Ossining Pride over your son's performance.

CLASS B

Putnam Valley senior RB Mike Dellabate



Somers FB James Lucadamo breaks off a big gain in first quarter against Brewster Friday night.

guaranteed nothing. Lakeland (3-2) senior Nick Vasquez put the game away with a fourth-quarter sack of Panas QB Brandon

Tappan Zee on Homecoming Day in Montrose, where they packed the joint.

Smith and the Sailors (2-3) defeated previously undefeated Tappan Zee (4-1), with the senior RB going for a career-high 131 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. He also snagged three passes for 76 yards. Jared Hershman, another lax player who came out for football this season with Smith, provided an insurance score with 9:13 left in regulation, racing in from 16 yards. This was Hen Hud's biggest win

in a couple of years, let's hope they sustain momentum.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC (3-2) is suddenly looking more and more like a team on a mission.

Gotta admit, it didn't look so swell after consecutive losses to John Jay EF and Clarkstown North, but the coaching staff has done some tinkering up front and RB Joey Cavaciuti has some blocks in front of him, which has translated into seven TDs in the last two games for the senior captain.

T o u c h d o w n Joe plowed for 90 yards and



Putnam Valley senior Zach Girvalo threw a 25-yard touchdown to Joe Spinola and picked off a pass in the end zone to preserve a PV win vs. Briarcliff.

Hodge for a safety. Panas (0-5) is better than its record would indicate, but you are what you are. Hats off to the fans of the Lakeland district for "Pinking Out" and turning out in droves on a nasty night.

HEN HUD, after a disastrous start, may



Mahopac QB-RB Christian Donahoe scored game-clinching TD in win over Arlington last Friday night.

got loose on 17 carries for 179 yards, including an 84-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of a 15-0 win over host Briarcliff last Saturday. DL Constantine George made two sacks and a key goal-line stop in the fourth quarter to help preserve a victory that was a lot closer than it should have been if the Tigers (3-2) are going to make some serious noise in the Class B playoffs.

NWE/PUTNAM EXAMINER GRID POLL

No.1 MAHOPAC -- Just think when you get right down to it, the Indians are the most balanced team in this neck of the woods, and God. Forbid. Dany Foley ever returns under center, though I'm not holding out much hope for that.

No.2 BREWSTER -- A very close 2nd to Mahopac. If the Bears had a true vertical WR who could stretch the field, they'd be almost impossible to difficult to defend. You have to rank them at No.3 overall in Class A, no? My gosh: #WhatTheBearsDidToSomers

No.2A YORKTOWN -- The prevailing thought around town is that Coach "Big Mike" Rescigno figures out a way to get this club to the Class A Final 4 where they give either Rye or Eastchester their best shot. Remember, that 4thQ lead against Rye was just a few weeks ago.

No.4 CARMEL -- Awesome skill players can only carry you for so long. At some point the grunts up front need to smash cats in the mouth, which we didn't see nearly enough of in that head-scratching blowout loss to an average Scarsdale club #BounceBack

No.5 SOMERS -- With youth shall come a series of ups and downs, but the bottom fell out in the blowout loss to Brewster. Such is life in Class A football this season, which goes No.1 Rye, No.2 Eastchester and No.3 Everybody Else.

HM LAKELAND -- To be 3-2 and battling for Class A playoffs lives pretty much stinks, but such is the fate of the Hornets. Coach Cap and staff deserve better.

Sports

Boys Soccer Notebook

A Case for Lakeland: Class A Contenders Prep for Playoff Push

By Ray Gallagher
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Last Thursday was a pretty wild day on the local soccer circuit as a slew of the locals went head-to-head in some tough league games, including Mahopac vs. Carmel; Brewster vs. Beacon; Putnam Valley vs. Haldane; Fox Lane at Yorktown and Hen Hud vs. Panas.

The results did very little to determine which local team might do the most damage in the upcoming post season, though there is a case to be made for Lakeland, which defeated Beacon in double OT, 3-2, and was pretty significant in that it enabled the Hornets to improve to 6-3-1 (5-0 league). Matias Prando (1G, 1A) and Dhruv Girgenti (2A) figured prominently in the scoring, as did Lirik Brucaj (1G) and Deven Girgenti (1G) as battle-tested Lakeland went into double OT for the fifth time this season.

