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# Mayor Seeks to Condemn Home after Fire Displaces 103

By Rick Pezzullo

Approximately 103 adults and children from 21 apartments were displaced last week following a three-alarm fire in a home at 141 Fremont Street in Peekskill that Mayor Frank Catalina maintained was "way too intense for that neighborhood."

Catalina said he would be calling on the Common Council to reinstate the Code Enforcement Task Force and anonymous hotline that was discontinued a few years ago since he contended both initiatives helped reduce overcrowding and unsafe living conditions in the city for residents and first responders.

No residents were injured in the blaze that broke out about 7 p.m. on July 20, but eight firefighters were treated and

released at New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital for heat related exhaustion. Peekskill firefighters, who were assisted by Continental Village and Cortlandt, were on the scene the next day dealing with hot spots as some tenants lugged surviving belongings in trash bags from the badly damaged four-story structure.

"I will do whatever I can to see that it's not rebuilt," Catalina said of the home, where at least two other fires have occurred over the last 30 years. "Enough is enough."

Peekskill Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector Jim Howard said a certificate of occupancy was last issued for the home on May 5, 2005, prior to

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Peekskill firefighters were still battling hot spots a day after blaze at 141 Fremont Street

# Future of Five Local A&P Supermarkets Uncertain

By Rick Pezzullo

The future of five A&P supermarkets in northern Westchester is uncertain after the corporate company that owns 296 stores filed for bankruptcy protection last week.

Officials from the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. announced it would close 25 stores in the near future due to "lack of interest and significant ongoing store operating losses." Asset purchase agreements with approximately 120 stores were also executed.

"After careful consideration of all alternatives, we have concluded that a sale process implemented through Chapter 11 is the best way for A&P to preserve

as many jobs as possible, and maximize value for all stakeholders," said Paul Hertz, president and chief executive officer of A&P. "While the decision to close some stores is always difficult, these actions will enable the company to refocus its efforts to ensure the vast majority of A&P stores continue operating under new owners as a result of the court supervised process."

Locally, ACME Markets, which currently operates 107 stores across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, has submitted bids to acquire the A&P supermarkets at the Triangle Shopping Center in Yorktown, the Cortlandt Town Center

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## Fielder's Choice for Campers

New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius paid a visit to Summer Trails Day Camp in Granite Springs last week to sign autographs, pose for pictures and give some valuable tips to young baseball fans. For story, see page 5.

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new city code regulations that went into effect in 2010 requiring fire sprinklers.

Howard noted the home was equipped with smoke detectors and no code violations were discovered. The Westchester

County Cause and Origin Team is investigating the cause of the fire, which some sources reported may have been triggered by a faulty air conditioning cord.

The American Red Cross set up a temporary shelter for families at Peekskill Middle School for three days after

the fire, assisting about 20 residents. Assumption Church also lent a helping hand and Main Street Grill provided free pasta dinners for victims. Community members left bags of clothing at the school as well.

Marina Ciotti, chairwoman of the

Peekskill Democratic Committee, announced Monday a GoFundMe account had been established for the fire victims called Heart\$ for Fremont Street. During the last four days, 44 people had donated a total of \$3,250. Other relief efforts are being planned.

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in Mohegan Lake, in Shrub Oak and on Route 9A in Croton-on-Hudson. So, far there have been no bids placed on the A&P on Welcher Avenue in Peekskill.

Overall, ACME announced it had entered into agreements to acquire 76 A&P stores in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland under the A&P, Superfresh and Pathmark banners. The offers are subject to legal and bankruptcy court approval, including the potential for higher bids to

be submitted and anti-trust approval.

A&P has asked the federal court for an order requiring other interested parties to submit bids by September 11, 2015, with an expectation that court approval for the sale of the stores be received by October 15, 2015.

The court has also granted A&P immediate access to \$50 to \$100 million debtor-in-possession financing that will enable A&P to continue operating its stores and pay its suppliers, vendors, employees and others.



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### Advanced Hip Replacements

**Q: Can you explain the Anterior Approach to total hip replacement?**

**A:** The Anterior Approach enters the hip joint in the front of the hip between muscles rather than splitting or detaching tendons, as is done with traditional hip replacement, resulting in significantly less muscle damage, less pain and allows for a more rapid recovery. Through this method, traditional hip replacement implants are placed. During the procedure, I use intraoperative imaging to ensure accurate implant sizing and positioning which is not easily done with traditional approaches.

**Q: What are the advantages of the Anterior Approach?**

**A:** A more rapid recovery - all patients stand and walk the day of their surgery, typical length of stay in the hospital is 24 to 48 hours, and usually patients are able to go directly home and do not need inpatient rehabilitation. This rapid recovery is achieved secondary to the limited muscle damage and sparing of the gluteal muscles which are your major

walking muscles. Additionally patients are at low risk for hip dislocation with the Anterior Approach and therefore do not need to follow restrictive "hip precautions," that are required of the other hip replacement approaches, allowing for a more natural and comfortable recovery. The accelerated recovery allows patients to return to normalcy quicker including returning to desired activities and work sooner.

**Q: The Anterior Approach sounds ideal, is there any reason it should not be used?**

**A:** In the hands of an experienced surgeon the Anterior Approach can be used for nearly all first time hip replacements as well as some "redo" or revision hip replacements. You should discuss your options with an experienced surgeon that specializes in this method of hip replacement as this technique requires specialized training.

Watch Dr. Grossman describe the Anterior Approach to total hip replacement at [www.nwhorthoandspine.org/DrGrossman](http://www.nwhorthoandspine.org/DrGrossman)

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# State Police Seek Help in Solving Cold Case of Missing Cortlandt Vet

By Rick Pezullo

State Police investigators from the Cortlandt barracks are seeking the public's assistance in solving a 17-year-old cold case involving a missing military veteran from Cortlandt.

Frank Dinardi, who lived on McGregor Lane in Cortlandt, was reported missing to the State Police in March 1998. Dinardi, who was 44 years old at the time of his disappear-



Frank Dinardi

ance, had numerous medical conditions and was diagnosed with ALS. He made frequent trips to the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose.

Police described Dinardi as being 6'0" tall, approximately 145 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with any information regarding Dinardi's whereabouts is asked to contact State Police at (914) 788-8044. Refer to SJS# 3810502.

