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PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

## Out of Business

A pet store in Mohegan Lake owned by a Mahopac man who has been arrested several times for alleged animal cruelty closed its doors Sunday. Animal activists protested several times outside the store on Route 6 in recent months and several elected officials, including state Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), a few weeks ago called on the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to suspend the license of Richard Doyle, 56, while he answers charges brought against him in Wappingers Falls and Danbury, CT.

## Approval Expected for New Shopping Center in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

Another new shopping center will soon be popping up in the Mohegan Lake section of Cortlandt.

The Cortlandt Planning Board is expected tonight (Tuesday) to grant final site plan approval, along with required wetlands, tree removal and steep slope permits, for Cortlandt Crossing, to be located directly across Route 6 from Walmart and the Cortlandt Town Center.

Acadia Realty, owners of the Cortlandt Town Center, also own the 36-acre property where Cortlandt Crossing will sit. The development will include a 130,000-square-foot main structure,

along with a 13,500-square-foot retailer, an 8,420-square-foot restaurant and a 3,500-square-foot bank. It hasn't been announced yet what stores will occupy the main structure. In addition, 619 parking spaces are planned.

Cortlandt Deputy Planning Director Chris Kehoe said construction will likely begin in the fall and is anticipated to be completed in early 2018. David Steinmetz, attorney for Acadia, did not return a phone message.

The Town Board was the lead agency for the project and in mid-March unanimously voted to rezone seven residen-  
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## Somers Residents to Vote on \$13.6M School Proposition

By Rick Pezzullo

Residents in the Somers School District will vote May 17 on a \$13.6 million bond crafted to improve safety, security and health issues in all four district schools.

If the 20-year bond is approved, the average single-family homeowner in Somers with an assessed value of \$68,901 will pay a little more than \$12 annually in taxes. For homeowners with an assessed value of \$100,000, the tax hike will be \$17.50. Condominium owners with an assessed value of \$22,822 will pay \$4 more in additional property taxes.

A building condition survey completed by KG&D Architects determined roofs at Primrose Elementary School and Somers Intermediate School had outlived their 20-year warranties and needed to be replaced after being patched several times. Portions of the roofs at the middle school (17,000 square feet) and high school (21,000 square feet) will also be replaced.

The estimated \$6 million roofing work represents the largest chunk of the proposition. Heating, ventilation and air quality improvements are the next most expensive items, totaling

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Primrose Elementary School is slated to get a new roof and security vestibule if bond is approved on May 17.



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# Approval Expected for New Shopping Center in Cortlandt

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tial acres. Overall, 15 acres are now designated as commercial, while the remaining 21 acres will be preserved as open space.

At the same time, the Town Board approved the transfer of ownership of approximately 8,000 square feet of land to the New York State Department of Transportation for a planned widening and reconfiguration of the intersection

of Route 6 and Baker Street. The DOT reportedly has agreed to adding a traffic signal, but final details are still being worked out. The board also okayed the creation of a new sewer district in the area.

Acadia still needs permits from the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Army Corps of Engineers and to post required bonds with the town.

# Somers Residents to Vote on \$13.6M School Proposition

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about \$4.15 million.

Security upgrades at Primrose and the middle school will also take place in the vestibule entranceways, totaling approximately \$900,000.

At the high school, the auditorium will be renovated, along with the installation of a new sound and lighting system and seating in the rear. Outside at the athletic fields, the scoreboard will be replaced, netting on the north side will be added and new visitor seat-

ing will be installed.

Anyone who has been a resident of the Somers School District for 30 days before May 17, is a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old is eligible to vote for the bond. Residents have until May 12 to register to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections. For more information, call (914) 277-2400.

Voting for the proposition, along with the district budget and Board of Education, will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the middle school.

# Yorktown Garbage Hauler Charged with Assault

Yorktown resident Brian Amico, owner of Competition Carting, the garbage hauler for the Town of Yorktown, was charged April 24 by Yorktown Police with assault in the third degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

According to police, officers were dispatched on April 24 at about 7:40 p.m. to investigate a past assault with injuries at AJ's Bar and Grill on Route 202. Police said Amico, 43, fled the scene before they arrived, but he was later located behind a nearby abandoned building.

After an investigation, police al-

leged during the altercation Amico assaulted an unidentified victim, causing cuts, bruising and pain to the left wrist and right elbow. Amico was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for an unrelated medical condition.

Amico was arraigned by Cortlandt Town Justice Daniel McCarthy at the hospital and released on his own recognizance. McCarthy issued a temporary order of protection on behalf of the victim and witnesses involved. Amico is due back in Yorktown Town Court on May 26.

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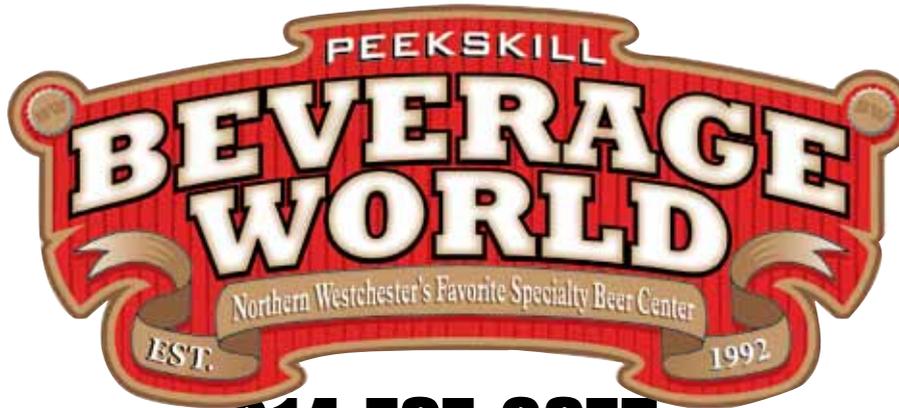
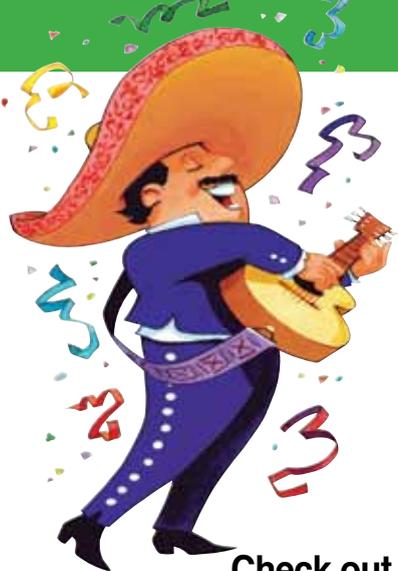


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# Yorktown Receives \$464K to Fix Roadways from Senator Murphy

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown officials benefitted last week from knowing someone very well in Albany.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), a former town councilman and Yorktown business owner, announced he had helped secure \$464,369

from the state's coffers for Yorktown to pave roadways and fix potholes.

"As a resident of this town I see the trouble spots every morning when I

drive my kids to school," Murphy said. "This money will go a long way in addressing the infrastructure needs of our town and keep Yorktown moving forward under the watchful eyes of Supervisor (Michael) Grace, Highway Superintendent (Dave) Paganelli and the great staff at the Highway Department."

The funds are part of the state Department of Transportation's Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Local PAVE-NY 2016-17 budget. It is an increase of \$31,292 allotted for road repairs last year. Overall in Murphy's 40th Senate District, \$4.2 million was set aside by the DOT for municipalities.

"Repaving our local roads will decrease problems with traffic and lessen wear and tear on everyone's vehicles," Grace said. "We deeply appreciate what we're getting through the efforts of Senator Murphy."

Probably most appreciative of the increased funding was Paganelli, who served with Murphy on the Town Board. "I am glad we were able to work with Senator Murphy and thank him for his efforts on behalf of our town," he remarked. "The extra funding from CHIPS is going to be a big help."



State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) paid a visit to Peekskill Middle School last week as part of Career Day.

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# Upcoming School Board Races Shape Up in Local Districts

By Rick Pezzullo

Half of the six local school districts will have contested Board of Education races on Tuesday, May 17.

In the Lakeland, Yorktown and Hendrick Hudson school districts, four candidates will be vying for three available seats. The term for each seat in each dis-

trict is three years.

In Lakeland, three incumbents have filed petitions for reelection. Steven Korn, who was first elected in 2001, will be running for a sixth term. Former board President Elizabeth Kogler, who joined the board in 2006, is seeking a fourth term, as is Shrub Oak Athletic Club President Steve Rosen.

Hoping to upset the apple cart is first-time candidate Mike Sancimino.

In neighboring Yorktown, two of three incumbents up for reelection are running again, Thomas Donatelli and Cheryl Reynolds. Board Vice President Karen Corrado has decided not to seek a new term.

Looking to join the board for the first time are Reshmi Bose and Andrew Pecunia.

Meanwhile, in Hendrick Hudson, two longtime incumbents are moving on--Marion Walsh, who has been a trustee since 2007, and Carson Jacobs, a trustee since 2010.

The lone incumbent in the race is Carol Abraham. Joining her on the ballot will be Lisa Anderson, William Morris and William Oricchio.

In the Ossining, Peekskill and Somers districts, all eligible incumbents are running unopposed.

Bill Kress and Lisa Murray will be the only names on the Ossining ballot. In Peekskill, Maria Pereira, one of the founding members of the Peekskill Education Foundation, Michael Simpkins, who performed a stirring rendition of the National Anthem during the Opening Day ceremonies of the Lapolla Little League, and Jillian Villon, a 2008 Peekskill High School graduate, will all be returning to the board.

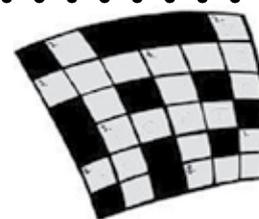
The same situation will take place in Somers where board Vice President Donna Rosenblum, Ifay Chang and Joseph Marra are not being challenged.

Polls in all districts are open May 17 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



## Hen Hud Students Excel at FBLA Conference

Hendrick Hudson High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club had a very successful showing at the New York State FBLA Leadership Conference in Rochester, which included more than 600 students. Hen Hud students who attended the conference were Catherine Barra, Emily Barthelmes, Maggie Bernstein, Taylor Crisci, Derek Gonda, Deepa Mistry, Buu-Hac Nguygen, Alicia Niebrzydowski, Harley Sternberg and Nina Tagliabue. Barthelmes and Bernstein won first place for graphic design. Six students qualified to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference in June in Atlanta, GA.



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## Obituaries



ANDREW TULLY

### Andrew W. Tully, Jr.

Andrew William Tully Jr., a former Yorktown town justice, died April 21, in Sleepy Hollow. He was 75.

He was born in Brooklyn in 1940 to Catherine Smith Tully and Andrew William Tully Sr. After Catherine's untimely death, he was raised by Andrew and Alice Meany Tully in Lynbrook, New York, as the eldest of 11 brothers and sisters, whom he adored and admired. He married his beloved wife Kathleen Shay in 1967, and they made their home in Yorktown for more than 40 years. He was devoted to his four children, and his four grandchildren were the light of his life. A graduate of Chaminade High School, Mr. Tully received his B.A. from St. Joseph's College in Washington D.C. and his J.D. from Fordham Law School. He was admitted to practice before the New York bar, the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as a Yorktown Town Justice from 1976 until 1990.

A renowned trial attorney, he continued to practice law, most recently at Tully Law Office in Yorktown in partnership with his daughter Tara. He proudly served as counsel to the Yorktown Heights Fire District. Mr. Tully was actively involved in his community, as a

lector at St. Patrick's Church, a provider of pro bono legal services through St. Ann's Church in Ossining, and a member of the Irish American Social Club of Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. He was formerly a committee member of the Yorktown Athletic Club, a coach with the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club, a member of the Taconic Road Runners, a volunteer advisor to the Yorktown High School Mock Trial team and a participant in Law Day in the Yorktown elementary schools. An avid athlete, he spent his early morning hours running, race-walking, cycling or, most recently, spinning.

Mr. Tully will live on in the loving memory of his wife Kathleen, his children, Kathleen and her husband Justin Murphy, Tara, Alicia, Brendan and his wife Kelly; his grandchildren, Aidan James, Emma Caitlin and Ciaran Andrew Murphy and Eamonn Andrew Tully; his siblings, Edward and Kathleen Tully, Marianne and Sigmund Hack, Frank and Janice Tully, Jim Tully, Paul and Lauren Tully, Mary-Alice Tully and Dr. Tom Martin, Fr. Tom Tully, Catherine and Ralph Muscente, Martin and Margaret Tully, and Margaret Tully, as well as his many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. A funeral mass was held April 26 at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown.

