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Investigation Underway in Murder of Woman in Mahopac

By Anna Young and David Propper

The Town of Carmel Police Department is investigating an apparent homicide that took place Thursday afternoon in Mahopac, leaving surrounding residents shocked in the relatively sleepy neighborhood.

Police chief Mike Cazzari said first responders discovered the body of Perla Gatchalian, 75, in her residence on Coventry Circle, following a medical emergency call for an unresponsive person at

3:18 p.m. from a neighbor.

During a press conference Friday afternoon, Cazzari said Gatchalian was already dead for a couple of hours upon arrival.

"At this time we do not have a cause of death, we are considering this a homicide," Cazzari said during the short briefing. "We are waiting for the autopsy results and the investigation is continuing."

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CARMELO POLICE PHOTO

This house on Coventry Circle was taped off as Carmel police investigated an apparent murder.

Experts Outline Challenges Ahead with Indian Point Closure

By Rick Pezzullo

Local municipal and school officials must plan for the future without the existence of the Indian Point nuclear power plants as if no financial or planning assistance is being provided by higher government or elsewhere.

That was part of the message delivered by a pair of experts in the field of studying local and regional socioeconomic impacts of nuclear power plants closing to the Cortlandt Community Unity Indian Point Task Force last week.

"Act like help is not on the way. Be ready for unexpected opportunities," said Jennifer Stromsten, program director for the Institute for Nuclear Host Communities. "This is sort of a reimagining mo-

ment. You really have to learn what you can affect and plan accordingly."

In early January, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Entergy (owners of the nuclear plants) and Riverkeeper stunned local officials when they announced Indian Point would close in April 2021 since it was no longer profitable enough for Entergy.

The announcement sent immediate financial shockwaves since Entergy is a major funding source, providing 33% of annual revenue to the Hendrick Hudson School District, 46% to the Village of Buchanan, 64% to the Verplanck Fire Department, 28% to the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 2% to the Town of Cort-

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PHOTO BY ANNA YOUNG

My Brother Vinny/Vincent Miritello Walk Held

More than 500 community members, law enforcement and veterans were in attendance for Sunday's third annual My Brother Vinny/Vincent Miritello Walk, where attendees participated in the events two-mile walk around Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown. The annual event helps the non-profit organization raise funds to continue supporting veterans in need of food, clothing and furniture throughout Westchester County. The walk also raises money to support homeless services and local animal shelters and rescue groups. "People's lives are busy, to have people come out and support us is amazing," said Founder Paula Miritello, who added the event relies on donations to remain the first line of support for veterans. My Brother Vinny has helped furnish 427 veteran homes. To donate, visit www.mybrothervinny.org.

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Somers School Community Mourns Death of Teacher

By Rick Pezzullo

The Somers School District community is mourning the death of a special education teacher who died April 24 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Nassau County.

According to the New York State Police, Sherri Mangus, 56, of Levittown, NY, was traveling west on the Meadowbrook State Parkway, near Jones Beach, at about 12:09 p.m. April 23 as a passenger on a motorcycle operated by her husband, Peter Mangus, 64.

Police said Peter Mangus lost control of the motorcycle, causing it to cross over a dividing island and eject Sherri Mangus, who lost her helmet during the collision. She was transported to Nassau University Medical Center for serious head trauma and later died. Peter Mangus was not injured.

School officials at Somers Intermediate School informed families of the tragedy last Monday in a letter.

"As is expected, this news is shocking to us all, but will be especially so for those who had daily contact with her. Our Crisis Team has been assembled to support both staff and students during this very difficult time. Additional



Sherri Mangus

support will be available at SIS throughout the week," wrote SIS Principal Mrs. Stacey Elconin, Assistant Principal Mrs. Elizabeth Turner and others.

"We know our school won't be the same without our dear Mrs. Mangus," they concluded.

Mangus joined Somers in September 2007 after working as a special education teacher at Rebecca School for Autism in New York City.



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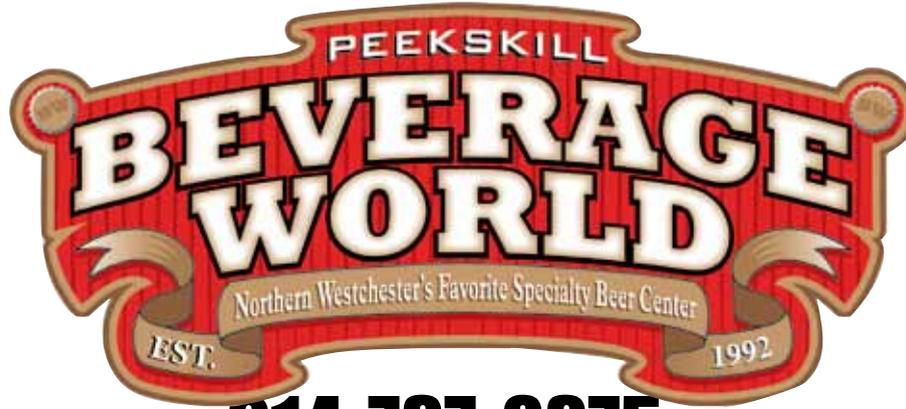
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Court of Appeals Finds County Violated Housing Settlement

By Martin Wilbur

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld a lower court's ruling Friday that Westchester County violated terms of the 2009 affordable housing settlement.

The bluntly worded seven-page decision concluded that the county has been "engaging in total obstructionism" because it has failed on numerous occasions to submit an Analysis of Impediments (AI) that is acceptable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the courts.

Under the terms of the agreement, Westchester was to have submitted an acceptable AI which adequately analyzed the impediments that municipal zoning laws present to fair housing choice within 120 days from the time the agreement was reached in August 2009.

The court also threw out the county's arguments that HUD's refusal to accept nine AIs submitted by the county is unreasonable and, therefore, it should no longer be required to submit one.