# Buchanan Man Charged with Animal Cruelty

By Rick Pezullo

A Village of Buchanan man was charged last week with animal cruelty for failing to provide veterinary care for a puppy who had a fractured front leg.

Michael Champion surrendered to the Buchanan Police Department and SPCA of Westchester on July 20 after a warrant was issued for his arrest. The SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) responded to a call on June 9 from Buchanan officials who reported numerous puppies at 3162 Albany Post Road were being kept in small crates that didn't allow them to lie down or move around and some had injuries.

HLE Director Ernest Lungaro noticed one puppy, named Red, a five-month-old Dogue de Bordeaux mix, had a sizeable injury to his front leg. It was later determined the leg was fractured. The SPCA hired an orthopedic surgeon in an attempt to save Red's leg, but the surgeon determined the bones could not be set and the leg had to be amputated.

The other puppies were treated for skin conditions. One puppy also had an abscess on its face.

"It's hard to imagine the pain and suf-



Five-month-old Red had his front leg amputated.

fering that this puppy endured, prior to being rescued," said Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA of Westchester Executive Director. "If he had received medical treatment in a timely manner, his leg may have been saved. I'm grateful to our HLE Unit for the time and effort they gave to pursuing this case. Seven beautiful puppies have been given a second chance at a happy life."



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# Yorktown Agrees to Pursue Grants that Could Cost \$680,000

By Rick Pezzullo

The majority of the Yorktown Town Board agreed last week to pursue several state grants for projects that, if approved, would cost the town more than \$680,000 in matching funds.

The board was unanimous in seeking funding for a trailway connection from Railroad Park to Franklin Delano Roosevelt State Park, to restore the Yorktown

Heights Railroad Station building and digitizing town records.

However, Democrats Susan Siegel and Vishnu Patel opposed applying for three separate grants, totaling \$1,665,000, for downtown revitalization that would include the relocation and construction of a new highway and parks garage.

If all three grants were obtained, Yorktown would have to contribute \$627,500

from its own coffers, funds Siegel maintained the town was in no position to spend.

"It's a matter of first things first," Siegel remarked. "I don't believe at this time the relocation of the garage is a high priority for our limited dollars, not when we have so many other infrastructure projects to deal with. At this point the downtown revitalization project is a concept. There is no real plan."

Siegel noted the cost of the highway garage project and related improvements has been estimated to be about \$4.2 million. She also said Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli told her the current highway garage was adequate.

Patel, who is vying to unseat Supervisor Michael Grace in November, said he would support the relocation of the highway garage in the future if funding was available, but not now.

"We don't have enough money to fix things yesterday. This is all fake," Patel said.

Two years ago, the former Yorktown Town Board voted to study the cost of relocating the highway garage to make room for a possible mixed-used, town center-type building on Front Street.

That vote came about two months after Grace and a citizens' group that sup-

ports "intelligent and responsible business growth" announced plans to "set the tone" for improvements in downtown Yorktown and other areas.

The major project in those plans was moving the highway garage to the Hallocks' Mill sewer plant. In its place would be a multi-story structure, with commercial and residential components, called Depot Square, paying homage to yesteryear in the town in the 18th Century.

Grace, who at the time said he has had his eyes on cleaning up the highway garage site since taking office in 2012, revealed some estimates for a new 36,000-square-foot highway garage (\$240,000 to \$300,000) and a 20,000-square-foot parks and recreation building (\$140,000) that would be built on a two-acre site where the town currently operates a money-losing composting facility.

Grace also emphasized the property would be brought back on to the tax rolls and serve as an anchor for a linear park to Town Hall, Railroad Park and other nearby parks.

"If you were paying attention Susan, there is a real plan," Grace remarked at last week's meeting. "It is a request for grant money. If we get the grant money we move ahead. If we don't ask for it, we don't get it."



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Patricia DiPaolo cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of her make up studio, BeScene Makeup & Beauty, located at 360 Underhill Avenue in Yorktown in The Grace Building. For more information, visit [www.BeSceneNY.com](http://www.BeSceneNY.com).



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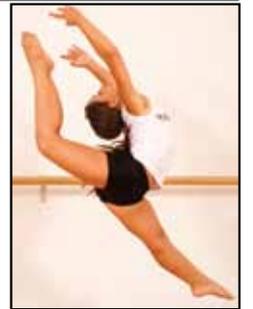
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# Yankees Shortstop Gives Advice to Baseball Campers

By Evan Lefkowitz

For the 42nd year in a row, Summer Trails Day Camp in Somers invited a Major League ball player onto its bright emerald fields to visit camper.

This year's chosen player was New York Yankees shortstop, Didi Gregorius. Gregorius, who has had the difficult task of succeeding Yankees legend Derek Jeter, met with kids from the camp's baseball program to share his insights and advice on America's favorite pastime.

"To have Didi here helping the kids is the highlight of their summer," said Jamie Sirkin, director of Summer Trails. "It's really wonderful for Didi to volun-

teer his time here this morning, especially for him having a game later this afternoon. The yearly visit of a major leaguer allows the pastime of American baseball to continue onto these campers. These kids eat, sleep, and dream baseball. And when they take the opportunity to take a lesson and learn from a major leaguer, it is truly a lifetime memory."

Giving back to the community meant everything to Gregorius because that is where it all started for him.

"It takes me back to when I was a kid," said Gregorius. "I grew up in a baseball family where they would take me to the field when I was just two and have memories of having catches with them. I always want to give back to the community and try to get kids to try, play, and love baseball as much as I have."

On a bright, warm Tuesday morning, Gregorius spent two hours observing and teaching campers different drills on how to properly position themselves while fielding and how to properly catch and throw a baseball. After the drills, Gregorius held a question answer session for the kids. Before he departed for the Bronx, Gregorius posed for photos and signed autographs.

Gregorius was born and raised in the Netherlands with his parents and broth-



EVAN LEFKOWITZ PHOTOS

Didi Gregorius exchanges high fives with campers; bottom: Gregorius gives some fielding advice.



er. He began his baseball career the age of two and was discovered by the Cincinnati Reds in the Hague Games. Gregorius played in all three minor league levels and made his major league debut with the Reds in 2012. He spent two years in the desert with the Diamondbacks from 2013-2014 before being traded to New York.