Coach Tim Hourahan's Hornets appear to be gelling as we broach the second half of the regular season with all Class A eyes focused on state-ranked Byram Hills and Pearl River, not to mention upstart Rye, a recent 1-0 winner over Byram, which, if nothing else, proves the Bobcats can be had on a bad day.

"This season has been like dog years," Coach Hourahan said. "I have never had a stretch of competitive games like this in my 11 years. We opened up the season with a 4-0 win at Put Valley, and then



Somers captain Anthony Smajlaj get some hang time to play head ball in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Brewster last Thursday.

The close matches will only ensure a razor's edge come playoffs as the unit develops behind senior captain Deven Girgenti, who has been, hands down, Lakeland best player through 10 games. Senior winger Lirik Brucaj (3 goals) is also leading the way for a ton of juniors and sophomores who have been gaining valuable varsity soccer experience.

"Of course there were to be some growing pains, as expected," Hourahan said. "We gave up a goal with just under six minutes to play against Beacon,

which really could have deflated us, but these young pups had so much energy going into overtime."

Three minutes into the 2nd overtime (93rd minute) junior captain Matias Prando stepped up to take Lakeland's 12th corner kick of the game, where he found the foot of senior captain defender Deven Girgenti, who plastered a



Yorktown's Paul Nolan (14) cuts free from the defense of Fox Lane's Miles Levy in Huskers' 2-1 loss to Foxes.

we played seven consecutive one-goal games. Basically, every minute of every game was either tied or a team winning by a goal, other than the 8-1 breather against Lourdes, but then we get right back to a one-goal double overtime game with Beacon. So 8-of-9 games have been decided by a goal and 5-of-9 have gone to double overtime... dog years this season."



Carmel's Joe Millard and Mahopac's Max Lichtman battle in Indians' 2-1 win over Rams last Thursday.

days ahead #Brutal. P.S. Carmel did not play like an 0-11 team against Mahopac, but the Rams are what their record says they are.

YORKTOWN (4-4-1) is striving for consistency as the playoffs approach and they took a step toward the end when Ankit Patel and Enzo Sangiacomo each scored in the Huskers' 2-0 win over Ossining. Yorktown, which has had a tough time producing goals without

injured sniper Marcello Spiniello in the lineup, could still be a tough out in the Class AA playoffs.

SOMERS (6-3) has lost two of the last three but the 2-1 loss to Class AA Greeley might have been more impressive than the Class A Tuskers' 2-0 win over Brewster, in which the Fiero brothers, Nick (1G) and Nolan

(1A, 1A), did major damage. Andrew Lowman made 10 saves for the shutout. M Jack Maher scored the lone Tusker goal against Greeley.

PUTNAM VALLEY (6-3-1) beat Haldane 1-0 goal scored by Nick Tortorella assisted by Max Martins. The Class B Tigers are experiencing their best year in history while the winless Class C Blue Devils are uncharacteristically down.

HEN HUD (3-6-1) defeated PANAS (5-5) by a 2-1 count. The Sailors also tied OSSINING (3-6), which has fallen on hard times in the last seven, going 1-5-1.



Yorktown's Enzo Sangiacomo gets a shot off against Fox Lane D Danny DiBiase in Foxes' 2-1 win over Huskers last Thursday.

one-time shot home.

"Two captains making a play for is when we needed it most," Coach Hourahan said. That's the kind of stuff that might enable Lakeland to make a patented playoff run.

MAHOPAC (5-5) had its hat handed to it when the Indians squared off against the Dutchess County powers that be, falling by a combined 13-4 against RCK and John Jay EF. But with a 1-1 tie against (goal by Basuljevic), a 2-1 win over Carmel (goals by Nick Carmona and Aidan Hynes) and a 3-1 win over Ossining (Basuljevic hat-trick), Mahopac has turned things around as they prep for two games with state-ranked Arlington, RCK and Jay EF in the

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Field Hockey Notebook

Yorktown Making Strides in Class A; Lakeland Still Unbeaten

By Tony Pinclaro

Prior to being named Yorktown varsity field hockey coach, Bernadette Gannon was very familiar with senior Catherine Calidonna.

Calidonna plays for Gannon and her Rockland Tsunami travel field hockey program. Gannon knew Calidonna was a good player. What Gannon has learned, along with Yorktown's opponents, is that Calidonna is an impact player who can affect the game every time the ball is on her stick.