But Friday's decision stated that the county's assertions were without merit and warned it to comply with the terms of the agreement.

"The County would be well-advised to stop making excuses and to complete its obligations under the Consent Decree with diligence and dispatch," the ruling stated.

Friday's development came four months after County Executive Rob Astorino proclaimed that Westchester had complied with the terms of the agreement by having built or having building permits in place for 790 units of new affordable housing by the end of 2016, 40 more than had been required. He also mentioned that about 100 additional units are also in the pipeline.

Ned McCormack, the communications director for the county, said Friday in a statement that the administration was "surprised" by the court's comments as Westchester has complied with the unit count and has been working with U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote and the new housing monitor to wrap up the settlement.

"Since Judge Cote's opinions last summer, the county has worked with the new monitor and consultant approved by the monitor to complete its two remaining obligations - the 'One Community' educational campaign and the Analysis of Impediments," McCormack's statement read. "Given that the One Community campaign is already under way and the monitor-approved consultant, VHB, has found no evidence of exclusionary zoning based on race, we are confident the remaining requirements can be met and the settlement concluded in a timely manner."

Recently, VHB, prepared a 10th AI for the county but that also was rejected by HUD. The Court of Appeals decision did not address the latest rejection.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said the ruling amounted to a "judicial smack down" of the county and its arguments.

Although the court also found that the county violated the settlement because it failed to quell community opposition to Conifer Realty's controversial 28-unit affordable housing project in downtown

Chappaqua, Kaplowitz said the AI is the central issue and must be addressed by Astorino or Westchester risks severe fines and penalties potentially totaling millions of dollars.

Also, HUD or the courts could potentially force the county to build additional units if it fails to comply with the settlement, he said.

Westchester lost close to \$25 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from 2011 to 2014, money that had been withheld for lack of compliance.

"The worst is not even the money that's been lost, the worst case is the money that could be potentially lost in the future," Kaplowitz said.

He said he believes Astorino may be hoping that he can eventually convince HUD Secretary Ben Carson or even President Donald Trump to be more sympathetic to the county's plight.

"That's a gamble, and unfortunately, that gamble is with great stakes being played with taxpayer money," Kaplowitz said.

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April 22 - Kenneth Brody, 56, of Verplanck, was charged with three counts of criminal sexual act in the second degree, a Class D felony. Troopers from Cortlandt partnered with the Westchester County Child Advocacy Center to investigate a sexual offense reported to State Police. It was discovered Brody, a Level 2 sex offender, subjected a teenage boy under the age of 15 to sexual contact on several occasions in Cortlandt. Brody was arraigned in Cortlandt Court and remanded to Westchester County Jail without bail.

Yorktown Police

April 15 - 4:11 a.m. - A 31-year-old Yorktown man was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and driving with a suspended driver's license and registration after being stopped on Gomer Street and Farmwalk Road for speeding. He was found to be in possession of nonprescribed 30 mg prescription pills for Amphetamine, dextroamphetamine and Suboxone. The man disputes the charges, and records in the case were later expunged by authorities.

9:06 a.m. - Ramon Sanlatte, 37, of Yorktown, was charged with speeding, driving

while his privileges were suspended in New York State and driving without a required ignition interlock device as a result of a DWI conviction after being stopped for speeding on Underhill Avenue.

April 16 - 2:35 a.m. - Brandin Rivera, 42, and Brandon Rivera, 27, both of Yorktown, were charged with assault in the third degree and disorderly conduct following the report of a fight at 1949 Commerce Street where a store employee and customer were involved in an altercation.

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Olympic Athlete Visits First Annual Girls in Sports Day

By Anna Young

More than 100 girls from first to fifth grade stormed the field at Lakeland High School Sunday to the tune of “Girls Just Want to Have Fun,” eager to learn how to play softball, field hockey, soccer, lacrosse, volleyball and basketball from varsity coaches and athletes.

“This is just a great day for girls to embrace the opportunities that are given to them in sports and have a great day all about them,” said Sharon Sarsen, long-time field hockey coach who facilitated the event.

Prior to picking up a ball, the girls were given the opportunity to spend some

time warming up with Olympic athlete and LHS graduate Melissa Gonzalez.

Gonzalez graduated in 2007 and made her field hockey Olympics debut at the 2012 London games. She most recently played in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

“I think it’s amazing for these girls to see someone in their own community in the Olympics,” Sarsen said. “It shows that you can do it here and they can be anything they want.”

Gonzalez remarked how happy she was to be a part of the event.

“I know having been in that age group, I’ve had older sisters to lead me and show me different sports and I see the effects it



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

Summer Willbright, Winter Willbright, Bella Basulto and pose with Olympian Melissa Gonzalez and Coach Sharon Sarsen at Lakeland Girls in Sports Day Sunday, where more than 100 girls participated in many sports.



has on people and how transferable it is to life and empowering girls is so important,” Gonzalez said.

Volleyball coach Steve Fallo said how special it is for the younger kids to not only get out and learn the different sports but also meet the girls who actually play.

Basketball coach Miranda Lustig added how good it is for the younger kids to be exposed to these sports so they can one day aspire to play like the female varsity athletes.

After the warm-up, the girls were separated into groups where they spent 25

minutes training with each varsity team gaining the basic knowledge and technique required to play each sport.

As parents looked on taking photos, many agreed how wonderful it is for girls to learn different sports and appreciate that they are just as strong and capable as the boys.

“I thank the community for taking time to allow the girls to get out on the field and play hard,” parent Debbie Willbright said. “It’s not all about baseball and football with the boys. Girls can get sports scholarships too and this is a strong day for girls to rule.”

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Marking My 500th Consecutive Weekly Column

Life can present us with opportunities at unanticipated moments and under unanticipated circumstances. So it is that I came to write the "You Heard it Through the Grapevine" column for the Examiner group of newspapers. A chance conversation with Publisher Adam Stone at a gathering in the summer of 2007 gave rise to my column in his start-up weekly newspaper. From its initial edition of 2,000 copies, The Examiner Media group has grown to a chain of four editions, with a combined circulation of 25,000 copies and approximately 70,000 readers each week.