"I love New York," Gregorius happily

stated, "I just love playing here for the Yankees."

When asked for a last minute piece of advice, Gregorius answered, "Just never give up. Playing baseball takes a lot of sacrifice and will not be easy. You will make mistakes, but just hold your head up and keep going. Determination and a competitive spirit is what matters. You will get better and have fun."






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# King Appointed as New Village Manager in Croton-on-Hudson

By Rick Pezzullo

Janine King has been chosen as the new village manager in Croton-on-Hudson.

King, who started working for Croton in 1997 as a part-time records management clerk and office assistant, has been serving as acting village manager since May when former Village Manager Abraham Zambrano left to become village manager in the Village of Ossining.

The Croton Village Board is expected to officially approve the appointment as

its August 10 meeting.

“The appointment of village manager is one of the most important decisions a Village Board can make. My colleagues and I are very pleased that Janine has accepted this position,” said Croton Mayor Leo Wiegman. “Throughout her years of service in Croton, and especially during the past three months as acting village manager, Janine has maintained a level of professionalism, integrity, and productivity at Village Hall that impressed



New Village Manager Janine King is congratulated by Mayor Leo Wiegman.



all the trustees.”

“Janine has been an integral part of village management for 18 years, overseeing ongoing projects such as the parking lot and new initiatives, including the recent water system improvements,” Wiegman added. “We look forward to her leadership in furthering Croton’s goals of improving communication, government efficiency and maintaining the quality of life that we enjoy in Croton.”

As chief executive and administrative officer of Croton, King will be responsible for the daily operations of the village and village departments, including over-

sight of all employees. She served as assistant village manager under Zambrano since December 2008.

Prior to joining Croton, King held financial management positions at Chase Bank in New York and London. She and her husband Steve have lived in Croton since 1989.

“As a result of having held a variety of positions, I have a broad understanding of village operations,” King said. “As a village resident, I clearly understand the rising expectations of residents and businesses for increased services, accountability, and professionalism from village government.”

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## Obituaries

### Patrick O'Keefe

Patrick Brian O'Keefe, recently of Somers and longtime resident of Yorktown Heights, died July 20. He was 79.

Mr. O'Keefe was born in New York City to Michael and Margaret O'Keefe and graduated from St. John's University. He earned an MBA from Iona College and had a successful career with IBM. He is survived by his wife Maureen, five children, Marybeth O'Keefe, Patrick O'Keefe, Sheila (O'Keefe) Dowd, John O'Keefe and Suzanne (O'Keefe) Lodge, and spouses, 13 grandchildren and a brother, Michael O'Keefe. He loved sailing, skiing and all manner of home improvement project. His greatest joy was his family and they will miss him very much.

### Nolan Womble

Nolan E. Womble, a longtime Peekskill resident, died peacefully July 22. He was 88.

He was a graduate of Peekskill HS, class of 1944; he served in the U.S. Army from 1945-1946. On September 9, 1950 at the Peekskill Presbyterian Church, he married Dorothy Brewer, who survives him at home. Mr. Womble worked as an engineer at NY Telephone for 36 years,

until retiring in 1985. He was a member of the American Legion Peekskill Post 274, he served as past-commander and also was a Zone Vice Commander for Westchester County. He was scoutmaster in Peekskill and then Jefferson Valley, and helped build the Curtis S. Reed Reservation. He was also a member of the Peekskill Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder.

Along with his wife of almost 65 years, he is survived by his three sons, Paul, Neil (Barbara) and Edson (Ina); and also his two grandchildren Kira and Nicholas.

### Frank T. Volponi

Frank T. Volponi, a resident of Ossining, died July 20 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 96.

He was born May 4, 1919 in College Point to Alighiero and Pasqualina Volponi. He was the beloved husband to the late Julia Feloa Volponi. He was also predeceased by his daughter Kristine Volponi. He is survived by his daughter Paula Volponi of Ossining, granddaughter, Kristine Orsini and her Fiance James Covert of Greenwood Lake, N.Y., grandson David and wife Julie Orsini, and great-grandson Kain Orsini. He was predeceased by brothers John, Joseph

and Thomas. He is survived by his sister Rose Perry.

As a longtime resident of White Plains he owned and operated Times Jewelers. He served during WW2 with the 9th Armored Division and received the Bronze Star during the Battle of the Bulge.

### Jennie Zaccardi

Jennie Zaccardi, of Yorktown Heights, died July 25. She was 87.

Beloved wife of the late Pasquale V. Zaccardi. Loving mother of Lou (Lori) and Vince (Tina) Zaccardi. Cherished grandmother of Michael, Catherine, Isabella, Christina, and Alexander Zaccardi. She was predeceased by her four sisters.

She had a successful career conducting medical research on blood platelets and contributed to the identification of RH factor. She was published under her maiden name, Jennie Borrelli, in multiple medical journals with Dr. Marjorie Zucker.

### James A. Field

James Arthur Field, a former teacher in the Lakeland School District, died peacefully at his home on July 20, sur-

rounded by his loving family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was 77.

He was a resident of Poughkeepsie, and Chincoteague, VA. Son of the late Arthur T. and Margaret McCabe Field, he was born in Peekskill. He graduated from Peekskill High School, St. Francis College, PA and St. John's University, NY. He taught American History in the Lakeland School District for 32 years, and upon retirement, home-tutored for 10 years in the Wappingers Central School District.

He married his loving wife and soulmate, Eleanor Erhardt, 52 years ago in June. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children, Eleanor A. Field of Ridgewood, NJ, James Field and his wife, Monique of Orlando, FL, Janice Field of Nederland, CO, and Eileen Field of New York City. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Erhardt Dunleavy; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Thomas and Virginia Erhardt; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Erhardt; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and John Bart.

Mr. Field was an active participant

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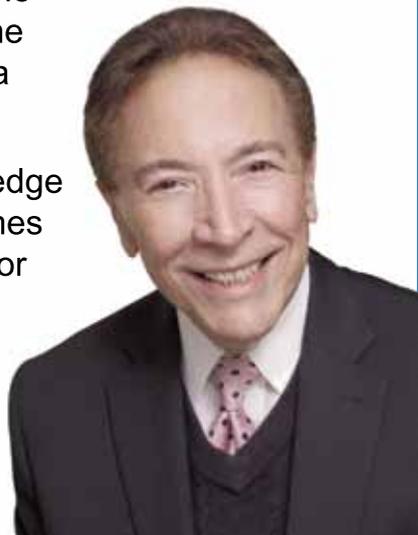
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## Editorial

# Exposition is Another Reason to Celebrate Peekskill's Resurgence

Peekskill is in the spotlight again, for all the right reasons.