### Alexander "Bud" Risoli

Alexander J. 'Bud' Risoli, a life-long resident of Peekskill, died April 27. He was 79.

Born on May 22, 1936 in Peekskill, son of the late Nicholas and Amelia (Nardello) Risoli, he was a graduate of Peekskill High School in 1954. On June 21, 1958 at the Church of the Assumption in Peekskill, he married his 'high school sweetheart' Barbara Chefalo, who survives him at home.

Mr. Risoli owned and operated Park Motors of Peekskill for over 50 years up until his death. He served on the City of Peekskill Planning Commission for 30 years and in 2008 he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Planning Award. He was chairman of the Peekskill Housing Authority, and also served in the Peekskill Lions Club for 52 years, where he was past-president. He was inducted into the Peekskill High School Athletic Hall of Fame as the coach of the 1977-78 Boys Varsity Soccer; and in 2012, he and his wife were named Distinguished Italians by the Festa Italiana. He was an avid golfer and photographer and a life-long NY Mets and Jets fan.

Besides his wife of 58 years, he is survived by his daughters, Allison Risoli and Carolyn Risoli, and her husband Joseph Silvestri; two cherished grandchildren, Alex and Olivia Silvestri, who made him very proud. Bud, or "Grandpa" Risoli will always be remembered by those countless people whose lives he has touched. He was a friend to everyone he met, and his kind-heart and generosity will never be forgotten.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Cortlandt, followed by interment at Assumption Cemetery in Cortlandt. The family wishes for memorial donations to be made to the Peekskill Lions Club, Alex 'Bud' Risoli Memorial Scholarship Fund, 72 Villa Dr., Peekskill, NY 10566.

### Robert Peacock

Robert J. Peacock, a longtime resident of Peekskill, died April 20. He was 65.

Born on July 17, 1950 in New York City to Robert Peacock & Elizabeth (Miranda) Peacock, Mr. Peacock can be remembered for his years spent tending at the Kelley's Bar-Restaurant in Peekskill and the Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant. He had a deep love of music; you could see singing with the Peekskill House Band at local establishments.

He is survived by his son, Robert D. Peacock, his former wife, Ellen Peacock, and his sisters, Elizabeth Tomaya Porter and Lezlie Peacock.



HELEN BURRESS

### Helen Burress

Helen Burress, a resident of Buchanan, died April 23. She was 86.

Daughter of the late Mary and Joseph Uninsky and wife of the late Oscar Burress, she was born in Newark, NJ in 1929. She was a longtime resident of Buchanan and parishioner of St. Christopher's Church.

She is survived by her sister, Josephine Papula, and her children, John, Thomas, Oscar, Patricia and Stephen.



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## Guest Commentary

# The Ethics of Ethics Reform

By Susan Siegel

There are two sides to the ethics coin: perception and reality.

Let's talk about reality. The reality of whether Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace is interested in having a meaningful ethics law.

Let's look at the record.

May 5, 2015

After months of waiting to meet with the Town Board to discuss strengthening the current Ethics Law, a member of the Ethics Board finally had an opportunity — not at an open meeting in front of the public but at a closed executive session. (A Councilwoman at the time, I reminded my colleagues that under the Open Meetings Law, any discussion of legislation had to be conducted at an open meeting. Supervisor Grace and Councilmen Diana and Bernard dismissed my comment.)

At the meeting, the Ethics Board member stated the group's primary concern was that if the Ethics Board was to have any meaning, it had to be independent of the Town Board; under the existing law, the Ethics Board could only make recommendations to the

Town Board and the Town Board could choose to ignore the recommendations and/or not even make them public.

May 26, 2015

Supervisor Grace put ethics on the work session agenda for a 7:45 p.m. open session discussion. But, at the last minute, the discussion was moved up to 7 p.m. When the Supervisor said the discussion would be in a closed executive session, I protested and started to walk out of the meeting. The Supervisor reversed himself and agreed to conduct the meeting in the open. But, because of the timing change, the public wasn't there to hear the discussion.

Calling the current law "arcane" and "deplorable," the Ethics Board members reiterated the group's desire to hire an outside attorney with a specialty in ethics law to review the current law. The Town Board agreed to spend up to \$5,000 to hire Steven Leventhal and indicated that it would vote on a resolution to that effect at the next meeting.

September 11, 2015

After it was pointed out that the Town

Board had never passed the resolution it had discussed at its May 26, 2015 meeting, the board voted to hire Mr. Leventhal. The vote was unanimous.

November 24, 2015

The Supervisor invited Mr. Leventhal to the board meeting. But no one from the Ethics Board attended the meeting because no one in town hall notified the Ethics Board that Mr. Leventhal was going to be present. ("Oh, I thought you were going to do it," was how two town employees explained the communications "mix up.")

After a discussion of several possible amendments, including one about giving the Ethics Board more power and a second involving the law's "revolving door" provision that limited former town employees from appearing before town boards for a period of time, Mr. Leventhal said he would provide the Town Board with a copy of another ethics code he had consulted on. He also suggested that a committee be created to review the document and report back to the Town Board.

March 29, 2016

Fast forward four months. Surprise! While reviewing the town's 2015 online expense reports, I discovered that on December 4, 2015, Mr. Leventhal had submitted a voucher to the town for \$900 for what was recorded as Town Ethics Prelim Dra. The voucher was paid on January 25, 2016.

As a member of the Town Board through December 31, 2015, I never received a copy of Mr. Leventhal's draft document, nor was I informed that Mr. Leventhal had submitted any documents after his November meeting.

On March 29, 2016, I submitted a FOIL (Freedom of Information) request for a copy the Town Ethics Prelim Dra that Mr. Leventhal submitted back in December, 2015. I'm still waiting.

**So here are four questions:**

1. Has Supervisor Grace shared the Leventhal draft with the current Town Board?
2. Has Supervisor Grace shared the Leventhal draft to the Ethics Board?
3. If not, why not?
4. And if not, what does that say about Supervisor Grace's interest in having a meaningful ethics law in Yorktown?

## Letters

# Metro-North Costs on the Rise Raise Many Questions

To the Editor,

Isn't it interesting three articles in a local daily newspaper about Metro-North seem to be connected?

1) Overtime on Metro-North up in the last year.

2) The engineer of Metro-North train was allowed to retire with a pension and engineers get a very good pension from Metro-North. This is the same engineer was going at an excessive speed around

the bend at Stypen Dival in the Bronx which caused deaths, injuries, and destruction of property as well as delays on the Hudson line.

The explanation given in the newspaper was that the engineer was suffering from sleep apnea. Could the real reason the engineer was asleep be that he was working too many hours, which could build up the lucrative pensions of more than \$100,000 a year in many cases?

The third article stated a railroad worker who was a passenger on the ill-fated train and now a quadriplegic would not get any salary or benefits from the railroad because he was riding the train on a pass and was not a paying customer. It seems to me that there is something wrong here that a person who causes a fatal accident gets rewarded with a pension while a passenger who gets injured and an employee gets nothing from the railroad.

PS. Evidence that engineers and railroad workers are working too many overtime which counts towards more early pensions. A legal journal reported recently that a railroad laborer made \$168,000 and I personally know three retired railroad engineers who are getting pensions of over \$100,000 a year and have half of their pension.

One of them had the nerve to say to me that he was upset that he also didn't get Social Security. My reply to him was many people would be glad to change places with him and he shouldn't be so greedy.

Did the engineer work a 4-12 shift the day before and then have to be back for 6 a.m. to drive the ill-fated train? I don't know if rules are in effect now to limit operating or the number of hours an engineer can work within 24 hours or in a week. Maybe if such rules were in effect Metro-North would not have a increase in overtime which costs probably millions of dollars. Maybe they could save money, lives, and avoid delays and destruction caused by it in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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# Back to Back Triple Crown Winners? Is it possible?

By Charles Palombini

After 37 years without a Triple Crown Winner (the longest in the sports history), the horse racing world was beginning to think it might never happen again. But what happened in 2015 was a horse named American Pharoah. The big bay colt came into his own and turned the horse racing world on its ear with a spectacular demonstration of speed, skill, and heart, that led to his collaring the elusive Triple Crown. And he didn't just win each of the three races, but destroyed all competition in route to each victory. Each race was an unbelievable demonstration of power, stamina, and class. But as great as it was to see history unfold in front of our eyes, as soon as it was over his miraculous accomplishment began to beg the question, "How long will we have to wait to see the next one?" "Will it be another 37-year drought"? Can it possibly happen in two consecutive years? Well...here we go again!

For fans of the sport the season kicks into high gear with the Run for the Roses (the Kentucky Derby) as it is the beginning of the quest for the Triple Crown. When the race is over it gets more exciting because the one and only potential Triple Crown candidate emerges. As the Kentucky Derby approaches a handful of horses generate Triple Crown conversation, but after the Derby only one horse has a chance to be the true King of Kings. And if that horse goes on to win the Preakness Stakes, then the fun really begins. Can anyone beat him? Is he the best race horse ever? One more race, the challenging Belmont Stakes, will tell it all!

## The Kentucky Derby

The first jewel in the Triple Crown is the Kentucky Derby. This race has earned the reputation of "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." For most race fans the derby is a day-long affair of mint juleps, classy to crazy hats, and celebrity watching. But for the horse owners, the "Run for the Roses" is the first step to see if their thoroughbred has a shot at the Triple Crown.

The Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing consists of the three most exciting races of the year. They are...in the order they are run...

1. Kentucky Derby, run over the 1 1/4-mile dirt track at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky; to be run May 7.
2. Preakness Stakes, run over the 13/16-mile dirt track at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland; to be run May 21.
3. Belmont Stakes, run over the 1 1/2-mile dirt track, (the longest of the three), at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York; to be run June 11.

## List of US Triple Crown Winners

Year	Winner	Jockey	Trainer
1919	Sir Barton	Johnny Loftus	H. Guy Bedwell
1930	Gallant Fox	Earl Sande	Jim Fitzsimmons
1935	Omaha	Willie Saunders	Jim Fitzsimmons
1937	War Admiral	Charley Kurtsinger	George H. Conway
1941	Whirlaway	Eddie Arcaro	Ben A. Jones
1943	Count Fleet	Johnny Longden	Don Cameron
1946	Assault	Warren Mehrtens	Max Hirsch
1948	Citation	Eddie Arcaro	Horace A. Jones
1973	Secretariat	Ron Turcotte	Lucien Laurin
1977	Seattle Slew	Jean Cruguet	William H. Turner, Jr.
1978	Affirmed	Steve Cauthen	Laz Barrera

## And the latest winner of the Triple Crown...

2015 American Pharoah Victor Espinoza Bob Baffert

All three of these races are restricted to horses that are three years of age (no younger...no older), which means horses have an opportunity to run in these races only once in their life time. As three year olds, horses are leaving their adolescence and just beginning to engage their peak performing potential as adults. They will get bigger and stronger at four years of age, but it is at three that they capture the public's imagination and forge images of the champion they might be. Indeed, a horse must be something very special to win even one of these races, but to win all three he must be a champion of exceedingly extraordinary talents. Winning all three of these races is considered the greatest achievement in horse racing, evidenced by the fact that there have only been 12 Triple Crown winners in the 137 years of the three race competition, and only once have there been back to back winners.

So will this be a year we see the next back to back Triple Crown Champion? You'll see the commencement of the quest on May 7, so let's take a look at the horses that appear to be this year's top contenders.

*Nyquist* Doug O'Neill

*Uncle Mo*—Seeking Gabrielle, by Forestry

If you haven't heard the name Nyquist, chances are you will. The three-year-old thoroughbred colt is the horse to beat at this year's Kentucky Derby, entering Churchill Downs undefeated at 7-0. And all of his seven wins come against top completion in showcase races. The most recent was the dispatching of Mohaymen (everyone's Derby favorite before he faced off against Nyquist) in the Florida Derby. While it was a great win in a classic race it was distorted by the fact that there were only two horses (Nyquist and Mohaymen) that had any chance of winning. So it turned into a match race in which Nyquist set easy fractions on the

front end and allowed no developments that might enable Mohaymen to close in the stretch. I guarantee Nyquist will win at least one of the three Triple Crown races, and I can make a strong case for his winning two. The toughest will be the Derby because 20 horses will line up at the start and with that many horses there are just too many unforeseen developments that can take place to alter the outcome. But if Nyquist emerges the winner he will be very tough to beat in the final two races. He's the best bet for back to back Triple Crown winners.