This week's column is a milestone for me. It marks my 500th consecutive weekly column.

Many thanks for your support and the support of Adam Stone and Martin Wilbur (News Editor) for these rewarding years. I hope you have enjoyed reading these columns as much as I have enjoyed creating them. It has truly been a labor of love, as I draw my inspiration from each of you.

Consumed with nostalgia and fond memories of the past nine plus years, I thought I would mark this occasion

with a brief retrospective of my body of work to date. Thanks to reader support, I have been inspired to write columns on numerous topics that I hope provide a modicum of insight and/or education as you walk the virtual vineyard trails of the wine world.



By Nick Antonaccio



1) From Wine 101 through a Ph.D. Dissertation Defense: In addition to the science of winemaking - terroir, biodynamics, wine glass size and shape and the health benefits of polyphenols - I have also spent a considerable effort on the "art of wine." From lessons on food and wine pairings, to the proper way to smell and taste wines, to nuanced guidance on honing one's appreciation of

the nectar of the gods, I hope you have gained a more sophisticated palate.

In addition, I'd like to believe that you are drinking new and different wines since you have been reading this column. Numerous columns have presented alternatives to the tried and true, including wines produced from grapes you may never have heard of before perusing this column - a glass of Albarino anyone? Hopefully the overly complex world of wine has been some-

what demystified for you.

2) Virtual Tours: Oh! the places we've been! From our own backyard in the Hudson Valley and Long Island to an exhaustive 13-part series in Spain, with side trips to France, Italy, Austria, South Africa, Chile, California, Oregon and Washington. Each trip was presented as a travelogue, tooling around the countryside in a supercharged Ford Mustang or wearing out shoe leather along vineyard trails - always with the intent of capturing the essence of the locale.

3) The Provocative and the Scandalous: The French provided vast amounts of fodder for the darker side of wine. Do you remember: French rabbits that feasted on grapevines, wiping out wines to pair with hare stew? Or billionaire Bill Koch being duped into spending millions on counterfeit French wines from prestigious auction houses? Mr. Koch's purchase of counterfeit wines also created fodder to report on convicted independent counterfeiter to the stars, Rudy Kurniawan - and a documentary following his nefarious exploits.

4) Not-your-typical Wine Pairings: These were fun columns. Pairing wine with Oscar nominated Best Pictures, Super Bowl games, the Tour de France,

Soccer World Cup teams and major music genres.

5) Emerging Trends: From the global to the hyperlocal, each trend was accompanied by wine recommendations from the many wine shops to which I am eternally indebted for matching bottles to concepts. Beginning with the impact of the Great Recession (higher quality wines at lower prices), then moving on to the world-class offerings of today's value-priced wines from nearly every wine-producing region (including all 50 American states).

I look forward to enlightening and entertaining readers in my travels on the local roads and establishments, responding to the greeting "Aren't you the Wine Guy?", as I happily pen future columns.

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Letters to the Editor

Astorino Attempted Indian Pt Lawsuit is Political Grandstanding

To the Editor:

County Executive Rob Astorino is attempting to file a lawsuit against the state of New York over the planned shutdown of the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

At first glance, this may look like a gesture of support for the many individuals whose jobs, taxes and economic well-being are impacted by the closing of the plant. However, a lawsuit takes money and resources that would be better utilized by working with local and state task forces to figure out how

to reduce the economic and environmental impact of this closing on Westchester County. A lawsuit diverts energy that could be spent more effectively to work to develop funds to offset the loss of revenue facing the communities surrounding Indian Point. A lawsuit to slow down the plant's closing is to deny the reality that the closing is because Entergy has said Indian Point is no longer economically viable. Rather than a lawsuit, Astorino would be better serving his constituents by helping to develop a com-

prehensive exit plan for those affected and by working to bring in businesses that will increase jobs and revenue for the County.

Astorino claims he is filing this lawsuit because a full environmental review was not done before an agreement to close the plant. This claim is ironic for two reasons. First, Astorino himself has tried to push through deals without full review as evidenced by his attempt last year to broker a deal to privatize the Westchester County airport with Oaktree Management without accepting other bids or having a public hearing. Secondly, Astorino has been perfectly content to let Indian Point operate in Westchester for

many years with expired licenses and multiple safety violations, making his alleged concern about a lack of environmental review disingenuous to say the least.

I believe that Astorino is not filing this lawsuit to help the citizens of Westchester County but to engage in political grandstanding to help define himself against his gubernatorial rival Andrew Cuomo. Westchester County deserves better political leadership than this.

Sincerely,

BETTINA MAYER

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Supermarket Closes

Key Food on Welcher Avenue in Peekskill closed its doors without any advanced warning last week. Plans are underway to bring in another supermarket called Peekskill Green Grocers.

Guest Commentary

2017 Kentucky Derby is Shaping Up to Be a Classic

By Charles Palombini

Well...here we go again! The thoroughbred racing season is about to kick into high gear with the Kentucky Derby starting the quest for horse racing's 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 usually just 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. One more race, the challenging Belmont Stakes, will tell it all!

This year's Kentucky Derby is a rarity, as it is not dominated by the reputation of one or two horses. No, the 2017 edition we will probably see 20 enter the starting gate. But unlike most years, 2017 will give us no less than 10 horses that have the potential to win the race that has borne the label of "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."

So let's get to it and review those that I see having the ability to wear the Rose's at day's end.

GIRVIN- Trained by a very good trainer named Joe Sharp. The horse does not have a particularly good pedigree but he has won three of his four lifetime races. Most recently he won the prestigious La. Derby beating a very good field which featured several other potential Derby starters. He's runs from off the pace and looks to be a late factor if the pace is fast.