Not too long ago, the city struggled to get out of the shadow of being unwelcoming and crime-ridden, but that has all changed in a big way. The downtown and Riverfront Green area is thriving with Restaurant Row and other new eateries, Paramount Hudson Valley is drawing big crowds on a weekly basis with a nice mix of entertainment and every weekend there seems to be a joyous event scheduled, from the first-ever New Year's Eve ball drop to parades to last Saturday's Jazz and Blues Festival.

This upcoming Saturday, August 1, another fun-filled extravaganza for youngsters and adults is on tap with the Hudson Valley Exposition, organized by the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, at Riverfront Green.

Seventy years ago, the former Peekskill Chamber of Commerce presented a Hudson Valley Exposition, along the lines of a mini-world's fair, in an effort to stimulate the local economy after World War II ended. It became an annual tradition for seven years.

In 1996, the first Peekskill Celebra-



tion was held, and it became a community staple for 17 years before it came to an abrupt end in early 2013 due to financial struggles. It's something that has been sorely missed.

The Hudson Valley Exposition is not meant to be a replacement for the Peekskill Celebration, but if it serves

the same purpose of providing a venue to showcase all the good things Peekskill has to offer, then it may very well turn into something as special.

In this week's *Northern Westchester Examiner*, you'll find a handsome 24-page special section on the Hudson Valley Exposition that is chock full of everything you need to do know and what to expect on Saturday. Make plans and spread the word.

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina deserves credit for trying to shine a positive light on the city during his 19 months in office, and it's obvious that people are looking at Peekskill much differently. Deb Milone and the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, have also been working hard to plug Peekskill's many historical and current assets.

In so many ways, Peekskill is back on the right track. On Saturday, cross the Metro-North tracks to Riverfront Green and celebrate the city's resurgence at the Hudson Valley Exposition.

## The Unintended Consequences of Living with Nature

In past columns, I've extolled the virtues of winemakers intent on producing unadulterated wines made from grapes that are untouched by industrial science. I've highlighted this trend to produce wines in a manner most in line with Nature's influence, not Man's. Natural wines can be expected to be more representative of the qualities and characteristics of a particular grape.

I've also reported on the unintended consequences of industrial products and practices on grape growers who are committed to produce natural grapes and wine.

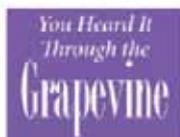
Numerous winemakers across the globe adhere to natural grape-growing techniques, eschewing the marvels - and shortcomings - of man-made chemical fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides and pesticides. Natural winemaking has grown significantly over the last decade, with popular support for the health of vineyards, global farmlands, the atmosphere and wine consumers.

Last year, I reported on the effect of governmental regulation on a French winery owner. Emmanuel Giboulot has

been maintaining his vineyards organically for many years. He eschews chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, instead preferring to utilize natural methods and products. Among other measures, he lays down organic fertilizers and promotes an environment in his vineyard for beneficial insects that in turn control harmful insects. It seems he is in harmony with Nature.



By Nick Antonaccio



However, he was fined, and nearly jailed, by the local city government for defying an ordinance that required the use of Pyrevent, a pesticide used to kill a leafhopper insect found to spread disease in grapevines.

Ironically, this ordinance flies in the face of a European Union initiative that encourages the use of organic farming to prevent contamination of agricultural products and the environment.

Much has been written of the agricultural industry's business model based on increasing productivity and profits in direct polarization of organic practices. For

example, The Monsanto Company produces many of the seeds (including GMO varieties), pesticides and herbicides used by farmers around the world. They sell the world's top-selling herbicide, Roundup, and ironically, seeds genetically modified to resist the effects of Roundup on plants. Today, over 80% of all corn and soy grown in the United States is from genetically engineered seeds.

The dangers of industrial herbicides and pesticides are well documented. Recently a French Laboratory conducted tests on wines. They tested 92 bottles of wine and found small (non-lethal) traces of pesticides in all 92 bottles, a number of which were organically produced. Another, unrelated, laboratory test of 300 bottles found pesticides in over 90%.

This startling result for organic wines may be attributable to a number of factors, including shifting winds that carry air-borne pesticides and herbicides from non-organic vineyards and other farmlands to organically sustained vineyards; and higher-than-normal rains that carry atmospheric-trapped pesticides and herbicides across a wide swath of vineyards.

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## Obituaries

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in his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi and a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved sports; he was an avid golfer and a fan of Notre Dame and NY Giants Football, as well as the NY Rangers and the NY Mets. He was a voracious reader, a jazz aficionado and was always quick with a joke.

### John Intrieri

John Thomas Intrieri, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died July 21. He was

## The Unintended Consequences of Living with Nature

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I've reported on several examples of the unintended consequences of society's effort to control its own destiny rather than working within the context of the natural order. An example surfaced last week of a winemaker's susceptibility to industrialized agriculture and its consequences.

An Oregon winemaker initiated a lawsuit against a neighboring farm. The suit alleges that the fumes of an herbicide used by the farm drifted to the highly susceptible grapevines, destroying the crop.

Willamette Valley Vineyard claimed that 12.7 tons of its Pinot Noir grapes were lost, the equivalent of 826 cases of wine. The winery stated the value of these wines to be over \$400,000.

To pinpoint the source of the herbicide, the winery enlisted the aid of the Department of Agriculture to conduct an investigation, that, according to the lawsuit, ultimately concluded that an herbicide drift had occurred from the neighboring grass seed farm.

Does Man coexist in harmony with Nature or at war? What are the unintended consequences? It is as if Man constantly tests the boundaries and capacities of Nature, expecting the balance will be sustained with no material negative impact. We are modern man and we are in control of our destiny – or are we?

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19.

He was born on June 27, 1996, in Poughkeepsie. He loved his family, his many friends, and his animals. He was a 2014 graduate of Croton-Harmon High School and was currently attending Kean University in New Jersey.