*Mohaymen* Kiaran McLaughlin

*Tapit*—Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union

This horse was the clear Derby favorite before being beaten by Nyquist in the Florida Derby. But remember, that was more a match race than a horse race. Nyquist controlled the pace from the outset and just left no opportunity for Mohaymen to close. The Derby will be a different story as Nyquist will not be able to dictate the pace. If Mohaymen catches the pace break he will be a strong contender. And let's not forget about the trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. He is one of the best and knows how to get a horse ready.

*Mo Tom Tom* Amoss

*Uncle Mo*—Caroni, by Rubiano

Without a doubt the most snake bit of all the contenders. Bad trips and bad rides have prevented him from showing his real talent and posting a better record. But during the most recent training he's looked the best of all the Derby contenders. He's bred for the distance and his pedigree is impeccable. Like Nyquist he is sired by Uncle Mo. If any horse is going to challenge the top two in the stretch it should be Mo Tom.

*Shagaf* Chad Brown

*Bernardini*—Muhaawara, by Unbridled's Song

A beautifully bred colt by one of America's top sires. This horse is a long shot pick as he has only run four races. He won his first three showing some real talent, but was upset as the favorite in the Wood Memorial where he finished a fading 5th. But that loss happened on a muddy race track and the big colt really had a tough time with the surface. So let's just throw that race out and look at it as a learning experience that says stay away from him if the Derby is run in the rain on a muddy track. That being said, I still feel if anyone is going to jump up and surprise as a long shot, this looks to be the guy.

*Exaggerator* Keith Desormeaux

*Curlin*—Dawn Raid, by Vindication

Yet another regally bred colt. Being by two-time Horse of the Year Curlin gives Exaggerator one of the Derby's best pedigrees. And while his dam raced exclusively on synthetic surfaces, dam sire Vindication won the 2002 Breeders' Cup Juvenile on dirt as part of a 4-for-4 career before retired due to injury. This horse is a stone cold closer and seems to love a wet track. Most recently he raced over a sloppy at Santa Anita. He ran like Curlin, relishing the mud while turning in one of the Derby trail's best performances. Exaggerator swung wide out of the turn and ran by his rivals for a 6 1/4-length victory that stamped him as a top contender, especially if the Kentucky Derby runs over a wet track.

So these are my top five contenders, with Nyquist being the top pick and the one most likely to give us that rare back to back Triple Crown champion. There will be 15 others that enter the starting gate on Saturday, and many are good enough to win. But none are good enough to win on their raw talent. They would need racing luck to get the job done and it's impossible to predict racing luck. So let's stick to the most talented contenders and bank on seeing one of them in the winner's circle. If it's Nyquist, be ready for a Triple Crown run.

Charles Palombini is a resident of Cortlandt and owner of thoroughbred horses.



# Latest Metro-North Mishap Renews Calls for Safer Crossings

By Martin Wilbur

Local and state officials last week called for bold action to make grade crossings safer following another train-car collision on April 27, this time at the Green Lane crossing in Bedford Hills.

Town supervisors, state legislators and Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for a variety of potential solutions after two occupants of a vehicle that became immobilized on the tracks managed to narrowly escape the car before it was slammed by an oncoming northbound train. The MTA said the crossing, including the gate and signals, were operating properly at the time of the 3:25 p.m. accident.

There were no injuries reported to the driver, Joyce Opoku, 43, her 87-year-old passenger Audrey Hoffner or any passengers on the train.

Cuomo said last Thursday that his administration would explore all potential options, including motion detectors, painting danger areas on roadways, voice commands and public information campaigns to improve safety at grade crossings. He said he would not accept the status quo.

"My administration has contacted the federal government, charged with approving grade modifications, and informed

them that we must go forward immediately with new design features that create safer crossings," Cuomo said.

The governor also said that he has directed the MTA, which has already been working on potential improvements, to present several plans this week.

In March, Cuomo called for street-level grade crossings to be eliminated.

There have been previous incidents at the Green Lane crossing before. Following several collisions at the site about eight years ago, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) made improvements at that location.

The accident occurred less than 15 months after the deadly Feb. 3, 2015, crash between an SUV and a northbound train on the same Harlem line at the Commerce Street Crossing in Valhalla. On that night, the driver of the SUV moved forward into the path of a northbound after the crossing gate lowered onto her vehicle, killing her and five passengers aboard the train.

While cooperation and potential funding from the federal government is needed, other officials are calling for additional steps. Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), whose district includes Valhalla, has called for the state DOT to

conduct a statewide study of all grade crossings. In some instances the dangers could be the result of poor road configuration or inadequate signs or markings rather than a railroad issue, he said.

The assemblyman has urged the state Senate to pass his bill that would launch the study and is pressing Cuomo to support the measure as well. The bill has already passed the Assembly.

Abinanti said many of these crossings were designed when there was less traffic and most motorists using them were used to any quirks presented.

"Now you have people who come from everywhere, that aren't familiar with the area and many of these people are driving these roads for the first time," he said.

Since shortly after the Valhalla accident, New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein has enlisted Rep. Nita Lowey and others to turn up the heat on the federal government for money to build a bridge over the tracks at the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua. That highly-traveled crossing is about a half-mile from Horace Greeley High School and will also absorb even more traffic with the planned opening of Chappaqua Crossing about a year from now, he said.

The town's outside planning consultants have already prepared a draft concept plan for the interchange and layout and circulation plan, Greenstein said. One of the consultants, WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff, specializes in obtaining federal appropriations for state projects and is likely to soon have a meeting, he said.

The hope is to have New York Metropolitan Transportation Council support and get the project returned to the state's Transportation Improvement Program list in order to obtain funding from multiple sources for what would be a prohibitively expensive project.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said last week that his administration has been frustrated with the slow pace of any recommended action. He thought that there would be some movement regarding Commerce Street from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) at about the first anniversary of the Valhalla accident.

The town's engineers have drawn up possible recommendations, but Fulgenzi said the municipality has no authority to make changes or closures.

"We've heard nothing," he said. "We've heard nothing from the NTSB. We have not had any contact with them on this."

# District Attorney and Sheriff Warn Against Scam IRS Calls

Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy and Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith are warning area residents to be on guard against an IRS tax collection scam that has bilked victims throughout the nation. In recent

days, several Putnam County residents have reported that they have received bogus calls from con artists identifying themselves as IRS officials and demanding payments of money for taxes. Many of those targeted by the thieves are senior

citizens.

In the scam, imposters pretending to be from the IRS or another agency telephone people and claim they owe taxes. The callers typically say that the persons must pay immediately or else face the loss of their driver's license or business license, face deportation or go to jail.

The callers may alter, or "spoof," caller ID services to make it look like they are calling from the actual agency. Scammers often research their targets online to pick up some personal details about them, such as their age and the names of other family members, to make the intended victim believe they have official access to their tax records. Callers may use official IRS titles and give out a badge number to identify themselves.

Scammers usually demand that the targeted person pay through an online service or by using an untraceable cash or debit card, often directing victims to a bank or convenience store to make the payment through a wire service such as Western Union.

More recently, tax scammers have gone beyond using the phone. Late last summer, the IRS warned that the con artists are copying official IRS letterhead to contact victims through email or regular mail. In another twist, the thieves provide a real IRS address and tell the victim to mail the receipt for the payment to the agency.

The scam has been occurring across

the nation for about two years. According to published reports, hundreds of thousands of scam contacts have occurred nationwide and thousands of victims have been collectively scammed out of millions of Dollars.

The IRS recommends that the best way of dealing with the thieves is to just hang up the phone. According to the IRS, real agents will not contact taxpayers by phone without first sending a written tax bill in the mail. Furthermore, the IRS does not demand immediate payment of owed taxes. The IRS also will not demand just one kind of specific payment and does not threaten to call in the local police for nonpayment of taxes.

The IRS advises taxpayers that the best defense against IRS scammers is to know your own tax situation. If a taxpayer filed a tax return that was accepted by the IRS, and even received a refund, any tax dispute would be about specific income items or deductions, and the IRS would contact the taxpayer by mail. If that has not happened, a taxpayer's tax status is not an issue.

In addition to the IRS guidance, Sheriff Smith offered a general reminder to residents that they should never give out personal financial information to callers over the phone or send money to strangers. District Attorney Tendy said that any perpetrators of the scams would be prosecuted vigorously.



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## Record Number of Prescription Drugs Turned In

Croton Police Detective Paul Camillieri, Croton Community Coalition Coordinator and Chairwoman Laurie A. Dean, Croton Police Detective Sergeant John Nikitopoulos and Croton Village Trustee Ann Gallelli stand in front of a record number of prescription drugs turned in Saturday during the annual Prescription Take Back Day. Twenty-two boxes were handed over to the Drug Enforcement Agency for disposal.

# Female Elected Officials Offer Teen Girls Advice

Fourteen women elected officials from Westchester County visited the White Plains YWCA recently [April 14] to share their stories with a new group of bright young women from Westchester schools for the Fifth Annual "Running and Winning" workshop; co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Westchester, the American Association of University Women, and the White Plains YWCA; and funded by the Westchester Community Foundation.

"When I was your age, I never thought of running for office," Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Democratic Leader of the New York State Senate told the 37 young women from 20 different high schools. She had done many things-- teaching, journalism, public relations, raising a family before she was encouraged to run for office. She succeeded on her second try.

Most of the women officials had a track record of volunteering for community groups, organizing for change on issues they cared about, or working for other politicians before they were encouraged by others to run for office.

"Men run for office without thinking twice," said Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg, whose previous experience included PTA and a staff position in Assemblywomen Sandra Galef's office. "Someone has identified you as a leader," she told the



Some of the women that took part in YWCA forum in White Plains.

young women, who were chosen by their respective schools.

"Women bring a lot to the table," said County Legislator Catherine Parker. "We're all really, really smart. We work as consensus builders. We are good listeners."

The County Legislature is balanced with eight women of 17 legislators. Women make up about 19% of Congress and of the Senate and 24.5% of state legislatures in 2016;

Other women elected officials who attended included Ruth Hassell Thompson, a legislator whose district straddles Westchester and the Bronx, New York State Assemblywomen Shelley B. Mayer and Amy Paulin; County Legislators Margaret A. Cunzio, Virginia M. Perez, and Mary Jane

Shimsky, newly elected Larchmont Mayor Lorraine Walsh, and City Councilwomen Roberta L. Appuzzo from Mount Vernon, Milagros Lecuona from White Plains, and Kathleen E. Talbot from Peekskill

After listening to the elected officials' comments, students, in small groups, planned and presented mock political campaigns including a speech and poster. Students each played a role: candidate, campaign manager, speech writer, finance manager, or publicity director. The campaigns were centered on an environmental theme, and many of the girls researched their topics via their smart phones.

Student evaluations were positive. "Prior to coming to this event, I was unsure

about wanting to pursue a career in politics," wrote one student. "After hearing from the officials and working with the other girls, I realized that a career in politics actually is an attainable goal."

"I think we were successful in giving the students a realistic understanding of the possibilities of public service and politics," said Cheryl Feldman, Running and Winning Chair.

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage informed and active citizen participation in government. The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research; its programs for young women include a number of secondary school and college-level opportunities to develop leadership skills. The YWCA has a mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; it offers a wide variety of programs for young people encouraging their participation in their communities.

The mission of the Westchester Community Foundation, which funded the program, is to connect generous people to the causes they care about and invest in transformative ideas and organizations to improve lives and strengthen our community. WCF is a division of the New York Community Trust.



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# Support Connection Announces New Board President

Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides free support services to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, is pleased to announce the election of a new President for their Board of Directors:

Michael W. Murphy, a resident of Cortlandt, has been a member of the Support Connection Board of Directors since 2004. He first became aware of the organization after his wife Nancy was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in 1998. Nancy reached out to Support Connection for help, and became a passionate advocate for the organization up until her untimely death in 2001. In addition to serving as a Board member and now Board President, Murphy has volunteered for Support Connection in various capacities, including co-facilitating a support group for men who lost their wives to breast or ovarian cancer.