CLASSIC EMPIRE- Trained by Mark Casse this half brother to American Pharo (the Triple Crown winner of 2015) has already beat many of these in the Breeder's Cup Juvenile Classic. He has five wins (all impressive) and 1 third place finish in seven starts, with his only

bad loss coming off a long layoff. He followed that loss up with a stunning win in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby. He generally stalks from the middle of the pack and closes with some strong punch. He should be the deserving favorite on Derby Day.

GORMLEY- Another modestly bred horse performing above his pedigree expectations. Trained by very good west coast trainer John Sherriffs, who has guided him to the winners circle four times in six career starts. Most recently won the Santa Anita Derby and comes to the race in good form. Runs near the front of the pack and may very well be setting the pace in this race.

IRISH WAR CRY- Regally bred, sired by the great Curlin, and trained by Graham Motion who is clearly one of the sports best. He has won four of his five starts with the most recent coming in the classic Wood Memorial. His only loss was an inexplicable clinker in the Fountain of Youth. He also likes to run up near the lead and you should expect to see him there with Gormley in the early going.

THUNDER SNOW- Oh oh...when the middle east sends a horse to the Derby you get bet on the fact that he is good. And this one is no exception. He has eight starts in eight extremely competitive races. He's won four of them and finished a close 2nd in two others. Comes into this race off of three consecutive wins with the most recent being the very high profile and competitive U.A.E. Derby. Handling the time change is usually the big problem for horses from Japan or the Middle East, so it will be interesting to see if he can clear that hurdle. If he can...look out!

ALWAYS DREAMING- Another well bred horse coming into the race with

three consecutive wins. He's raced five times and never been worst than 3rd. Doesn't hurt that he's trained by Todd

Pletcher, arguably one of the very best in the industry. Another that likes to run up front, but has shown the rare ability to finish with a strong punch after setting a fast pace.

GUNNEVERA- A horse with a modest pedigree trained by a 2nd tier trainer. He likes to run from the back of the pack and has managed four wins, two seconds, and a 3rd in nine career starts. A lot will have to go his way if he is to win, but fact of the matter is if it does go his way...he can win!

PRACTICAL JOKE- Very questionable pedigree for a race like this. However, you cannot deny that he belongs here with all six of his starts show him finishing no worse than 3rd. And...he is trained by Chad Brown, another of the sports icon trainers. Runs from off the pace and would need a lot to go right for him to be there at the end.

TAPWRIT- Another Pletcher trainer with great pedigree that gives him a license to win. Unfortunately, he has not lived up to expectations and has lost to a few of these in previous races. However, if Pletcher enters him it's because he has expectations of improvement. He doesn't waste time entering horses where they don't belong.

MALAGACY- Yet one more regally bred colt entered by the great Todd Pletcher for the big event. This one actually won his first three starts in style before falling flat and finishing 5th as the Arkansas Derby favorite...beaten soundly by Classic Empire. Was the loss a fluke, or a real chink in the armor? May 6th will answer that question.

HENCE- With only two wins in six

starts, one would question why he's even in the race. Well, his trainer, Steve Asmussen, is one of the best and does bring him in off of a dominating win in the Sunland Derby. This is a race that in retrospect has proven to be one of this year's strongest prep races, obviously a fact that has not escaped his trainer. He will be a longshot overlay, with a much better chance to win than his odds might project.

McCRAKEN- Good pedigree, 2nd tier trainer. He won his first four starts, took a two-month vacation and then finished 3rd in a race in which he clearly had a troubled trip. Another long shot that will perform better than his odds indicate.

So there you have it, a good look at one of the more deeply talented fields to ever fill the starting gate at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May. Anyone else in this race should be no more than an also ran.

So with such a deep field where do we put our money? For me there is no clear win bet to make. In fact, I think the best value will be in the triple (you must pick the order of finish of the top three horse in the race). Mine will be a multitude of combinations that look like this...

1st place- Classic Empire, McCracken, Always Dreaming

2nd place- Classic Empire, McCracken, Always Dreaming, Girvin, Hence, Thunder Snow

3rd place- Classic Empire, McCracken, Always Dreaming, Girvin, Hence, Thunder Snow, Irish War Cry

It will be a \$1 triple with 45 combinations that result in a cost of \$45.

Good luck!

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

Obituaries

Grace Ryan

Grace M. Ryan, of Homestead, Florida, formerly of Cortlandt, died April 19. She was 52.

She was born on June 11, 1964 in Yonkers, to Frank and Margaret F. Ryan of Cortlandt. She worked as an RN for many years at Skyview Nursing Home in Croton. She since relocated to Homestead, Florida where she resided ever since, except for a short period of time in Key West, Florida.

She is survived by her son, Ronald J. Dunwoody II; grandson, Ronald A. Dunwoody; her mother, Margaret Ryan of Yorktown Heights; siblings Marialice Ryan and Elizabeth Ryan DeBartolo; brother-in-law, Eric DiBartolo, Frank J.

Ryan III; sister-in-law Fawn Ryan; and niece and nephew, Christina and Robert Gianatasio.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Jessica Trice Community Health Center (Reeves), 2985 NW 54th Street, Miami, FL 33142, in memory of Grace Ryan, Att: Director: Mr. Njie.

A memorial visitation will be held at the Yorktown Funeral Home, 945 East Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588 on May 6, at 11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

Michael Sweeney

Michael Hugh Sweeney, of Clayton, NC, (formerly of Cary, NC and Surfside Beach, SC) and a Yorktown High School

graduate, died February 17, at the Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, NC, with his family by his side. He had fought a long courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born in New Rochelle on April 18, 1955, to Joseph Woods Sweeney, Jr. and Rita McCarren Sweeney. He was preceded in death by his father.

Growing up in Briarcliff and Yorktown Heights, he was a 1973 graduate of Yorktown High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1973 to 1975 and the Air Force Reserves from 1975 to 1979. He earned a BS in Business Administration from NC Wesleyan College in 1995.