He is survived by his beloved parents, Sandra K. Intrieri of Croton, and Anthony J. Intrieri of Millbrook, NY; caring brother and friend Joseph Intrieri; and devoted grandparents, Carol and John Sapienza, Jeff Benchich, and Anthony In-

trieri. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

### Salvatore "Sonny" Cianfaglione

Salvatore "Sonny" Cianfaglione, a resident of Croton on Hudson, died July 23. He was 72.

He was born May 29, 1943 in Valhalla, to Joseph and Emily (Reis) Cianfaglione.

He served honorably with the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was a member of the Dutchess Cruisers Car Club. He is survived by his beloved wife and high school sweetheart Judy (nee Goss). They would have been married 52 years in September; loving children Scott Cianfaglione (wife Anne) and Dawn Pavlik (husband William); cherished grandchildren Scott Cianfaglione and Danielle and Michelle Pavlik; caring brothers Joseph and Peter and a sister Marie Abreau (husband Lawrence); and several nieces and nephews.

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Business of the Week

# Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

Following in his mother's footsteps, Queens resident Qi Jiang recently opened up a business of his own in Yorktown.

Qi operates Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology, which is located not far away in town from a nail salon owned by his mother, Laura. He declined to provide her last name. Qi said he was inspired by his mother to operate his own business.

In his foot reflexology, Qi explained his method of "using finger pressure" to provide massage. Reflexology provides relaxation, he said. "We have Chi energy flowing through the body," Qi said.

According to the International Institute of Reflexology, it was practiced as early as 2300 BC in Egypt and only hands are used in reflexology.

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Qi Jiang recently opened Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology in Yorktown

improves nerve and blood supply and helps nature to normalize."

Qi said he has been trying to promote his new business in a variety of ways, including having a Facebook page. Positive word of mouth has been spread by many of his customers on the Internet, he said. Business is "getting better," he said. "I want people to try it."

Qi is offering a series of specials at his

new business. He is offering discounts of \$20 for each \$200 spent and a savings of \$30 for each \$300 spent.

For customers who purchase 10, 60-minute foot reflexology sessions, he will provide the 11th session for free.

If running his own business, which is open every day, was not enough to occupy his time, Qi is also studying massage therapy in Flushing, Queens.

Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology is located at 1924 Commerce St. in Yorktown. For more information call 914-245-8886. The business also has a Facebook page. It is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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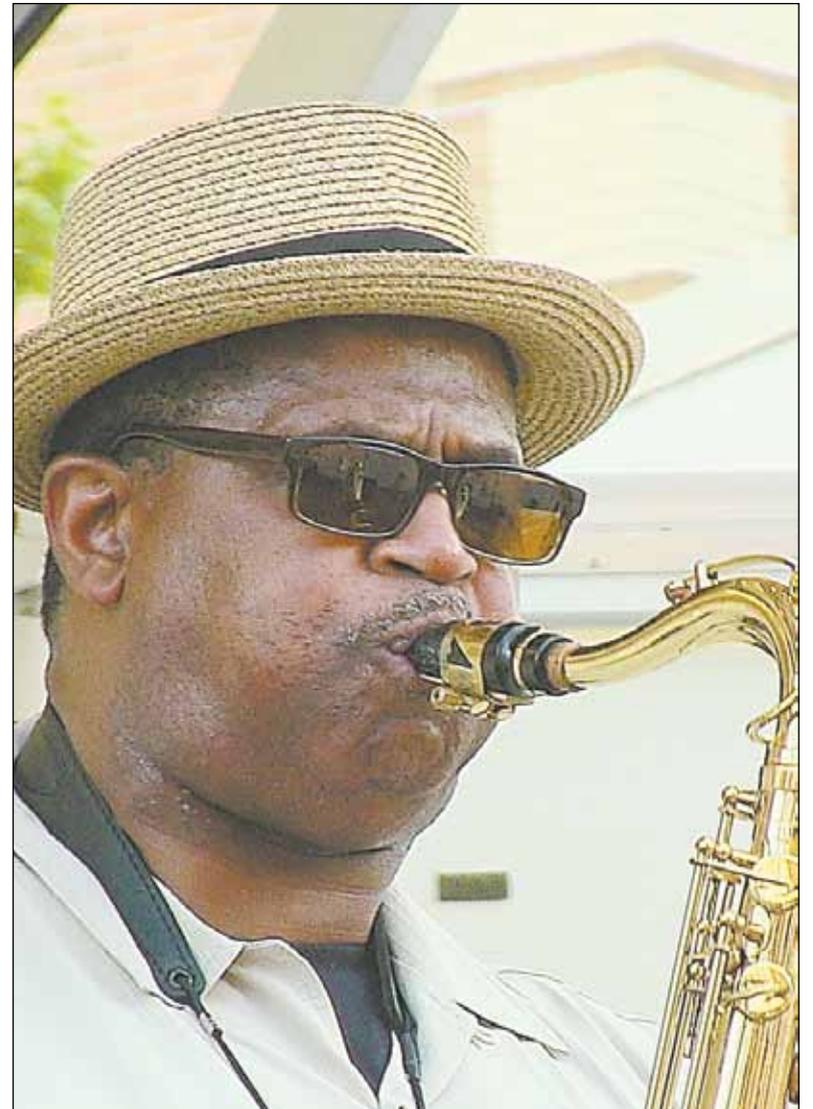
RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS



# Thousands Line Streets for Jazz and Blues Festival in Peekskill



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# What it Means When We Get Interested in Historic Homes

When I received the e-mail from Vicki Jimpson-Fludd, a real estate agent with Better Homes & Gardens Rand in Briarcliff Manor, to have my historic house listing in Ossining join a group of other historic houses in Westchester and Putnam counties for a joint open house tour, I thought it was an inspired idea.

"Hey, wait a minute, I wrote back, "I'm the realtor with the PR background! Why didn't I think of that?"

I immediately offered to volunteer my company to help promote the event. Working together, Vicki and I scored a huge turnout for 18 different brokerage houses showing 40 historic houses on one day.