Michael W. Murphy, President of the Support Connection Board of Directors

Murphy was born, raised and educated in the New York area. He received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University and his MBA from NYU. He married his wife Nancy Pearsall in 1975; together they had two sons, Jon and Phill.

Before retiring in 2004, Murphy worked for Altria Corp. where he held various sales and marketing positions. He now works for Nat Sherman Inc., handling regulatory compliance matters. He enjoys spending time with loved ones, especially his son Jon and family (including grandson Finn) in Mexico City, and his son Phill and family in California. His other leisure interests include golf, swimming, sailing, and travel.

The Support Connection Board of Directors is a diverse group of dedicated volunteers who devote their time and talents to helping fulfill the organization's mission. The Board includes cancer survivors, family members, business leaders and members of the community. In addition to providing governance for the organization, the Board works to raise funds and pursue resources to enhance and sustain Support Connection's programs and services.

This year, Support Connection celebrates 20 years of providing free breast and ovarian cancer support services. Since the organization was founded two decades ago, they have helped thousands of women and families cope with the challenges that result from a breast or ovarian cancer diagnosis.

**ABOUT SUPPORT CONNECTION:** Support Connection, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Founded in 1996, Support Connection is based in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., but through their toll-free hotline and website they serve people throughout the country. To learn more, call 914-962-6402 (toll-free: 800-532-4290) or visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org). Support Connection: We've Been There. We Care.

# FGL School to Celebrate 60 Years at Children's Fair May 14

Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School (FGL), in Montrose will be celebrating its 60th birthday at its annual Children's Fair on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All alumni and former staff from the school are invited to attend and celebrate the occasion.

The Children's Fair will feature raffle baskets, carnival games, inflatables, a Children's Raffle, a live DJ, photo booth, bake sale, Cake Walk, and a food tent. Wristbands for children wishing to go on the inflatables will be available for sale at the door. A commemorative t-shirt will

also be available for sale the day of the Fair.

"Alumni and former teachers and staff are invited to march in our kickoff parade," said Donna Torrisi, Principal of Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School. "We ask they attend the ribbon cutting ceremony that opens the Fair, take a tour of the school, leave a memory on their memory wall, or visit the Alumni or Ashokan tents with tables and chairs for reminiscing."

There will be special events and student performances throughout the day, including a trivia quiz, a drone photo of all present, and an alumni contest edi-



Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

tion of our famous Cake Walk.

Also, FGL will be opening the key-stone time capsule at the front of the school for the first time in 30 years, and adding contributions from every grade in the school, along with the essays and artwork of several student contest winners.



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# Homestead Floral Designs LTD Cortlandt

By Neal Rentz

It is a busy time of the year for Homestead Floral Designs in Cortlandt.

Last week employees were working to fill flower orders for the annual National Administrative Professionals Day and the store is gearing up for Mother's Day.

Homestead Floral Designs, which opened in 1990, is co-owned by Putnam Valley residents Barbara and Curt Conklin. Curt said his family owned Curt's Fruit and Vegetable (farm market) for many years, beginning in the 1950's, at the site of what is now the Hollow Brook Golf Club. Curt said the former farm market was especially known for its tomatoes, corn and peaches.

Because of high taxes, the family eventually sold Curt's Fruit and Vegetable and purchased the site of its current business.

"We call ourselves Homestead because this house is the homestead house of the farm," Curt said, noting portions of his store date back as early as the 1740's. "When we bought this property we said what are we going to do with this older section? We decided to open a flower shop. The larger section next door is where we have our produce and seasonal flower arrangements and plants."



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Putnam Valley residents Barbara and Curt Conklin are owners of Homestead Floral Designs LTD in Cortlandt.

"We are probably the area's largest volume flower shop," Curt said. "We sell all different kinds of flowers. We have five flower designers."

One of the flower designers is Barbara Conklin. Arrangements are sold for a variety of occasions, including weddings, funerals, birthdays, and parties.

"We deliver flowers from Pleasantville through all of northern Westchester," Curt

said, adding flowers are also delivered to such other areas as Putnam, Orange and Rockland counties, as well as West Point.

Flowers are not the only items sold at Homestead. "We sell a full line of locally grown produce," Curt said. "We are not a grocery store. We are a farm market."

Produce is sold at Homestead from the end of May through Thanksgiving only. Some of the produce is grown at the Conklin family's farm, currently located in Orange County.

Homestead sells various gift items, greeting cards, vases, candles and in the spring, garden supplies, hanging plants, annuals and other items in its seasonal garden center.

The business is open every day of the year with the exception of New Year's Day.

Barbara said the key to the businesses' success has been the perseverance of themselves and their employees. "We don't give up," she said. Curt said other keys

include customer service and the quality of products being offered at his store.

The couple stressed that a major part of their success over the years has come from the work of their employees, including some family members.

"We have a really dedicated staff," Barbara said, stressing she feels the employees and the owners of Homestead work as a team. "They all have their own special talents and gifts."

One of those team members is Wayne Androvett, who said he been working in the florist industry since he was five. He runs the store's Community Sponsored Agriculture program in which customers have a subscription to purchase a bushel basket full of produce every Thursday from mid-July through the end of October.

Another key employee is Keith Dolan who "helps with all facets of the business," Curt said.

Barbara said it is a pleasure working with her husband, whom she married in 1996. "I get to work every day with my best friend," she said.

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## Women in the Arts Express Their Power at HVCCA Performance May 7

By Jim Roberts

"Do women have to be naked to get into the Metropolitan Museum?" is the provocative question posed on a famous Guerrilla Girls' poster that has inspired local artist Marcy B. Freedman to create her newest performance work being presented on May 7 at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art on Main Street in Peekskill.

Using her knowledge of art history, as well as her imagination, Freedman has developed a compelling "personal statement" for a Paleolithic woman, an Italian Renaissance aristocrat, a 19th century French prostitute, and an iconic female artist of the 20th century.

"For much of my career as an artist, I have brought art history into the mix," Freedman said. "For this performance, I want to empower women who are shown nude in famous artworks created by men."

The provocative program of music, dance, video and performance art will be presented at 5 p.m. on the eve of Mother's Day. The one-hour event - "Madness & Nudity: Women in Art" - was conceived by three local talents: artist and art historian Freedman and the musicians of SKIN AGAINST METAL, Nanette Garcia and Maurice Minichino. The program will also feature the dancers Mary Sofianos and Beverly Lopez and multi-disciplinary artist Jaanika Peerna.

Working collaboratively, the artists will

examine a disturbing male/female dichotomy. "A male artist who pushes boundaries is viewed as a powerful and sexy trailblazer, a genius—a positive statement," Garcia said. "Look at a female who dares to break the rules - she's labeled as hysterical or premenstrual. A

woman genius is criticized, 'Oh, she's alcoholic, she's no good, a negative.'" In her own musical compositions and in her performance style, Garcia is not afraid to embrace her wildest creative impulses.

Presenting thought-provoking art in all its forms is a mission of the HVCCA, and its co-founder and director Livia Straus was drawn to "Madness & Nudity: Women in Art" as part of that role.

"When Marcy came with this proposal it was fascinating - to have something here that brings all the performing arts together is a real attraction," Straus said. "I worked with Marcy once before on a video exhibition called 'A Woman's Room' of all female artists. There is a specific perspective that comes from women, and I think it's important for people to hear, and to see."

Opened to the public in June 2004 and founded by the Marc and Livia Straus family, the non-profit HVCCA has brought a rich cultural environment to Peekskill, including collaborations with the public schools, a 12,000-square-foot exhibition space in Peekskill and is the primary spon-

sor of the Peekskill Project, a city-wide exhibition of site-specific artwork. Public art exists all around the city and Peekskill's waterfront, including the diver statute, through sponsorship of the HVCCA.

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# Croton-Harmon High Introduces Valedictorian, Salutatorian

Croton-Harmon High School has announced its Class of 2016 valedictorian and salutatorian: Duncan McManus and Susan Rykowski.

McManus is described by his school counselor Tanya Thibideau as “exceptional.”

“He is a vibrant member of our school community and is regarded in high esteem by faculty and peers alike,” she said. “Not only is he a stellar student, he is kind, clever, mature and extremely ambitious.”

While McManus’ ambition has resulted in outstanding academic results, Thibideau pointed out that he is not competitive with his peers, and in fact, is an excellent collaborator. He credits the school’s small community and collaborative atmosphere for fostering a supportive environment amongst his peers.

He has served as a member of the school’s Student-Faculty Congress for four years (this year, he is vice president), is president of the school’s Pi Squad, is a member of the Chinese and Spanish clubs and has also participated in C.A.C.T.I. competitions.

“My favorite classes have probably been physics – which I took last year and this year,” he said. “It’s also probably my strongest subject.”

In addition, he is passionate about cod-



Croton-Harmon High School’s valedictorian, Duncan McManus (left) with Principal Alan Capasso and salutatorian Susan Rykowski.

ing and enrolled in a competitive summer program at Cornell University last year. McManus performed in this year’s spring musical and enjoys performing with a local improv comedy group outside of school.

McManus will take his talents to the Brown University campus in the fall, where he plans to major in computer science, with a possible double major in physics.

Meanwhile, Rykowski, the salutatorian, has an impressive résumé – class president for four years, the only female member of the school’s golf team, member of the debate team and all-around,

high-achieving student.

But as her school counselor, Leslie A. Troise, pointed out, “...she is so much more than book smart.” Troise noted that Rykowski “observes and processes diverse information, whether interpersonal or situational, in a way that far exceeds her years.”

She counts some of the rigorous math classes she has taken throughout her high school career as some of the highlights of her academics in Croton.

“Last year, I took AP Statistics and really liked that and this year I am in AP Calculus,” Rykowski said.

In addition to math, Rykowski has enjoyed studying English and two languages – Chinese and Spanish – at CHHS. Outside of her time at school, she has spent time volunteering at Teatown Lake Reservation and tutoring younger students in math.

“I think high school has definitely taught me how to have a great work ethic and how to manage my time well,” she said. “I have also had great experiences getting to know some of the teachers and faculty here and establishing great connections.”

Rykowski credits the growth she has achieved over the years to the opportunities the CHHS setting offers for one-on-one attention with teachers.

“You may not find that in other school districts,” she said, adding, “I’ve been so fortunate to be a part of this class – we have been together since kindergarten and at this point we know each other so well.”

Rykowski, in looking for a campus to continue her education in the fall, sought out a university that mirrors Croton-on-Hudson – one that would offer a similarly intimate learning environment in a supportive community close to a city. These criteria led her to select Villanova University, where she plans to study business and accounting.

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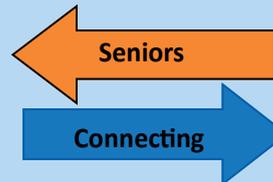
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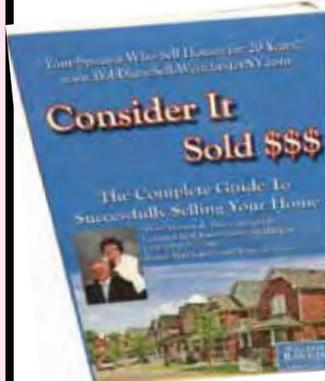
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Indeed, as reported in a recent episode of Dateline NBC, we learned of the abduction and murder of Little Rock Realtor Beverly Carter who agreed to show a vacant house to a couple with whom she had communicated only by phone and email. She knew the neighborhood well and felt confident because both a wife and husband would be there but, in fact, only the male prospect showed up and, as it turned out, he was not who he purported to be. Rather, he was an imposter whose plan was to kidnap and hold her for ransom, but the scheme went terribly wrong and she was killed. When arraigned and asked why this popular and successful person, wife and mother was targeted for the crime, he responded, "because she looked like a rich broker."

Just last week my William Raveis Real Estate office in Yorktown invited Detective Sean Lewis of our Police Department to offer safety tips specifically targeted to situations we find ourselves in regularly. He suggested how we might best assure not only our own safety but also how to best advise our sellers about protecting their property and possessions. Actually, most of the precautions we realtors take could be used by any homeowner who wants to safeguard themselves and their property from the crimes of those who would do us harm.



By Bill Primavera

"The single most important point I can make is to know who you're dealing with," Detective Lewis said from the start. "Remember the principle of 'stranger danger.' Do not meet a new prospect for the first time at a property. Insist that they come into your office and ask for their I.D. Also, always let someone else know where you are at all times. Always have your cell with you. And, trust your instincts."