He married Margaret (Peggy) Sweeney in Addison, NY on April 12, 1980. Mr. Sweeney was a proud employee of IBM for over 39 years. He started as a customer en-

gineer, worked in East Fishkill, Yorktown Heights, Endicott, Poughkeepsie and ended his career as a services manager for the Southeast Region in Raleigh, NC.

For many years, he volunteered his time as an Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 222 in Raleigh, NC. He was an avid carpenter, woodworker, craftsman and runner. Mike completed numerous marathons on the East Coast prior to his being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years; two sons: James Sweeney of New York, NY and Scott (Carolyn) Sweeney of Raleigh, NC; mother, Rita Sweeney of Belle Isle, FL; four brothers: Joseph (Phyllis) Sweeney of Monterey, CA, Patrick

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WCT Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Dedicates New Performance

"We have a home!" said Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) Executive Director Alan Lutwin as he, a group of WCT board members and several local officials erupted into applause and cheers at the theater company's official ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating its new 23 Water Street headquarters and performance space on Wednesday morning, April 26.

Ossining Village Mayor Victoria Gearity; Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg; Omar Herrera, legislative aide for County Legislator Catherine Borgia; and Ossining Chamber of Commerce President Gayle Marchica were among the officials and other community representatives who gathered to present proclamations and vigorously applaud the welcome addition to the arts in Ossining and Westchester.

Gearity thanked all "the brilliant and creative people here" for investing their talents in Ossining. She pointed out that the village made a text amendment to the zoning code to allow "the vision to become a reality" and that "The Village of Ossining is the only community in Westchester to enact a cultural arts policy to promote the arts and creativity in the village. Westchester Collaborative Theater's new home will fuel Ossining's creative spirit as well as our vibrant local economy!"

Levenberg, wife of WCT board member and playwright Stephen Hersh, noted that WCT is the only group in Westchester that produces only original works. "We're so proud of all the work you've done and look forward to all you're going to do now that you have a space that is truly yours!" said Levenberg.

Herrera, who proclaimed the day "Westchester Collaborative Theater Day" on behalf of the county said, "To have



Photo by Gregory Perry.

(L-R) Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg; WCT Board Member Robert Rogerson; WCT Executive Director Alan Lutwin; Ossining Chamber Board Member Harry Campbell; Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity; Ossining Chamber Board Member John Van Steen; Ossining Chamber President Gayle Marchica; WCT Board Member Stephen Hersh; WCT Board Member Michelle Concha; Legislative Aide Omar Herrera; WCT Board Member Sharon Rowe.

such a resource in Ossining is huge. The arts ...enrich everyone's lives. Ossining lives, breathes, thinks arts all the time – it's part of who we are."

Marchica congratulated all and noted that "this enclave is becoming a major hub for people to come to and enjoy the shows as well as the social life."

Lutwin explained the need for the space, "WCT has been a vagabond theater company for the past seven years, and now we have a home! We are so proud to

be part of the revitalization of downtown Ossining and are certain that we will grow and develop in concert with the community that surrounds us." He noted too that the versatile space is immensely flexible and can be easily converted from a theater to a cabaret allowing for multiple uses.

WCT board members present at the event included Michelle Concha, Robert Rogerson, Stephen Hersh and Sharon Rowe. WCT Artistic Director Karina

Ramsey was unable to attend.

Lutwin noted, "We expect to see audiences from all over the County as well as neighboring counties. It's an easy drive with ample parking evenings and weekends and the close proximity to the train station makes it a convenient trip from Manhattan and points north as well."

Concha said, "It's like a tree – this is our foundation and it is growing. This is for the community – they know where to

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Sweeney of Duxbury, MA, Sean Sweeney of Wayland, MA, Brian (Kathryn) Sweeney of Orlando, FL; brother -in-law, Pat (Bonnie) Halferty of Keuka Park, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

Sr. M. Antonia Maguire, FMSC

Sr. M. Antonia Maguire of the Holy Eucharist (Muriel Ann Maguire) joyfully entered into eternal life on April 25. She was 86.

Sister was born in New York City on March 12, 1931, graduated from PS 52, Cathedral High School and the New York Foundling Hospital School for Infants' Nurses. Before entering the Franciscan Sisters on September 8, 1957, she

worked at the Foundling Hospital and then in the newborn nursery at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. After her profession in 1959, Sister received a BA in Philosophy from Laddycliff College (Cum Laude) an MS in Counseling from Fordham University, and completed the Archdiocesan Training Program in Spiritual Direction and Religious Counseling.

Sister taught various grades at Assumption School in Peekskill, and science at the St. Joseph's branch of Cathedral High School in NYC. She served as Vocation Directress from 1969-1971 and Directress of the Juniorate and then was the Guidance Counselor for the Catholic Schools in the Peekskill area. In 1973, she began volunteering at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, where she eventually ministered as the Catholic Chaplain at Bedford Hills, Taconic, and Sing

Sing. She was the first woman Catholic Chaplain in Prison Ministry in the state of New York, a ministry which became the heart and soul of her Gospel living. In 1985, she was the initiator of the establishment of the Gift of Love, working with Cardinal O'Connor and Mother Teresa in opening this wonderful hospice for people with AIDS. From 1996-2007 Antonia served on Governor Pataki's AIDS Council to help bring about changes from all suffering from the disease. After retiring from her Prison Ministry in 2015, Sister served as Provincial Secretary for her Religious Community until two days before her passing.

Arthur Margro

Arthur Margro, of New City, NY and former teacher in the Ossining School Dis-

trict, died peacefully April 24. He was 92.

He was born on January 2, 1925. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Marine Corps. Mr. Margro was a graduate of Notre Dame. He obtained his doctorate degree and taught in the Nanuet school district and then Ossining school district for over 30 years. He was president of the Teacher's Union, and was voted teacher of the year.