At my open house in Ossining, a 15-acre estate contiguous to Teatown Lake Reservation with a late 1700s home that has been rebuilt over the past 30 years, I didn't have a chance for a breather. There were as many as three visiting parties at a time from start to finish. I heard similar reports from realtors at the other open houses.

It was interesting that the common thread among normally competing brokerage firms was the antique home, at best a quirky category when it comes to marketing and selling a home. It is a narrow category in terms of those that populate the

inventory and buyers who seek them.

If an historic home is considered to be one that is at least 100 years old – those that have survived storm, fire and general neglect – it would be difficult to surmise the percentage of inventory that exists overall. Just to get a sense of it, I happen to know that in my hometown of Yorktown there are about 13,000 residences, and of those, 206 homes were identified as those of "historical significance" in a survey done a few years ago.

At the same time, I once heard it said that only about 1 to 2 percent of the population is interested in living in antique homes, so that would seem to even things out.

But matching those people to the available homes can be difficult when you factor into the equation that only 5 percent of homes and

people are players in the real estate market at any particular time. Considering those loose statistics, it's a wonder that anyone ever finds their way into an antique home at all.

As an observer of real estate trends from personal experience for close to half a century and as a professional for nearly two decades, my opinion is that in recessionary times when the market is generally dead, so is the market for antique homes. It would,



By Bill Primavera



Interest in historic homes is on the rise again, according to The Home Guru, pictured here with Vicki Jimpson-Fludd, both antique home specialists.

therefore, make sense that our being overrun at the antique home open house event augurs very well for the near future of antique homes in this improving market.

Further proof that the scenario for antique homes is improving involves my own house in Yorktown Heights, The Ebenezer White House, now utilized as an office building. (As an aside, many historic structures, because of their size and locations, are adapted for either mixed or commer-

cial use.) My home was on the market two years ago as the recession was bottoming out, and only after one year did I finally get an offer. But it petered out after a jerk of an inspector discouraged the buyer when he discovered a sill with rot, which I quickly set out to correct. But, nonetheless, the buyer panicked and fled.

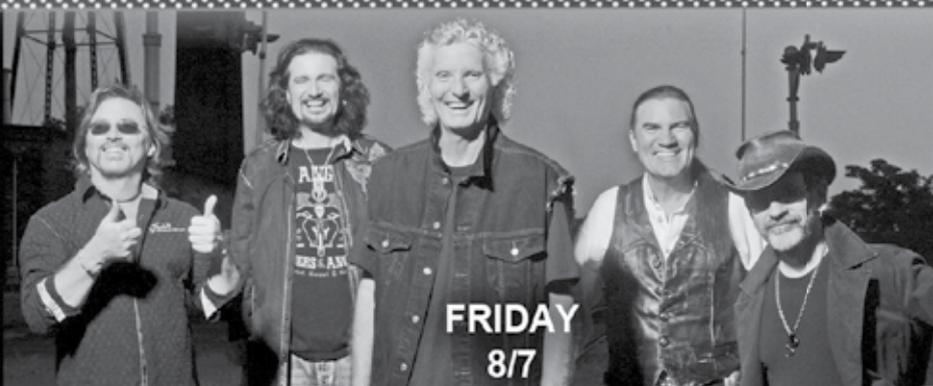
However, surprise, surprise, just last week, at a time when the house is not on the market, my doorbell rang and a man with that familiar look of stars in his eyes asked, "Do you want to sell this house? I've always loved it. If so, I'd like to buy it." Oh, my, what do I do now? Am I ready to let go?

If you'd like to discuss the possibility of your future as a proud antique home owner, call Vicki Jimpson-Fludd at 914-410-0151 or me at 914-522-2076. Jimpson-Fludd also has a great blog about antique homes at [www.rivertownscountryhomes.com](http://www.rivertownscountryhomes.com).

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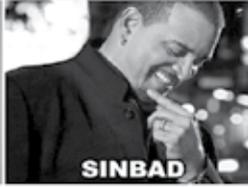
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- 7 Beer barrel
- 10 Coastal storm dir.
- 11 DeLuise
- 12 Kind of trip
- 13 Soup holder
- 14 Crystal ball
- 15 Penpoint
- 16 Mix
- 18 Kiddie's foot
- 20 You can get "all shook up" at this local theater, \_\_\_\_\_ Stage
- 22 Slasher film feature
- 23 Leprechaun's land
- 26 Complete, as an athlete
- 29 Scuffle
- 32 "Good going!"
- 33 What a keeper may keep
- 34 Creeping vine
- 36 \_\_\_ compos mentis
- 37 Word with Grande
- 38 Previously called
- 39 Afore
- 40 Power hitter, Mel

- 41 Avenge oneself on
- 42 Belle at the ball
- Down
- 1 Lure
- 2 Kind of recording
- 3 Co-star in "The Good Shepherd" (last name)
- 4 Stink
- 5 Potuguese wine capital
- 6 Build an arbor around
- 7 Superman's alter ego or Putnam town
- 8 Direction (var.)
- 9 Pass
- 17 Gumbo veggies
- 19 Vegetable that makes you cry
- 21 Revelatory
- 24 Kaput
- 25 Crowd cry
- 27 Bank
- 28 Bright star in Cygnus
- 29 Amateur
- 30 Condo division
- 31 Arrogant person
- 35 So far

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## Tuesday, July 28

**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.

**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.

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

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

## Wednesday, July 29

**Palm Readings:** The Quiet Man Public House, 15 N. Division St., Peekskill, is proudly presenting palmist Christian (no last name) from 7 to 11 p.m. The mini readings, which take about 15 minutes, cost \$20. Contact Andrea at The Quiet Man at 914 930-8230 for an appointment or just come in on the day of the program.

**Israeli Dance Classes:** Israeli Dance classes will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning tonight, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Classes for beginners will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes for experienced dancers have been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. The fee is \$15; \$12 for Yorktown Jewish Center members. For more information, visit [www.ctisraelidance.com](http://www.ctisraelidance.com) or call 203-912-4086.