Lewis' safety tips for realtors included the use of certain code words agents can communicate by phone or text to their office administrator if they feel they are in danger. (At my agency, we had already been educated to ours.) Other suggestions included such basics as showing properties before dark, always having the client go first into a

home, as well as into and out of a basement.

Women are advised not to include too much personal information about themselves online, not to glamorize themselves too much or wear expensive jewelry when showing homes.

For homeowners, the time for vigilance is when a property is on the market and their homes are being shown and especially when open houses are scheduled. That is the time when anything of value must be hidden or locked away securely. Realtors will do everything they can to safeguard a homeowner's property and will advise the homeowner of special precautions to take to help them in that endeavor. Besides the obvious, such as jewelry, sellers should be careful not to leave personal information like mail or bills out in the open where anyone can see it. Also, any other expensive, easy to pocket electronics like iPods, should be put away before showings. Special care must be taken when visitors arrive in twos or threes, where one may try to distract the agent while the other rummages through the homeowner's possessions. This is the reason that there is frequently more than one attendant at open houses.

"We all have life experience to be our guides," Detective Lewis said. "That instinct has to serve us each day when we are in a high-risk job." Very honestly, when I was attracted to the field of real estate, I didn't consider it high-risk, but then, I was educated

to be aware.

Interestingly enough, a Raveis real estate agent named Bernice Gottlieb from the company's Irvington office has published a thriller about violent crimes realtors are experiencing across the country. Called Havoc-on-Hudson, the book serves as a cautionary tale that Gottlieb hopes will raise awareness among her peers to take necessary precautions and will have an impact on house buyers and sellers as well.

"According to the Department of Labor and Statistics," she said, "there were more rapes, robberies, and homicides of realtors since 2008, than of police officers killed in the line of duty! It's a fact that most people are unaware of."

"You need to know who you're dealing with at all times," Gottlieb said. "If one realtor reads it and is more careful about who they let into open houses, the work that went into writing this book will have been worth it."

To purchase Havoc-on-Hudson by Bernice Gottlieb, go online either to Amazon.com or Barnesandnoble.com.

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# Truth-in-Advertising is Not Easily Discerned on a Wine Label

Last week's column focused on truth-in-advertising on the labels of a bottle of wine. I received several comments on the confusion of consumers, thinking they could, and should be able to, rely on the printed information on every wine they purchase.

Readers have asked how they may navigate through this maze of contradictory terms and definitions. There is no easy way. Much of the granular information consumers seek is included on a bottle at the whim of winemakers.

Several wine importers have addressed this issue. In their efforts to provide truth-in-advertising, they affix their own labels on the backs of imported bottles. One such importer is Serge Doré Selections here in Westchester. Each back label informs the consumer of the blend and composition of the wine, details on the terroir of the source vineyards, descriptive terms on the wine's aroma and taste, and other information to assist the consumer in making an educated choice. I find this practice very helpful in navigating the caveat emptor landscape.

Last week I promised additional in-

formation on the labeling for the alcohol content of wines. I read a study that focused on the legitimacy of the stated alcohol percentage on bottles of wine from around the world: "Splendide Mendax: False Label Claims About High and Rising Alcohol Content of Wine." It was conducted by a team led by Professor Julian Alston of the University of California, Davis and published in the Journal of Wine Economics.

After analyzing government data on measured alcohol in nearly 100,000 bottles of wine produced over an eighteen-year span, and then comparing these against the stated alcohol content on the bottle labels, they stated that there are discrepancies between the two sources.

The title of the study is an immediate spoiler alert. I focused on the major findings:

1. Over the timeline of the wines analyzed, the average level of alcohol rose from 12.7% to 13.5%.

2. The advertised alcohol content, on average, understated the actual levels by 0.42%.

What conclusions did they reach?

As for rising alcohol levels:

1. A natural conclusion is to blame the increase on climate change. But the researchers rejected this popular notion as it applied to the specific wines and period analyzed.

Warmer temperatures make for sweeter grapes, and sweeter grapes produce more alcohol. However, according to the researchers, "...it would take a whopping 20 degree increase in the average temperature . . . to account for a 1 percentage point increase in the average alcohol content of wine."

2. The researchers concluded that the reason for the higher levels is winemaker preferences. It's not nature, it's man.

Winemakers are able to tweak their alchemy (length of fermentation, tweaking of blending formulas) in order to successfully achieve a consistent flavor and aroma profile from one year to the next. The trending consumer preference for more fruit-forward wines has driven certain winemakers to manipulate their wines.

As for winemakers understating alcohol levels:

1. The study concluded these misstatements were, and continue to be, deliberate. First, it is important to note that many countries and regions permit this practice; it is not necessarily illegal.

Tolerances for mislabeling are wide. For example, United States law allows a 1.5% allowance for wines at or under 14% alcohol. This provides a margin within which winemakers market to consumers who perceive that certain levels connote higher value and quality. Ironically, winemakers freely admit to this legal practice, all in their efforts to preserve market share.

2. Tax avoidance is another reason. In the United States, winemakers are taxed on their wine production. The tax rate is \$1.07 per gallon for wine with 14% alcohol or less, and

\$1.57 per gallon for wine with 14.1% to 21% alcohol. It's up to the Revenuers to try to assess, and prove, tax avoidance.

Just as with many aspects of consumer products in the United States, the truth is whatever the regulators say it is. And as always, caveat emptor rules the day.

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## YSBA to Host Small Business Symposium and Network Event

The Yorktown Small Business Association is announcing a Small Business Symposium scheduled to be held at the Jefferson Valley Mall on May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. In partnership with YSBA members First Niagara Bank, Westchester SCORE and Ideazio (a digital marketing company) the symposium is intended to advise, educate, inform and connect local small businesses. The event is free, refreshments will be served, door and raffle prizes will be awarded. If you preregister for the event and attend you will be eligible for one of three grand prizes valued at \$100 or more.

### Agenda Includes:

Making Sense of Social Media by Ideazio (Kendra Webb-Scott)

How to Accelerate Your Small Business Cash Flow (First Niagara Bank and Partners)

Success Stories (Westchester SCORE)  
60 Second Elevator Pitch (MSNBC Your Business J.J. Ramberg)

Business Card Exchange (your opportunity to make contact with dozens of other small businesses, (bring your business cards and brochures)

The event is open to all interested. Reservations suggested. For reservations and information about the event, contact Bob Giordano: Yorktownsba@optonline.net 914-874-4347 or Violeta Shala-Guerrero: Violeta.Shala-Guerrero@fnfg.com 914-962-2909.

## Yorktown Chamber to Host Fifth Annual Auto Show

On Saturday, June 4, the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Fifth Annual Auto Show at Jack DeVito Veterans' Memorial Park in Yorktown Heights. This year's show will feature 2016/2017 car models from several different manufacturers. Last year's show brought over 500 attendees throughout the day, and this year looks to bring larger crowds. Fun Time Amusements are excited to sponsor this event.

Many car dealerships, including Curry Honda, Curry Hyundai, Curry Subaru, Curry Toyota, Estate Motors, Park Ford, Croton Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Tesla and

more, will be showing off their very best cars to Yorktown and Westchester residents alike to view and enjoy. With the many different 2016/2017 models, car enthusiasts are sure to see the latest trends and improvements in the automotive world.

More than 40 cars will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jack DeVito Veterans' Memorial Park, located in the heart of Yorktown, at the intersection of Veterans Road and Commerce Street. Admission and parking are free.

In addition, the Auto Show will feature a DWI Simulator, and Fun Time Amuse-

ment will be on site providing children with entertainment and rides. Music and various food and auto related business vendors will also be participating.

In the event of inclement weather, please check the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce website: [www.yorktownchamber.org](http://www.yorktownchamber.org) about a possible rain date of Sunday, June 5, at 6:45 a.m.

For event information, please contact Nancy Stingone at the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Office (914) 245-4599, [info@yorktownchamber.org](mailto:info@yorktownchamber.org).



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## Keep in Mind

**Assisted Relief Seminar:** The free seminar "Oh, My Aching Knees," will be held on May 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Northern Westchester Hospital, 400 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. The program will be introducing robotics-assisted relief using the NAVIO™ Surgical System. There are now advanced robotics-assisted options for treating knee pain; options that can get you back to your life. Join us to learn about non-operative and surgical treatment options and find out if robotics-assisted relief is right for you. Presenters will include Dr. Victor Khabie, Dr. Evan Karas, and Dr. Eric Grossman. Address your knee pain at this free seminar. Info: [www.nwhconnect.org/2016navio](http://www.nwhconnect.org/2016navio) or 914-666-1383.

## Tuesday, May 3

**Mommy & Me:** The free Mommy & Me program is conducted every Tuesday, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Lil' Sprouts Early Learning Center, a state-licensed daycare and nursery school for children 18 months and older. This non-sectarian and curriculum-based center is housed

inside First Hebrew, just west of the Beach Shopping Center, at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Contact Director Dawn Gianatiempo at 914-739-0504.

**Free Medicare Counseling:** Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

**Senior Benefits Information:** Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information

about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

**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.

**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, May 4

**Seniors' Fitness Classes:** Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The WorkOut – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext.1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

**POUND Program** The POUND™ 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.

**Holocaust Memorial Program:** The Somers Holocaust Memorial Commission will present its annual program at 7 p.m. at Somers High School (located at the intersection of Routes 139 and 202). Cantor Debra Katcho-Gray, cantor at

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- 4 You can bank at it
- 7 Belonging to (pronoun)
- 10 Pixar technology
- 11 Dovish murmur
- 12 Household study
- 13 Moved fast
- 14 Only even prime number
- 15 Big time
- 16 Geometry calculation
- 18 Set up tents
- 20 Teen rapper or new Shrub Oak jeweler
- 22 Cut
- 23 Western blue flag, e.g.
- 26 Posh's real name
- 29 Contend
- 32 "Saved by the \_\_\_" or Mahopac Heating & Cooling Contractor
- 33 Repent for
- 34 April animal?
- 36 Lucrative
- 37 Philosophy
- 38 Nile reptile
- 39 Grunt sound

- 40 Tanning agent
- 41 "French Kiss" star, first name
- 42 MGM mascot

## DOWN

- 1 Lean animal
- 2 Umbrella-capped mushroom
- 3 Like some thinking
- 4 False front
- 5 Bathroom dryer
- 6 Like romantic evenings
- 7 Think tank nugget
- 8 Course
- 9 Rice Krispies sound
- 17 Up there
- 19 Chocolate substitute
- 21 A saying, witty and concise
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- 25 It's stored on a farm
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- 29 Liberal pursuits
- 30 Island feast
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- 35 Fuel usage

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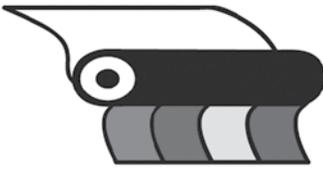
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Congregation Shir Shalom in Ridgefield, CT, will be the guest speaker and her topic will be based around "Music of the Holocaust." Students from North Salem High School are participating and the Somers High School band, chorus and orchestra will play. In addition, 30 dancers of varying ages from the Ridgefield Conservatory will perform. Many artistic projects created by the students will also be on display.

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

**Torah Studies:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. is proud to announce season two (15 classes) of the Torah Studies course. The program brings you a series of stimulating text and discussion based classes that take place on a weekly basis. Our lessons will engage you in a multidimensional way by challenging you intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. They explore contemporary issues through a Torah perspective as well as tackling timeless questions in the Jewish tradition. The classes are open to all, whatever your level of learning may be. The full season fee of \$36 includes the textbook. Each class is independent. For more information, to view the topics of the classes, or to register visit: [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com), or call 914-962-1111.

## Thursday, May 5

**Stay Fit:** Stay Fit and Strong, a program presented by Mainstream and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services, will be held on 14 Thursdays from today through Aug. 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave. No classes will be held on July 14, 21 and 28. The program will include exercises to improve balance, agility, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and strength. The free class is open to Peekskill seniors. Call the Center at 914-737-3400 for more information.

**Taste Of Talmud:** Every Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Wendy Segal conducts a class: titled "A Taste of Talmud" She discusses "How Jewish Thinking by our Sages Informs Our Lives Today." Come join our lively weekly class (in its sixth year!) which discusses contemporary

ethical issues in light of the wisdom of the Talmud and our sages. No prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew reading is necessary. Everyone is welcome. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

**Cinco De Mayo:** A Cinco De Mayo party will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Ana Morris and Adriana Savo will perform a traditional Mexican dance and tell children about the history of the holiday. There will be music and refreshments and a whole lot of fun. All children can pick out a free book. For more details, contact the library at 914-737-0847 or visit the Frog Blog at [www.fieldkids.wordpress.com](http://www.fieldkids.wordpress.com).

**Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration:** An Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the First Hebrew Congregation, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, with guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Betty Knoop, along with poetry and candle lighting. It is being presented in cooperation with the Peekskill Area Pastors Association. Everyone is welcome. No RSVP is needed. For more information, call 914-739-0500, e-mail [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org) or visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Yom Hashoah Service:** Join us at Temple Beth Am to commemorate Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) at 6:30 p.m. Come meet Jose Coltof and hear her heroic story. As a French infant she was hidden with a Protestant family throughout the Holocaust. Though her father died in Auschwitz, her mother survived the Nazi atrocities and returned to her when she was three-years-old. Come hear her heroic tale as well as come participate in this powerful and spiritual evening, as we commit to "Never Again." All are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at [rabbiiw@optonline.net](mailto:rabbiiw@optonline.net).

**Separation Stories:** "Two Degrees of Separation Stories of our Neighbors" will be held at 8 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program will focus on the stories of people who were affected by the Shoah and are living in or around Yorktown or have a close relative or friend in our community. These people are our neighbors; knowing them puts you within two degrees of separation from a personal connection to the Shoah. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org)

## Friday, May 6

**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 914-2416 Ext. 315.

**Blood Drive:** Join AFC Urgent Care and the Town of Yorktown for the first Annual Community Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at AFC Urgent Care, 3379 Crompond Rd, Yorktown in the BJs Plaza. Info: 914-930-5311. There will be free giveaways and light lunch for everyone who donates

**Teatown PlantFest:** The 25th annual Teatown PlantFest plant sale will be held today and tomorrow at the site, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. The "first pick" program will be held today from 4 to 7 p.m. The \$10 admission includes small plates from Peter Pratt's Inn, as well as wine and local craft beer. The event will conclude tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and admission is free. Info: 914-762-2912 Ext. 110.

**Temple Israel Programs:** Two programs have been scheduled for Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, 31 Glen-gary Rd., Croton-on-Hudson. Tot Shabbat will be held on May 6 at 5:30 p.m. All families with pre-school age children are invited to join in welcoming Shabbat with a short service, music with Matty Roxx and a light dinner for the whole family. RSVP to [tinwschool@gmail.com](mailto:tinwschool@gmail.com). A Brotherhood Breakfast and Mother's Day Concert will be held on May 8 at 10:45 p.m. Admission is \$10. Come have a wonderful breakfast and hear the music of Fern, Mike and Les performing folk, folk-rock and blues songs of the 60's and beyond. To RSVP or receive more information, call 914-271-4705.

**Pot Luck Dinner:** A pot luck dinner followed by a Shabbat service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Hebrew Congregation of Somers, located at Cypress Lane and Mervin Drive. Info: 914-248-9532.

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

**Temple Beth Am Services:** Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl., Yorktown, "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritual and engaging feel while following traditional modes. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at [rabbiiw@optonline.net](mailto:rabbiiw@optonline.net). A Tot Shabbat will be held at 7:30 p.m. for children in grades one through 5 and their families.

## Saturday, May 7

**Overeaters Anonymous:** Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-

**Shabbat Morning Services:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com) or call 914-962-1111.

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is being held outdoors every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit [DowntoEarthMarkets.com](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Yoga Program:** Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday in March from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Bicycle Safety Clinic:** A Bicycle Safety Clinic will be held at 1 p.m. at Railroad Park in Yorktown. Certified bicycle safety instructor Debbie Ramsey will teach beginning cyclists helmet adjustment, bicycle safety checks, and safe bicycle mounting and dismounting. The clinic is being jointly sponsored by the Yorktown Trail Town Committee and the Westchester Cycle Club. Info: [www.yorktown-trailtown.com](http://www.yorktown-trailtown.com).

**Olate Dogs Performance:** The Olate Dogs will perform at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Tickets are \$30 and \$70. The Olate Dogs are the winning participants from season seven of America's Got Talent, scooping up the \$1,000,000 prize and headlining The Palazzo in Las Vegas. Led by Richard Olate and his son Nicholas Olate, the Olate Dogs ([www.olate-dogs.tv](http://www.olate-dogs.tv)) are a high-energy, fast-paced canine theatrical act filled with amazing dog tricks, human acrobatics and humor. This lively and entertaining group will have you howling by the end of the show. Info: 914-739-0039.

**Magic The Gathering:** Magic the Gathering Club for middle and high school students meets every Saturday through June 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Somers Library. Beginners and new

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## ANTIQUES

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, LIBRARY ELECTION AND VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of

the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget at the Commons at the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2016-2017 school year.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2016-2017 school year (the Budget), including the tax exemption reporting form, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 14, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses and the Administrative Offices.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

**A.** To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, 3-year terms each, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019.

**B.** To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2016-2017 School year (the Budget).

**C.** To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

**D.** To elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, 5-year term, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2021 and one (1) member for a term effective upon taking the oath of office and expiring on June 30, 2017.

**E.** To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Dis-

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district Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the District's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, up to May 12, 2016, five (5) days prior to the election and vote. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Election and Vote.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the register of voters so prepared shall be led in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, beginning May 12, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the election and vote.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that, applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of

the School District Clerk. A completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 17, 2016.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Board of Registration shall meet at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, during the hours of voting as aforesaid for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters for meetings to be held subsequent to such election and vote.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the district in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget, Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. **BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK** by: **Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk Dated: March 9, 2016 To Be Published: April 22, May 3, May 10, 2016**

**THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CLEARSTONE WEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC** were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24,

2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to **45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford NY 10573**. Purpose is: to operate a financial advisory service and wealth management service and to do all lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be organized.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARIZONA HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC** Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605**. Purpose: **any lawful activity**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SANDS LIGHT CAPITAL, LLC** Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605**. Purpose: **any lawful activity**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LUX GLOBAL PARTNERS, LLC**. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/29/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. Purpose: **any lawful purpose**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC") ENYGMIA BEAUTY AND WELLNESS PRODUCTS LLC** Articles

of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 112512016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **The LLC, 8 Castle Heights Place, White Plains, NY 10603**. Purpose: **Any lawful purpose**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, 1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509**. Purpose: **any lawful purpose**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC, LLC**. ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228**. Purpose: **any lawful purpose**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARENA CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC**. Art. Of Org. led with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Joseph J Arena, PO Box 353, White Plains, NY 10605** Purpose: **any lawful purpose**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARUSO & CARUSO, LLC**. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. Purpose: **any lawful purpose**.

**THIS A LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, "LLC" BELLA GLO BEAUTY SPA LLC**. Article of organization filed with State Secretary of New York, SSNY on November 19th 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon who process against it may be serve. SSNY shall mail all process to: **570 North Avenue, suite B. New Rochelle, NY 10801**. Propose: **any lawful activity**.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New

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York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County, 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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members are welcome. Info: 914-232-5717.

**Watercolor Society Exhibits:** The Northern Westchester Watercolor Society opens two exhibits for the month of May. A diverse group of artists using all-inclusive water based mediums will have their works exhibited at the Katonah Village (26 Bedford Rd). and Mount Kisco Libraries. A reception is slated for May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mount Kisco Library, located at 100 E. Main St. The exhibits will be open during regular library hours.

**Unplugged Plus:** "Unplugged Plus," a rock and pop music concert, will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hudson Valley, 2021 Albany Post Rd., Croton-on-Hudson. Musician/composer Peter Moore joins singer/songwriter Sarah Rabdau to perform original rock and pop music and inventive interpretations of classics. The suggested donation is \$20. For directions visit www.uucroton.org.

## Sunday, May 8

**Katonah Museum Exhibit:** The Nest, an exhibition of art in nature, will be held

through June 19 at the Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. The exhibit is examining the beauty and symbolism of the nest in art and culture. It includes real bird's nests from the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History collection alongside 25 works by 18 contemporary artists, as well as a selection of Pre-Columbian feathered textiles. The exhibit can be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. Regular admission is \$10; \$5 for seniors and students and free for museum members and children under 12. The exhibition Web site is <http://www.katonahmuseum.org/exhibitions/TheNest/> Info: 914-232-9555 or katonahmuseum.org.

**Turtle Walk:** A Turtle Walk will be held at Sylvan Glen from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Learn about the Eastern painted turtles that inhabit Yorktown's Sylvan Glen Preserve. Participants will hear about turtles and their importance to our ecosystem from Patricia Johnson, a herpetologist and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Bring binoculars so that you can view basking turtles from a distance - they are shy and will disappear if disturbed.

Meet at the Sylvan Glen parking lot. From Route 202, take Lexington Avenue a half-mile to Morris Lane on the right and head straight to the parking lot at the bottom of the hill. The event is sponsored by the Yorktown Trail Town Committee. Info: [www.yorktowntrailtown.com](http://www.yorktowntrailtown.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: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to [info@laughingheartisyoga.com](mailto:info@laughingheartisyoga.com)

## Monday, May 9

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

**Walking Club:** Support Connection announces a free program "Walking Club: Put Your Best Foot Forward." It will be offered today from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and on May 25, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. It will take place at the North County Trail in Yorktown Heights. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call

Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Fitness Classes:** Mainstream, The Institute for Mature Adults at Westchester Community College is hold Stay Strong and Fir (fall prevention) will hold Chair Yoga classes on Mondays through Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave. There will be no classes in July. Info: 914-734-4225.

**Hebrew Review Class:** Increase your ability to read and comprehend Hebrew prayers at this free weekly class at First Hebrew. It meets for 45 minutes starting at noon every Monday. Info: 914-739-0500 or [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Movie Mondays:** Hispanic and African-American films will be screened on May 9, 16 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave. Tonight's film is "Sin No-Ahbre, which is rated R. Info: 914-737-1212 or [peekskill.org](http://peekskill.org).

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

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## Huskers vs. Rebels: State-Ranked Powers to Clash in 27th Murphy Cup Game

Lakeland/Panas G Kevin Dyckman and Yorktown G Liam Donnelly will be the primary focus of opposing middies and attackmen this Saturday at 5:00 p.m. when the 27th annual rendition of the Murphy Cup game faces off at Lakeland High where the state-ranked (No.13) Class A Rebels (12-1) and the state-ranked (No.9) Class B Huskers (7-5) will vie for the coveted cup that Yorktown has won 23 of the last 26 years. Be there or be square!... see Boys Lax Notebook

# Diamond District: Buyers, Sellers Down Stretch

## Class AA Mahopac, Class A Hen Hud Turn up Heat

by Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
@Directrays

This scribe fancies himself a know-it-all on most local sports other than baseball: Because Section 1 baseball, particularly in the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner region, is an absolute crapshoot. Rife with uncertainty and filled with unexplained upsets, Section 1 baseball is as unpredictable as it is hard hitting.

We entered the CLASS AA season believing that reigning state champion Mamaroneck was a runaway favorite to repeat and represent in the state tournament, what with all the state-ranked (No.1) Tigers (13-1) had returning in 2016.

But if pitching and defense, plus timely hitting, is the anecdote for baseball success, perhaps MAHOPAC (9-4-1) is on to something after a pair of shutout victories over PUTNAM VALLEY (3-8) and YORKTOWN (6-6) last Wednesday and



RAY GALLAGHER/ED MARUSSICH PHOTOS

Hen Hud's Dan Regerio and Jack Kelly celebrate Pat McGovern scoring on a Matt Marussich 2-run double in win over Lakeland.

five-straight.

The Indians managed just three hits off three Husker hurlers, including ace James Sharkey, who battled his wild side (5

bats are starting to wake up more and the pitchers are still shoving like they've been all season. Really excited to see where we stand at the end of regular season!"

Coach Chris Miller's Indians are banking wins and looking like a team that can escape the first round of the Class AA playoffs this season, which they have failed to do the last few years.

"The boys played really well this week," Coach Miller said. "With five games in a week you are always worried about pitching but we got five complete games from four different pitchers." Anthony Mirditaj had two victories in two starts. Brendan White, John Ravoli and Brian Murray notched the others.

"Our pitching and defense also was good all week," Miler added. "We only allowed seven runs all week. As for the offense, though we didn't blow out anyone, we scored just enough in each game. A few timely hits in clutch situations helped.