He is survived by his three sisters, Antoinette Lea, Marie Quail, and Lucille Rapeleye, and one brother Alfred Margro. He is also survived by his niece and goddaughter, Virginia Lea, and nephews Michael and Richard Lea. Surviving also are his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, too numerous to mention. He was predeceased by six brothers. He was a friend to many and loved by all. But most of all his family will miss the Sunday tradition of his spaghetti and meatballs.

Cortlandt Community Coalition Annual Report

The Cortlandt Community Coalition continues to lead the town's efforts in preventing underage drinking and drug use, while monitoring trends and providing access to experts so parents and teens can make informed and healthy choices.

The Coalition accomplishes its mission by presenting topical seminars, training classes, and public information campaigns, and by supporting signature initiatives in the schools.

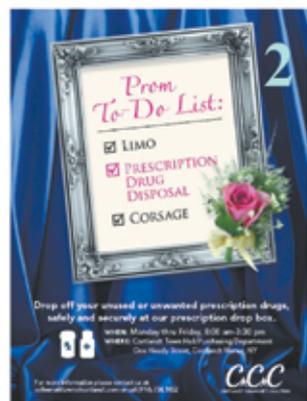
Student survey results conducted for the Coalition between 2009 and 2015 indicate that youth tobacco and alcohol use have decreased, but following steady declines in marijuana use, there is now an increase in marijuana use.

- **30 day alcohol use declined 14%**
- **Binge drinking declined 17%**
- **Cigarette use declined 48%**
- **Marijuana use increased 25%**



The Coalition presented public service campaigns aimed at providing parents and teens with factual information that can be used to make informed choices about drugs and alcohol. In working with a neighboring Coalition, the Cortlandt Community Coalition took a series of print comic strips that used humor to convey the importance of not using marijuana. Cortlandt animated the comic strips, adding motion and voices, which were played at the local movie theater and on cable television.

In another outreach campaign, the Coalition reminded parents and students



in print ads of the dangers of drugs and alcohol use during milestone events like prom, the holidays, and graduation.

The Coalition also presents forums, featuring experts in their respective fields who can

provide answers and address concerns. The Coalition sponsored two such forums in the past 12 months including "Power Hour Exchange: The New Face of Heroin." The forum's focus was on the four most misused prescription medications, the short- and long-term effects of misuse, and risk factors for student athletes. The program took place at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library to a standing room only crowd.

Later in the year, the Coalition presented "Doing Our PART for Teens," focusing on resources for prevention, addiction, recovery and treatment. Experts in each respective field were on hand to answer any questions following their presentations.

The Coalition is also active in the Hendrick Hudson and Lakeland Schools. In an effort to inform students about the Good Samaritan Law, the Coalition printed and distributed cards explaining that students are protected by the law if they call 911 to get help for someone suffering from an apparent overdose.

Another education/informational card which was created by Blue Mountain Middle School students in the SADD club was also printed and distributed by the Coalition. The card contains instructions on what to do if a fellow

student is suffering from alcohol poisoning. The card also lists a variety of helpful telephone numbers for drug assistance services, taxi cabs, LGBTQ help line, and more.

In an effort to remind parents and kids each and every day about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, the Coalition created a 2016 calendar featuring original artwork from the winning entries of an anti-drug and alcohol poster contest. Middle school students were honored and their artwork featured at a public ceremony.



Photos: Screen shot of animated comic strip. 2. Prom ad. 3. Power Hour Exchange . 4 PART poster. 5. Good Samaritan card. 6. Sup. Linda Puglisi poses with student artists who created artwork for the calendar.



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Experts Outline Challenges Ahead with Indian Point Closure

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land and 1% to Westchester County.

"We didn't get the memo," a still irritated Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi remarked at the meeting about being blindsided. "We're all in this together. We're trying to think of anything we can do."

Cortlandt receives approximately \$800,000 annually from Entergy. The Cortlandt Town Board voted earlier this year to set aside \$100,000 from the town's reserve fund to start planning for the loss in revenue.

State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D/Ossining) noted lawmakers in Albany established a reserve fund of \$40 million but that pot of money is available for all municipalities throughout the state experiencing financial hardship.

"This fund is intended to tie everything over," Galef said.

Stromsten said even though the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with oversee Indian Point's exit as an operating entity, the federal government has no policy regarding closure of nuclear power plants.

"The NRC closes power plants by running its regulatory script in reverse," she said. "We don't have top-down planning in this country."

Reuse of the site, which sits on the edge of the Hudson River in the Village of Buchanan, is a key that the task force must focus on, Stromsten stressed. Spent fuel rods that will remain on the property in dry cask storage could become hurdle in the redevelopment of the land, said Jonathan Cooper, research director for the institute, which is located in Massachusetts.

Yorktown Farmers Market Saturdays at JV Mall

The Yorktown Farmers Market is being held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September 16 in the parking lot of the Jefferson Valley Mall.

A list of vendors can be found at www.yorktownfarmersmarket.com and a different local charity takes center stage each week to fundraise and publicize their cause. Goods sold by vendors include: produce; dairy and meats; cheese; pickles; baked goods; spices, sauces and condiments; beverages; and natural bath products.

The market is run by the non-profit organization, Maize Market Management, in conjunction with the Jefferson Valley Mall.

"It's a critical resource that you have to fight for your community," Stromsten said. "It's a long game."

Entergy is scheduled to appear before the task force May 18 at Cortlandt Town Hall. On May 31, also in Cortlandt, the first New York State Task Force meeting regarding Indian Point's departure will be chaired by the Public Service Commission. Both meetings are open to the public.