**Fitness Program** The POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

**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 of [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

## Thursday, July 30

**Somers Library July Exhibit:** Jeanne Demotse will be exhibiting a collection of paintings in watercolor, oil and acrylic during the month of July at the Somers Library art gallery. For more than 20 years, Demotse has maintained a studio in Peekskill. Her current studio is in The Hat Factory in Peekskill's artist district. She was a member of Gallery 44 North in Peekskill, a founding member of Gallerie JJENTH, a member of the visual arts committee of the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill organizing several juried exhibitions, and is on the faculty of the Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac. Jeanne also teaches classes and workshops in Heritage Hills, for the Yorktown and Croton Parks and Recreation Depts. in Westchester as well as portrait painting in her studio. Please call the library for viewing times in the program room at 914-232-5717, or visit us online at [www.somerlibrary.org](http://www.somerlibrary.org).

**Field Gallery Exhibit:** The exhibit Jo-Ann Brody, Musings: Works in Clay will be held through July 31 at the Field Gallery, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212.

## Friday, July 31

**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](mailto:Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org).

**PV Farmers Market:** The Putnam Valley Residents Coalition Farmers Market is held every Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m., outdoors at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center at 729 Peekskill Hollow Rd. (Tompkins Corners) through Sept. 4. Info: [putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com)

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services in the spring will begin at 8 p.m. and Sabbath services on

Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. On most Saturdays, after the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or [www.info@yorktownjewishcenter.org](mailto:info@yorktownjewishcenter.org).

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## Saturday, Aug. 1

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SPORTS SECTION

# Lakeland Still Perkins!



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## Six-Time NYS Champions Undefeated in Summer Field Hockey Action

Lakeland's Valerie Perkins pushes tempo and dictates action in Hudson Valley Summer Field Hockey League action at Walter Panas High where the Hornets have ruled the roost with Lakeland Gold and Lakeland Green each putting forth a 4-0-1 record to remain in first place. Lakeland Green is ahead of Yorktown (4-1), Hen Hud (3-2), Carmel (2-2), Mahopac (1-3), Pleasantville (1-4) and John Jay EF (0-4) in Pool A while Lakeland Gold is out in front of Horace Greeley (4-1), Harrison (3-1), Ossining (2-2) and Walter Panas (1-2-1) in Pool B, with playoffs just around the corner.

# Sports

## SOAC Notebook

# SOAC Storm Reaches Final 8 in Cooperstown Field of Dreams

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor

Shrub Oak Athletic Club Coaches Patrick Kelly, Mike Casale, Wade Frobose, Frank Phillips and Jim Wainer knew they had a 12-U baseball club that could compete with the best of the best when the Shrub Oak Storm journeyed to the Cooperstown All Star Village in late June with the expectations of an enjoyable week of baseball festivities. They were also treated to one of the worst weeks of summer weather in Cooperstown history, but still came home with one of the best runs for a Shrub Oak team and an experience that no player, coach or family will ever forget: A Final 8 finish among a field of 45 teams.

The week began on a typical Saturday with the usual unpacking and bunkhouse



Storm P Colin Kelly delivers in Cooperstown where SOAC finished eighth among 45 teams and went 7-1.

hijinks, but weather already started to rear its ugly head as it was announced that the Opening Ceremony would be condensed and the skills competitions were cut down to one event.

Weather, however, would be no match for the Storm families, who finished second in the spirit competition out of 45 teams. Replete in matching Carolina Blue Storm shirts, Fatheads of all the players and coaches, foam lightning bolts, cowbells and some loud mouths, they bellowed their way to a silver-medal finish, and that was just the spirit part.



Members of the SOAC Storm 12-U team pose with their very own FatHeads at the spirit competition in Cooperstown.

After a dreadfully wet Sunday, baseball finally resumed on Monday with it being announced that all teams would play three 4-inning games.

Against the Slammers Brown (Colorado) SOAC win 6-0. Austin Wainer



Members of the SOAC Storm 12-U Storm team at Cooperstown: Back Row- David Wilsea, Joey Phillips, Colin Kelly, Mike Mauro, Zach Cohen; Front Row- David Eckert, Mike Casale, Austin Wainer, Landon Ruggieri, Kian Ray, Andrew Frobose

threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts. Mike Mauro hit two HR's over the Green Monster fence and Zach Cohen added his first HR over the Monster as well.

Against the St. Charles Knights Orange (Illinois) SOAC won 7-6. Andrew Frobose and Zach Cohen led the way on the hill for the Storm in the game two victory. The Storm rallied from a 6-4 deficit with

3 runs in their last at bat. Joey Phillips had a key RBI and Mike Casale went 2-2 in the win.

Against the Utah Knights, SOAC stole the show Joey Phillips spun a no-hitter to lead the Storm to its third victory of the day, a 4-0 triumph. Zach Cohen's second homer of the day led a four-run first inning and would be all the Storm would need.

Against KOA Sports (Maryland), SOAC posted a 12-1 win. David Eckert pitched 4 solid innings and Mike Mauro closed out the win on the hill. The Storm clubbed 4 HR's in the rout as Mauro (3rd), Cohen (3rd), Casale (1st) and David Wilsea (1st) all went yard. Kian Ray was 3-3 and was instrumental in multiple rallies in the win.

Against the Backyard University Gamers (Pennsylvania), SOAC won 10-3 and completed a perfect pool record. Mauro hit his 4th HR and David Wilsea, Landon Ruggieri and Colin Kelly combined to pitch the Storm to victory.

Against the Capitol Renegades Black (NY), SOAC won 9-3. The Storm scored in every inning and Austin Wainer led off game Rickey Henderson style with a HR. Andrew Frobose was 2-3 and he along with Wainer and Joey Phillips combined to pitch the Storm into the next round of playoffs.

Against the Suburban Columbus Trappers (Ohio), SOAC won 4-1. Austin Wainer threw his second complete game of week. Landon Ruggieri (1st) and Mike



Storm lefty David Eckert fired pitch at Cooperstown in 12-U tourney.

Mauro (5th) went yard back-to-back in the 1st inning to provide all the runs they would need to advance to the final 8.

But the run came to an end against the Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan in an 11-1 SOAC setback. Unfortunately, the Storm bats were quieted by the high octane Warriors who ended the magical week- long run.

In the end, the Storm went 7-1 overall and 5-0 in pool play, joining only two other Storm teams that have matched that feat while competing in Cooperstown. The team hit 12 HRs while only allowing two, had two shutouts ended up as the #5 seed and reached the Final 8 for the week.