Mahopac 2B Brendan White can't get tag down in time on Put Valley OF Zack Girvalo as he swipes 2B in Indians' win over Tigers.

Thursday, plus Saturday's 4-3 win over visiting White Plains. The Indians saw lefty John Ravoli fire a two-hitter in a 5-0 shutout of the Class B Tigers before Brendan White threw a four-hitter at the Class AA Huskers.

Mahopac also defeated host Scarsdale, 4-2, Friday when Brian Murray threw a one-hitter with seven strikeouts and no earned runs. Speedy leadoff hitter White had two RBI and Joe Giorgio scored two runs for the surging Indians, winners of

BB) over 3.1 scoreless innings. Yorktown reliever Mike Rothman allowed the game's only run in relief, an RBI single by Matt Montera in the home half of the fifth, which plated Nick Fanelli (single, run).

White was the difference maker, whiffing eight Huskers in seven IP as the Huskers lost for the fourth time in six games.

"We are rolling right now for sure," URI-bound catcher Greg Cavaliere said. "The



Mahopac SS Brendan White forces Put Valley's Charlie Pagani in Indians' win over Tigers.

Brendan White, Greg Cavaliere and Chris lore have been consistent hitters all year, and, depending on the game, a few other guys have had good games. All in all, we are playing well right now. We have two weeks left so hopefully it continues."

YORKTOWN (6-6) is chasing front-running John Jay (8-2) and Fox Lane (8-4) for the League I-D bragging rights. If anything is going to set inconsistent Yorktown on the straight and narrow it's a 5-2 win over visiting Fox Lane, ranked No.18 in NYS. Husker Matt Boccia drove home two RBI and P Matt Pupczyk worked through a tough Fox lineup for six innings to chalk up the win. Still, after a solid start, the Huskers have had a tough go in recent week, dropping

CARMEL is hoping to procure its oft-typical regular late-season magic after a 1-0 loss to host Mamaroneck last Saturday. RHO Kyle Shilling chucked your basic gem but suffered the loss, allowing just two hits while fanning six in six frames. It's yet another indication that on any given day, baseball is the most unpredictable game in town. After its worst start in many years, Coach Dall's Rams (4-10) are turning a corner.

"We're playing much better baseball," Dall said. "We just aren't getting the big hits we need."

The Rams also lost to Arlington, 7-4, earlier in the week but can turn the season around by playing soundly against two more tough Class AA teams (RCK and Mahopac) over their next four games.

OSSINING (8-5) is enjoying its best season in years, doing so in honor of their Coach Bill Casey, who is battling cancer outside the states in an effort to rejoin the team next season. The Pride's 1-0 win over Beacon saw P Manny Sanchez fire a two-hitter with five strikeouts. Lucas Peterson drove in the lone run.



Put Valley SS Charlie Pagani slaps a tag on Mahopac 2B Brendan White in Indians' 5-0 win over Tigers last Wednesday.



Rick Burroni and the Lakeland Hornets better get their act together within the next two weeks.

#### CLASS A

We (we being me and anyone who professes knowledge) entered the season thinking **LAKELAND** was a legitimate Class A challenger to Byram Hills' throne and there was little doubt that the defending NYS Class A champion Bobcats (10-4) were the team to beat, until Byram showed a vulnerable side in a 7-0 loss to Nyack, a 2-1 loss to Ossining and an 8-3 loss to Pelham in its last six games. Not to mention the fact that sub-par programs like Saunders, Port Chester (2X) and

Yonkers are on the list of W's. Actually, Byram Hills hasn't done a thing to separate itself from anyone in Class A, which leaves great hope for all in Class A.

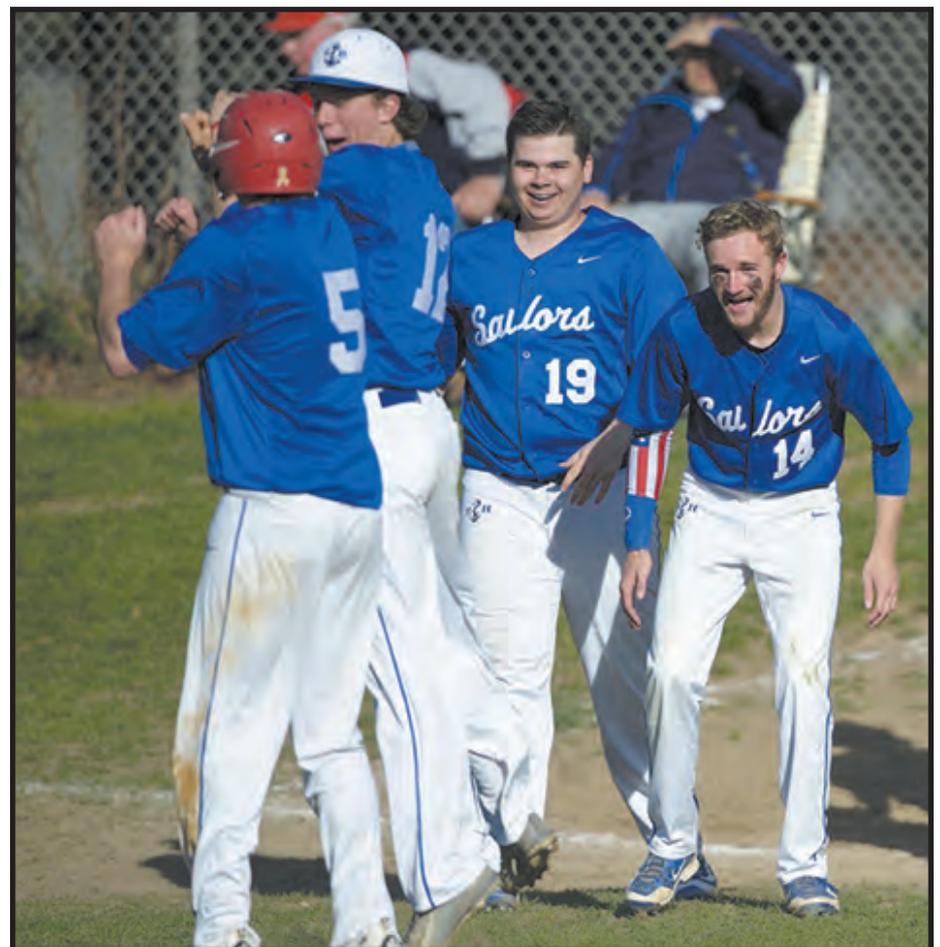
Not exactly sure what is going on at **LAKELAND**, but we never would have pegged **HEN HUD** for a sweep of the Hornets (6-7), yet that is exactly what happened last week when Matt "Boomer" Vigliotti and Matt Luis pitched the Sailors (10-4) to a home-and-home sweep of the Hornets, who have stunningly lost four in a row. Lakeland had strong post-season aspirations at the start of the season while Coach Dutch Pritts' Sailors were coming off a sub-par campaign and not looked upon as a serious Class A threat this season.

Lo' ad behold, though, the Sailors are barking up a tree that guys like Will and Slack Mauro, Tom Duquette, Mike Reynolds, Mike Pritts, Matt Peters and Kurt Thomas used to mark up; oh, the glory days!

In the meantime, Matt Marussich and Danny Wiemar each drove home two runs and

Pat McGovern knocked in the go-ahead run in the Sailors' 6-4 come-from behind win over the Hornets, giving the Sailors a clean sweep of the Lakeland district (2 over the Hornets, 2 over Panas).

In Hen Hud's 8-6 win over Lakeland, Sailor Mike Crowley had a career day in the 6-2 win over Lakeland, going 3 for 4 with a double and three runs while Jack Attinelly was 2 for 4 with two RBI and two runs. Rick Burroni had a pair of hits (double) and two runs to pace the



Hen Hud's Nick Cunningham, Matt Marussich and Matt Vigliotti celebrate as Jack Attinelly scores on a Joe Grullon 2- RBI triple in win over Lakeland.

Hornets, who benefitted from six Sailor errors. Vigliotti (5-0, 1.90 ERA) allowed just one earned run and left a slew of men on base while getting the big out when he needed it.

Hen Hud has been a true feel-good story this season and would be the No.3 seed if the playoffs started today, but let's not put the cart before the horse. Pritts will need to keep his boys focused as the competition ratchets up in the days ahead.

**PANAS** (3-8) has had a rough go of it but young John Young (just like the sound of that) knocked a walk-off single in Saturday's 2-1 win over Lincoln.

**BREWSTER** (5-7) has hit a rough patch. The Bears beat North Salem on Saturday, 5-1. RHP Devin O'Connor fired a complete game, three-hitter with a career-high 10 strikeouts. SS Matt Catalano stroked three hits and Jason Gonch plated three RBI. The Bears weren't as fortunate in Friday's 8-7 loss to state-ranked John Jay CR, but having split with Fox Lane and playing Jay tough is reason enough to believe the Bears are playing well this season.

#### CLASS C

**CROTON-HARMON**'s 11-7 win over host Rye Neck was the Tigers' fourth in the last six games. Coach Rosen's Tigers (8-4) saw Diego Posso go 3 for

3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Brian Smith earned his first varsity win, but Saturday's results against Westlake were far from favorable; a 13-6 loss. The Tigers would be a No.2 seed if the playoffs began today.



Mahopac 3B Eric Fox eyes up third base in win over Put Valley.

# Sports

## Girls LAX Notebook

# Brewster Earning Respect on Section 1 Lax Greens

By Tony Pinciario

It is difficult for a team in Northern Westchester or Putnam County to get noticed when it has to compete with two-time defending Section 1 Class B champion Somers, perennial powers Yorktown and Lakeland/Panas and 2015 Class A sectional finalist Mahopac.

However, Brewster, under the guidance of first-year coach Sara DiDio is quietly garnering recognition. The Bears went 2-1 last week, raising their record to 8-4 on the season. Brewster sandwiched victories over Briarcliff, 16-6, and Lakeland/Panas, 15-11, around an 18-10 loss to Yorktown. Brewster also owns a win over Mahopac, rallying from a five-goal deficit in the second half.

"Beating Mahopac and Lakeland/Panas meant a lot to us," senior defender Kathleen Regan said. "We wanted to prove ourselves to the section and we wanted these wins for ourselves and the coaches. These two wins picked us up and made our season even better."

Regan, one of the elder stateswomen on the team, has witnessed her younger teammates step up as the season has progressed, fueling the Bears' success.

"We have five freshmen on the team, but we are showing that we are an up-and-coming team," said Regan, in her third year playing lacrosse. "We are making a name for ourselves and earning respect for Brewster."

Lauren Craft, one of the underclassmen, scored seven goals against Lakeland/Panas. Taylor Doria and Mary Kate Longane each had a hat trick.

"Our team came out strong from the first draw," DiDio said. "We have been focusing on playing a full game and they did against Lakeland/Panas. Lauren Craft had a strong game for us and defensively, Emily Schaub made 12 saves for us in goal and defense was able to make some key stops. It was a solid win over a very good team!"

Craft was the offensive leader against Briarcliff with eight goals. Doria chipped in with two goals and two assists and Marina Souza had one goal and three assists.

One factor that has led to Brewster's success is the team camaraderie. Regan explained that the girls bonded early, which translated to the field.

"The freshmen and sophomores have been playing together since they were in third grade and I actually got to play with the same girls because we were on JV," Regan said. "We have the chemistry down and we're repeating what we had a couple of years ago."

"Also, during spring break this team took a three-day trip to camp for team bonding. And after the camp we went to a UPenn-Maryland women's lacrosse game. It was a great way to start the season."



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Caleigh Lampersberger (20) and Rilea Fusco and Somers' Izzy LaRocca appear destined to meet again in Class B playoffs.

Lonegan finished with five goals and Doria added two against Yorktown.

The undefeated SOMERS juggernaut continued steamrolling with three victories, including a league-title clincher. Somers overwhelmed Mahopac, 18-6, won another league title by virtue of a 17-8 triumph over Horace Greeley and closed out the week with an 11-3 win over Byram Hills.

Livy Rosenzweig scored five goals and collected five assists against Mahopac. Izzy LaRocca netted four goals, Gabby Rosenzweig finished with three goals and two assists and Teagan Lucchese and Sydney Ericson had two goals apiece.

Gabby Rosenzweig, Katie Campbell, LaRocca, Lucchese, Ericson and Livy Rosenzweig had two goals apiece against Horace Greeley. Gabby Rosenzweig also added four assists and LaRocca had three.