Calidonna is one of the major reasons Yorktown is currently 6-3 on the season.

The Cornhuskers registered their sixth win of the season – 4-2 over Somers – led by Calidonna, who had a goal and two assists.

Calidonna opened the scoring for Yorktown, assisted by Stephanie Tucciarone. Following a Natalie Gammer goal, Calidonna assisted on goals by Lauren Manning and Tucciarone. Olivia Sanchez kicked out eight shots and received high praise from Gannon for keeping Yorktown in the game and allowing them to get the win.

"Catherine has great stick work and speed," Gannon said. "She is very focused on what needs to be done in order for us to win."

Calidonna leads Yorktown in scoring and is one of the team's co-captains.

"Catherine is very knowledgeable about the team and is one of our co-captains because of her ability on the field and her leadership by example," Gannon said.

Not only is Gannon pleased with the



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The 'pinked-out' Hen Hud field hockey team did its part to raise awareness for breast cancer last week in a 2-0 win over North Salem.

play of Calidonna, she is quite pleased with the team's performance, to date.

"The girls have been working hard in practice and that carries on to the field," Gannon said. "They are a very determined group of girls who want to do well this season."

"They don't give up, even if they are down at halftime. It drives them to pull together to win."

LAKELAND continues to gain momentum, like a runaway freight train, after a pair of 8-0 victories – over Fox Lane and Putnam Valley.

Lakeland ran into a hot goalie in Fox Lane's Jordan Lareus, who made 22 consecutive saves to open the game before Dana Bozek scored with 1:45 remaining in the first half. Lareus would finish with 39 saves.

Bozek led Lakeland with a hat trick and an assist. Brianna Muniz chipped in with two goals and also had an assist. Valerie Perkins and Julia Kim each had a goal and an assist and Meghan Fahey added a goal.

The Lakeland goalie trio of Madison Beames, Cassie Halpin and Giselle Rentas made one save.

Lakeland reached double digits in wins with the triumph over **PUTNAM VALLEY** as Bozek finished with four goals, including the 75th of her varsity career, and an assist. Emily Kness scored her first varsity goal and also had an assist. Caroline Cahill and Perkins contributed one goal and one assist apiece, Kelsey McCrudden had a goal and Brianna Muniz assisted on two scores.

Putnam Valley goalie Lauren Turner finished with 17 saves.

Bozek leads Lakeland in scoring with 18 goals and 16 assists, Muniz has eight goals and 19 assists and Perkins has collected six goals and 14 assists.

BREWSTER split two games, a 2-1 victory at R.C. Ketcham and a loss to John Jay-Cross River.

Brewster coach Art Holzmann was especially pleased with the victory because it came in a road game.

"As always, Lindsey McLaughlin and Kathleen Regan stepped up their play in the middle to keep the ball on the Ketcham side of the field," Holzmann said.

Theresa Butti gave Brewster a 1-0 lead, converting a McLaughlin pass on a penalty corner. After Ketcham evened the score going into halftime, Butti set up the winning goal with 4:48 remaining as Gina Grasso finished off a Butti crossing pass.

Sam Anfuso made six saves in the win.

HEN HUD registered a 2-0 win over Our Lady of Lourdes and played North Salem to a 0-0 draw, after losing to the Tigers earlier this season.

Kelsey Byrne was a one player highlight film against Lourdes, scoring both goals. Byrne opened the scoring with 4:50 remaining in the first half. Hen Hud rang up nine penalty corners in the first half and also matched that number in the second half.

Byrne scored her second goal eight minutes into the half.

Carole Sinacore finished with two saves, while Hen Hud amassed 16 shots on Lourdes' goalie Mia Ardovini-Brooker.

Hen Hud finished with three shots on goal – Kayla Tandy, Sarina Abraham and Byrne – against North Salem and the Tigers managed just three shots on Sinacore.

SOMERS rebounded from the loss to Yorktown with a 3-0 victory over Hen Hud as Taylor Turchick scored twice and Allison Colavito had the other. Somers' goalie Jess Monaco was the difference, making eight saves.



Putnam Valley's Kelsey Murphy gets a leg up on Peekskill's Elizabeth Fernandez in Tigers' 3-0 win last week.