"We couldn't be more proud of how we competed," Manager Kelly said of the Storm. "As a team we have talked about Cooperstown and worked towards this week as our ultimate goal for years and hoped that it culminated in a great week and it actually happened. The kids played flawless, handled themselves with class during wins and the loss; as they did their families, our league and our community very proud this week. We would like thank the community for all their financial and verbal support that helped make this experience happen for our kids."

## Lakeland Rules Roost in Summer Field Hockey Action



Lakeland All-American Dana Bozek has Lakeland Green playing at an unbeatable summer season clip as the Hornets prepare for the fall season.



Hen Hud's Grace McMurrin has the improving Sailors playing to a 3-2 record in Hudson Valley Summer Field Hockey League action.



Lakeland's Julia Wanamaker is ready to take her game to the next level this fall after a solid summer campaign in the Hudson Valley Field Hockey League.

## Sports

# Yorktown, Somers Paired Up in Week 4 Grid Clash



By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports  
Editor

I know, I know... it's way too early to start talking about high school football. Unless of course you're a freak like me and can't get enough of it, which is why we'll slowly start to take a look at some of the insanity we can expect in places like Mahopac, Yorktown and Somers. I haven't

been this stoked for the local football season quite some time. We'll look at places like Mahopac and Class B Putnam Valley next week while we concentrate more on Class A for now.

Mandatory football camps are set to open up this week, as we prepare to

can come back sooner than expected, DeLuca is a likely candidate to do so.

But Plan B is a far cry from Plan A and could put the Panthers in a deep, deep, early-season hole that might keep them from Class A playoff contention, but the Cowboy, Coach P, has had the Panthers among the Class A contenders for a few years now and we suspect he'll figure something out.

Now, **SOMERS**, on the other hand, appears to be in playoff contention once again, as does Section 1 Class A runner-up **YORKTOWN**, which loses some bulk up front and two-year signal caller Ryan Baker, but returns HB Nick Santavicca, who might just be the most explosive

## Direct Rays

from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region, including a **BREWSTER** team that expects to be very improved this season.

"Week 4 is gonna be awesome without a doubt," said Santavicca, who rushed for 1,726 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns last year. "I don't know if we can replace Baker. I'm truly going to miss him."

Yorktown will turn to either Jose Boyer and/or Kyle Casey to replace the speedy Baker under center.

"Both are looking awesome," Santavicca said.

"It is a tight race, but we'll be good with either of them. We are 100% ready to get back to the title game. We have unfinished business, enough said."

Somers has a ridiculous senior in DL Tommy Castelluccio, who figures to be the guy expected to stuff Santavicca and the rest of RBs looking to keep Coach Tony DeMatteo's Tuskers off the top rung. There's a whole lot of new faces at Somers this season, but we've come to expect nothing less than a Tusker team that annually contends for the Section 1 crown that was theirs as recently as 2012 and 2013.

**BREWSTER** will be young this year but the cast of characters is encouraging, according to Coach Ed Mulvihill.

"The best asset is it looks like we will have some depth," said Mulvihill. "Our JV had over 50 players last season so we are expecting bigger numbers on the varsity. That will bring out some good competition for playing time, which is always a good thing. We will also have some bigger linemen, which we haven't had in a few years."

That is good news for All-Section QB Matt Catalano, who is back with great expectations.

"Matt threw for just under 1,700 yards last season, so he will be our primary weapon this season," Mulvihill said. "We did lose some great receivers (Kyle Catalano playing at Catholic University and Matt Gargano playing at Lehigh

University), but we have some good athletes ready to jump in to their roles. We will be a little on the young side, so it depends on how quickly the team can gel, but there is optimism entering this season. We can, hopefully, get back to the playoffs. Players have been working hard in the weight room and at the workouts. We're looking forward to the Friday Night Lights!"

Who isn't, coach, who isn't?

Next week, we'll put Mahopac, Carmel and Putnam Valley under the microscope. Dang, I'm stoked!...

**How 'bout my NY Mets!** All they need to do now is get themselves one more bat and broadcast their games on an



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Somers Coach Tony DeMatteo and the Tuskers have Week 4 vs, Yorktown circled on the calendar.

separate the "haves" from the "have-nots". As it usually is this time of year, optimism is at an all-time high in most places, even places like **WALTER PANAS** where the injury bug didn't just bite Coach Dan Petranik's Panthers, it may have obliterated them.

The loss of senior RB/LB Joey DeLuca (broken ankle, major rehab time) is about as debilitating as any injury could be to any team in the section. Patronik's plan for the 2015 season included a series of plays centered around DeLuca-right, DeLuca-left, DeLuca-up-the-middle. The powerful RB was expected to be a bell-cow figure, similar to 2013 when the Panthers ran the heck out of then-senior John Brophy. Don't count him out, because if anyone

back in the section this season. It's entirely possible that Santavicca, the son of assistant Coach Roger Santavicca, and nephew of former two-time NYS champion Yorktown Coach Ron Santavicca, sets some school records this season for rushing yards and touchdowns while leading the Huskers back to their second straight title appearance after returning last year for the first time since 1998.

I'm thinking Yorktown might actually be the team to beat this season, and I'm loving the thought of Week 4. This year, we are lucky enough to have Coach Mike Rescigno's Huskers squaring off against Somers in Week 4, in what will certainly be must-see stuff for Class A grid fans



Yorktown RB Nick Santavicca might set the section on fire this fall.

FM station next season (WOR 710 is a flagship joke, right?) in order to legitimize this franchise as a contender for the next five seasons...

**Hulk Hogan or Bill Cosby?** Wow, how the mighty have fallen... a racist and a rapist, and I didn't even have to try to rhyme that one. And that 50 Cent ain't worth a plum nickel nowadays. It all went south for "Fiddy" after one bad pitch at Citi Field, oh, the irony.



# Be Like Mike!



## SOAC Storm Places 2nd in Cooperstown 12-U Tourney

The Shrub Oak Athletic Club battled the stormy elements and 45 opposing teams and came away with a second-place finish in Cooperstown at a recent 12-U tournament where the SOAC Storm finished with a 7-1 overall record, 5-0 in pool play to become just the third team in SOAC history to go undefeated in pool play. Mike Mauro (above) was greeted regularly by his teammates after clocking a team-high five home runs on the week to lead the way... see SOAC Notebook