Gabby and Livy Rosenzweig scored three goals apiece against Byram Hills. LaRocca added two goals and two assists and the trio of Emily McCormack, Hannah Tiso and Rachel Riger each had one goal and one assist.

Lost in the offensive eruption was the play of Somers' defense, which held all three opponents under 10 goals.

"Our defense is coming together nicely and continuing to build their chemistry," Somers' coach Jaime Prysclak said. "When we do the little things well, we put the goalie in good position to make the save and Jess (Monaco) and Michelle (Croen) have been doing that."

"Also, our success on defense gives the offense momentum and then, in turn, the offense rewards the defense by capitalizing on our offensive opportunities."

HEN HUD had a perfect 3-0 week with wins over Our Lady of Lourdes, 15-10, Westlake, 17-6, and a rallied for a thrilling 15-14 win over Ossining.

"We wanted this week to be a winning week and we accomplished that goal," Hen Hud coach Mary Honovich said.

Jenna Richardson scored five goals and set up three others against Westlake. Montana Garrett chipped in with three goals and two assists. Honovich credited goalie Mackenzie Porter with a stellar game. Honovich said she made 11 saves and came up with several interceptions.

Honovich pointed out her team was trailing with majority of the Ossining game before a rally was capped by a Richardson goal, her seventh of the game, on an 8-meter shot.

"I think the key to our success was face-guarding their top two players," said Honovich of the rally against Ossining. "We also switched our defense and added a backer for extra help on 1 v 1s."

"We have been a few close games this year and we know that draws and possession are important so I think once we got up by two, we knew we needed to win the draw and take time off the clock. Kamryn Sherman came up with a big ground ball and big draw control in final minutes to contribute to the win."

Katy Kenny contributed four goals and Garrett added two as Hen Hud improved to 7-3.

"This was a much-needed winning week for us," Honovich said. "This week we have three competitive games and we are working on getting a good seed for playoff time. The girls really want to get as far as we did last year, which was sectional semifinals, and then we'll take it from there."

OSSINING had a busy week as the Pride came away with three wins in four games. The Pride's offense was on display in wins over Eastchester, 19-10, Irvington, 22-13, and Clarkstown South, 14-4. Hen Hud surprised Ossining with a late goal in a 15-14 win.

"Winning three games in a week and playing as well as we did vs. Hen Hud is definitely a good week for us," Ossining coach Dan Ricci said.

Sam Cozzolino scored a team-leading seven goals and Jaida Strippoli added five in the victory over Eastchester. Olivia Jez contributed three goals and two assists.

Cozzolino and Strippoli had eight goals

apiece against Irvington and Cozzolino had her second consecutive eight-goal game in the triumph over Clarkstown South. Strippoli finished with two goals. Cozzolino rang up three goals against Hen Hud. Gabby Rama, Isabel Slingerland and Emily Iannarelli each had two goals.

In YORKTOWN's 18-10 over Brewster - Katie Comerford and Casey Duff each had five goals. Cook added three goals and two assists and Michelle Seger had a hat trick and two assists. Greenwich shocked Yorktown, 12-11. Duff had a game-high six goals and Rilea Fusco finished with two goals and two assists.

MAHOPAC went 1-1 for the week, dropping an 18-6 verdict to undefeated Somers before answering with an 11-5 win over archrival Carmel.

Morgan Kirby and Tara Ravoli had two goals apiece against Somers.

"Somers played a great game," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "They are fast to the ball and they push a non-stop pace. They jumped out quickly and we were never able to get into a rhythm."

Lieto said that his team would rebound with a strong practice leading up to Carmel and he was correct. Mahopac raced out to a quick 4-0 lead in the first half and the defense limited Carmel to one goal.

"Our defense caused some great turnovers early to get the ball to the offense, allowing them to go on a 4-0 run to start the game," Lieto said.

"It's always great for the girls to beat their rival Carmel and it was an important league win. We are excited that all of our starters will be healthy for Monday, which will be the first time since Putnam Valley that we are at full strength."

Vicky Moundroukas, Diana Good and Korin led a balanced scoring attack with two goals apiece. Ravoli added a goal, went 9 for 14 on draw control and also picked up six ground balls.

PUTNAM VALLEY was defeated by Fox Lane, 12-8, and North Salem, 16-6, in its two games. The Tigers trailed Fox Lane, 7-4, at halftime.

Kaitlyn Phillips and Jackie Phillips each had two goals against Fox Lane. Maddie Deegan and Meredith Conlin contributed one goal and two assists apiece. Emma Rippon and Steph Wagner also tallied goals.

Conlin and Rippon led the Tigers with two goals apiece against North Salem while Mia Dedvukaj and Jackie Phillips each added one goal and one assist.

LAKELAND/PANAS followed up a 15-11 loss to Brewster with an 11-10 victory over White Plains, led by Katie Bradbury's four goals. Carlyn Mucci added a hat trick and Caroline Cahill registered three assists.

Valerie Perkins and Bradbury each had three goals against Brewster and Kelsey McCrudden added two goals and two assists.

# Murphy Cup Week: Huskers, Rebels Stoked to Have at It

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This year, it's real! The anticipation for this year's 27th annual rendition of the Murphy Cup game between Yorktown and Lakeland/Panas is genuine; unlike some of the fabricated folly of two of the last three years when nobody really gave Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels a shot at knocking off their vaunted longtime rivals, Coach Dave Marr's Huskers. But at 12-1 and ranked No.13 in NYS, the Class A Rebels are a legitimate threat to the Class B state-ranked (No.9) Huskers (7-5), who have shown some vulnerability outside of Section 1 this season.

The annual Murphy Cup, played in honor of legendary Charlie Murphy, who, along with former all-time Coach Jim Turnbull, basically introduced lacrosse to Section 1 back in the '60s with a \$500 donation to the Yorktown program, hasn't had the zeal it used to have back in the '90s when the Yorktown-Lakeland rivalry had its hey-day with its most recognizable All-American figures - Lakeland D Ric Beardsley and Yorktown M Roy Colsey - who staged epic, unmatched wars.

You can try to convince me there have been better Section 1 players since that duo went off to Syracuse together in 1991 and went on to win two NCAA national championships, but I'll take this to the grave with me: Nothing in Section 1 lax history has ever matched that era from 1990-95, and I doubt anything ever will.

A rivalry is usually a true rivalry when both teams are in the hunt for victory, but Yorktown has owned the well-worn



RICK KUPERBERG/BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS

L-P middle Kevin Prunty and the Rebels hope to change their fortune this Saturday in the 27th annual Murphy Cup Game.

Murphy Cup, going 23-3 since 1990, and owning a combined 68-32 edge in goals since 2011. But nothing in Section 1 lax can match the pomp and circumstance of the granddaddy of 'em all.

"This week has been circled on our calendars for months now," Yorktown G Liam Donnelly said. "Tuesday is a huge game for us against Fox Lane, and that's our concern right now. We're not overlooking them at all, but the Murph Cup has a lot of excitement already. They're a very good team this year and it should be a fun

week leading up."

Short of a Joe Namath-type guarantee, Yorktown junior A Justin Cavallo knows that the 2016 version won't be as easy as the last few, but he's banking on a W just the same.

"Absolutely, this week will be something different every day at practice," the junior sniper said. "We will be very focused. All we know is we aren't losing that cup. The Murph Cup is coming back to Yorktown, that's all I know."

The Rebels haven't won this game since their Class A championship 2010 season, but that won't stop senior Kevin Prunty and company from believing they can end the five-year skid.

"After last year's blood bath, we're ready," Captain Prunty said, noting the 17-3 thrashing the Rebels suffered. "That won't happen this year. There's not a team in the section this year that we don't belong on the field with."

Late Saturday afternoon, at about 5:00 p.m., L/P pole and four-year veteran Nick Vazquez will draw off against either Anthony Altimari, Jose Boyer or Hunter Embury and we shall see what both teams are made of. One thing's for sure; Charlie Murphy will be checking in from above, so put your best foot forward, boys, and provide the kind of epic encounter that the brashest of them all -- Beardsley -- and the unflappable Colsey would be proud of.

We're not asking for too much, are we?

## NWE/Putnam Fab Five Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** - Coach Marr's Class B Huskers (7-5), ranked No.9 in NYS, really need to get going in these out-of-section losses (St. A's, Chaminade, Ridgefield, Melville, Darien) if we're

going to believe they are a state-caliber championship club. They'll take on the best Class A has to offer this week in Fox Lane and L/P, and that should be enough to keep the Huskers in line for their 39th sectional title.

**No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS** - Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (12-1), ranked No.13 in NYS, had to be licking their chops Saturday after seeing Fox Lane fall, 4-3, to Class B Briarcliff, which clearly puts the favorite label on the collective backs of the Rebels. P.S. that might have been the biggest win in Briarcliff history, and it clearly altered the way folks think about the Foxes as we streak toward the Class A playoffs. JoJo Janavey (4G, 3A), Tim Fallo (4G), Kevin Prunty (3G, 1A) and Joe Cortese (1G, 3A) all had four or more points in 17-1 rout of Brewster; glad I didn't waste my Saturday night in Brewster or I would have hit the Bull & Barrel by halftime.

**No.3 SOMERS** - Coach DeGregorio's Class B Tuskers (7-5) have to take a major hit here for losing to Irvington, 8-7, on Saturday. Clearly, this is something that has never been typed before and reason for strong concern; given the fact that Irvington has never had a win this big and Somers was (emphasis on was) a strong contender to the reach the Class B finals after taking out John Jay a week earlier.

**No.4 MAHOPAC** - The Coach Mohammed/Tanzi-led Class A Indians (5-6) have won 3 of the last 4, but based on the sketchy competition (Dutchess powers Lourdes, Wappingers and Arlington), we're still not convinced they are ready to push same button they did last year. M Andrew Evans did win 18 of 23 faceoffs and score three goals in 12-7 win over Wappingers, but I still need to see more from my Indians before I totally buy in to the notion that they can challenge for Class A supremacy.

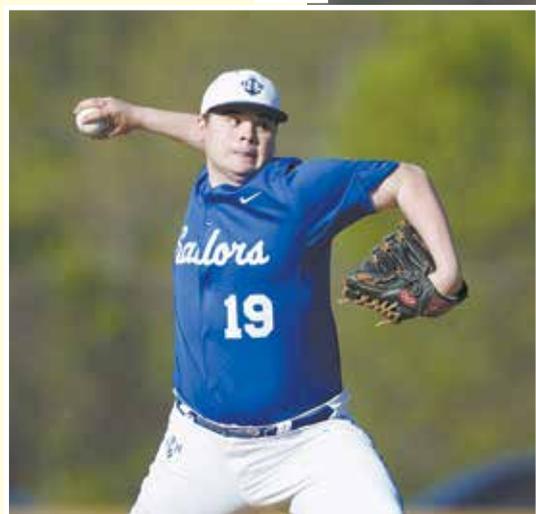
**No. 5 HEN HUD** - Coach Solly's Class C Sailors (8-4) will get a chance to really impress some folks in Tuesday's doozy with Mahopac, which I can't wait to check out. Yeah, the Sailors have won 8 of the last 9 but the level of competition is, uhm, meh (the verbal equivalent of a shrug of my shoulders). Truth be totally told: The Sailors have beaten teams they are supposed to beat, but once somebody pushes back... well, the results have been lacking. Time for that to change.

**HM PUTNAM VALLEY** - Coach Ignatz's Class C Tigers (6-7) will need to take care of business this week with league title on the line against North Salem, and, should they not do so, there will be hell to pay in this space next week. There is some hope in the not-to-distant future with the 6th-7th-8th graders currently getting it done with defense on the modified level. Dyllon Knight leads the team with 22G and Kevin Gallagher has a team-high 23A.



Mahopac M Mike Evans, who went for the hat trick, cranks shot in Indians' win over Wappingers last Thursday.

# Jacked Up!



## Hen Hud Sweeps Lakeland



ED MARUSSICH PHOTOS

Hen Hud outfielders Jack Kelly, Matt Marussich and Trevor Dowling get some hang time after the final out in the Sailors' 8-6 victory over Lakeland last Wednesday when Sailor P Matt "Boomer" Vigliotti (inset) lowered the boom on the suddenly-struggling Hornets, who were swept by the surging Sailors... see Baseball Notebook



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