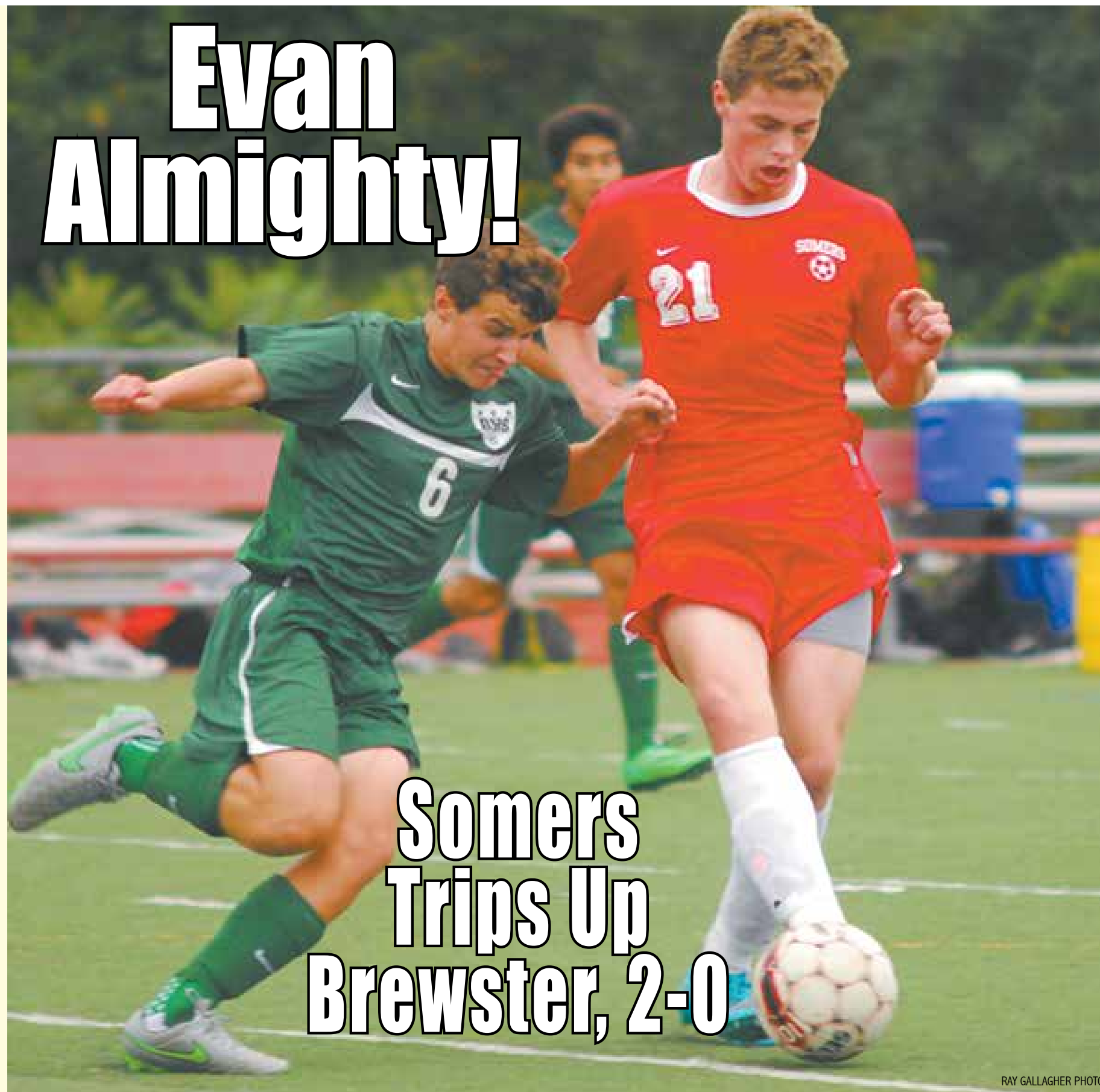
Put Valley Defeats Peekskill, Continues Improvement



Putnam Valley players celebrate a Morgan Winogradoff goal in Tigers' 3-0 win over Peekskill last week.



Put Valley's Emma Rippon uses her head to clear zone against Peekskill's Yeymily Conde in Tigers' 3-0 win.



Brewster's fiery Brendan Feehan (6) gave up some size to Somers big man Evan Kieltyke in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Bears last Thursday, but Feehan gave Somers fits with his rugged play. Still, Kieltyke and the Tuskers' mighty defense was too much for Brewster to cope with... see Soccer Notebook



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