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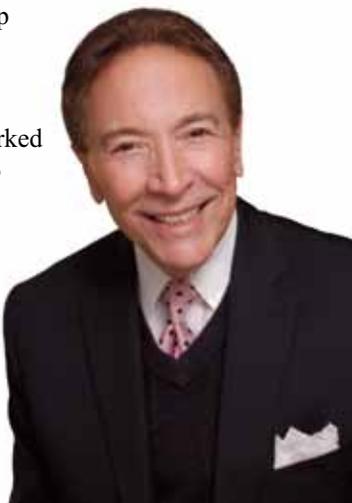
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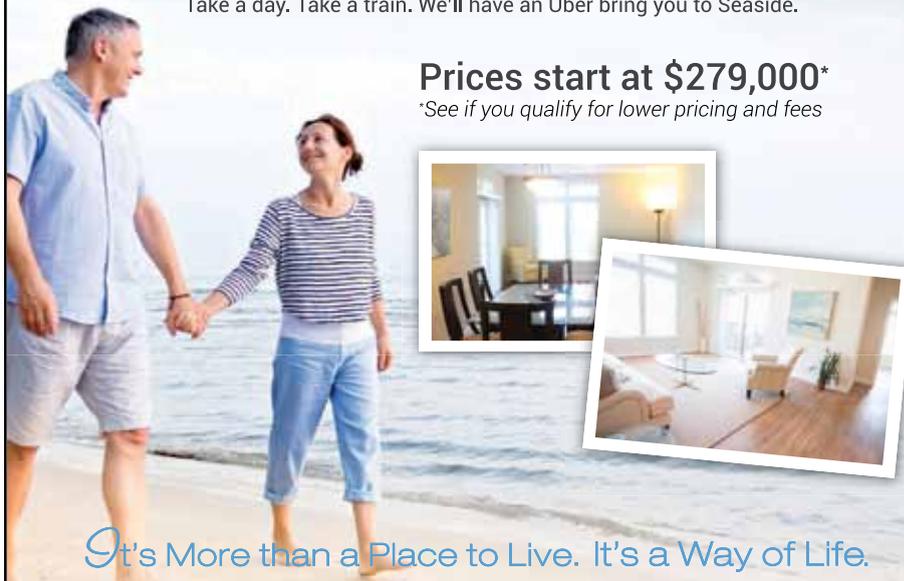
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Champion Boxer Offers Advice to Youngsters at Peekskill Gym

By Anna Young

World champion boxer "Brooklyn" Keith Mullings visited Be First Boxing recently, sharing stories and offering tips and words of advice to youth boxers, and emphasizing the importance of education, commitment and never giving up.

During the hour session, Mullings, who is also one of the founders of the Peekskill gym, shared stories of his journey from the streets of Brooklyn to the boxing ring while showing the young boxers a few special techniques.

"You may get knocked down, but the key is to get back up," Mullings told the group. "If you always do your best, no matter what the outcome, you may be disappointed but you can rebound a lot better and you could feel good about yourself because you gave your best."

Mullings stressed the importance of putting education before sports, adding how boxing will benefit their lives by improving their sense of discipline, determination and temperament while giving them confidence to believe in themselves and walk away from any altercation.

"We help a lot of kids here and sometimes I don't want them going into the sport of boxing, what I want for them is to gain discipline," Mulling said. "If you are smart, that will take you further than boxing ever will. That means more to me than any gig that can win you a world title."

West Artrope, Director of Be First Boxing, said it's a privilege when Mullings visits the gym, explaining that coaching skills has a positive effect on the young boxers.

"Not only is he a superior fighter, his whole persona is really great," Astrope said. "Not all boxers know how to bring themselves to the kid's level to benefit them and teach them."

Mullings, who resides in Fayetteville, North Carolina, said despite the distance he visits the gym periodically to help the staff and show his support to anyone

who walks through the doors of the non-profit gym.

"I think in my life, I always wanted somebody to be there for me and support me and encourage me," Mulling said. "When I did have that, even in the smallest piece, I know what it did for my life. So if I could give that support to someone else, then it's worthwhile to be a part of something good."

Keith Mullings (in the middle with his hands up) and Director of Be First Boxing, West Artrope, (to his right) pose with youngsters at gym.



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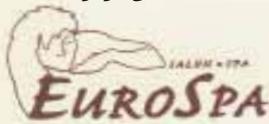
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Dr. Cotrone will draw on his own doctoral research on The Relationship Between Academic Stress and School Culture, as Soundview is set to introduce the Flexible Support Center (FSC) in the fall of 2017. "The FSC is going to be one of the first of its kind, and will help Soundview students with strategies for organizational skills, writing, note taking, homework and study skills," Dr. Cotrone said. "Further, as we all understand the connection between emotional well-being and academic progress, the FSC will not only help students as learners, but it will also improve their overall confidence." Dr. Cotrone welcomes questions about the FSC and can be reached at (914) 962-2780 x 111.

Before coming to Soundview, Dr. Cotrone served as Assistant Principal at Byram Hills High School in Armonk for six years. Prior to that, he was the English Department Chair of the Glen Cove Public School District, and an English teacher at public and Catholic middle and high schools in Eastchester and the Bronx. He received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Manhattanville College, and holds an MA in Teaching from Manhattanville and a BA in Lit-

erature and Rhetoric from Binghamton University.

"I look forward to working collaboratively to lead Soundview forward," Dr. Cotrone said. "This includes some very dynamic plans for our next stage of growth. Our longer-term goals include expanded course and technology upgrades, hiring of additional faculty and construction of a new Fine Arts Center and Gymnasium."

About Soundview Preparatory School
Soundview Preparatory School is an independent college preparatory school

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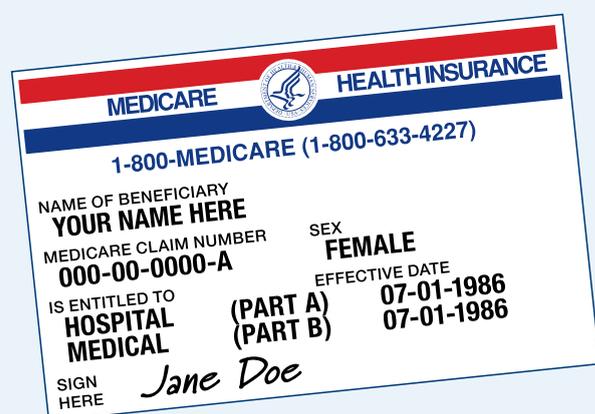
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Tuesday, May 2

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.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relation-

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Wednesday, May 3

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Somers Library Programs: A series of programs have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. It's Your Move will be held on Thursdays May 4-25 from 12:30-2 p.m. Yoga can help you manage stress while increasing your strength and flexibility. This accessible four-week yoga program includes seated or chair poses for individuals with a mobility disability. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Hemmingway in Paris will be held on May 5 at 1 p.m. Learn the places that Hemingway frequented in Paris, such as La Closerie des Lilas, the café where he wrote his masterpiece, "The Sun Also Rises," in a coffee fueled six-week sprint. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. The Teen Cupcake Challenge will be held on May 6 at 2 p.m. As teams, teens will compete against others to create a great tasting, perfectly presented cupcake. Of course, the cupcake decorators will have challenges like themes and secret ingredients to make everything just a little more interesting. This program is for teens/tweens in grades 5 & up. Space is limited, please register on our online events calendar (www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Our programs are funded by the Friends of the Somers Library through your donations.

Friday, May 5

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Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services 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. During the month of February, Rabbi Sternstein will introduce a siddur called Siddur Eit Ratzon, which is filled with modern translation, transliteration, meditation and commentaries. It is designed to work for the traditional "davener" who is familiar with Hebrew text and for those who want to join in communally sung parts. Siddur

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Litter. Littering. Litterbug.

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I regret that I was unable to participate in my town's annual clean-up on Earth Day because of a bad back. What's more regrettable is that any of us must compensate for others' disregard for our environment.

The issue of litter and its relation to the real estate business became abundantly clear to me on one occasion when I was driving to a house showing on a rather busy street. The young couple I was accompanying told me to cancel the appointment even before seeing the property. I thought the reason may have been that they preferred a quieter street. But that was not the issue.

"I can't live on a street where people just let litter lie there like that," the wife said. "Does the whole town have so little respect for the environment?"

I don't know how extensive the research is, but Keep America Beautiful, an organization dedicated to stop littering and recycling, tells us that houses for sale

in littered neighborhoods usually don't get the best prices, and littered towns have less chance of attracting new businesses, residents and tourists.

Because I owned a property for many years that was surrounded on three sides by roads, two of which were relatively busy, I believe that I am somewhat of an expert on road litter.

What people discard from their cars or as pedestrians shows something about how they live. While the major offending throw-away in the '70s was cigarette butts, I find that today it is mostly cups from slush machines, plastic containers for bottled water and beer cans.

I think there must be a lot of overweight litterbugs out there because most of the packaging materials I pick up are either from McDonald's or Burger King.

The frustrating thing is that only twice did I actually see someone discard litter from a car. I suspect most litterers must check first to make sure that nobody is looking or they rid themselves of the refuse of their gustatory speers in the dead of night when most of us are fast asleep.



By Bill Primavera

Keep America Beautiful also tells us that 75 percent of Americans admit to littering within the past five years. (I'm in the 25 percent of those who never litter, and I'm sure you are too.)

We are also told that most litter offenders are males 18 to 34 years old who eat in fast food restaurants at least twice a week, go out for entertainment at least once a week and drive more than 50 miles a day. So, while we may never catch them, we know a little more about them.

To help individuals, most towns have a clean-up day at least once a year, usually around Earth Day. When I checked with Kim Angliss-Gage, who's in charge of refuse and recycling in my hometown of Yorktown, I learned that our town picked up more than 10 tons of roadside litter last season.

While most towns have codes that classify littering as illegal and impose fines for businesses or individuals, do you know anyone who has ever been fined for littering?

The two times that I caught litterers in the act proved quite interesting.

The first time, I saw a young man at a stoplight throw out a large soda cup, still filled with ice. I pulled alongside the offender, rolled down my window and, perhaps venting years of frustration in not catching anybody in the act, I shouted, "Pig!" His equally gruff response to me is

unprintable for a family newspaper.

But just recently, I had a better experience as a litter vigilante. Again, I saw a young man in front of me toss out a wrapper of some kind from his car window, and again I was able to pull alongside the car. With the kind of moderation that comes with the years, this time I said, "You know, it would be really nice if you didn't throw your trash on the road." This young man, obviously embarrassed, said sheepishly, "I'm sorry, sir," and got out of his car to retrieve it.

From what I've observed along the roads, I was thinking that littering has lessened somewhat in the past decade, but Angliss-Gage assures me that it's as prevalent as ever.

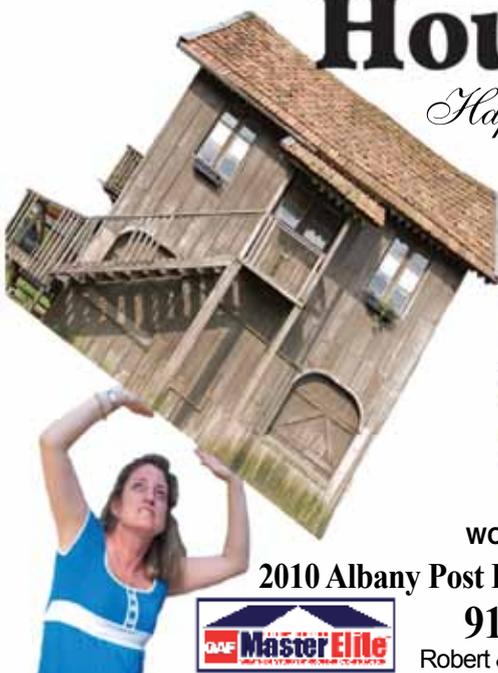
"It's just that we have more knights in orange vests who help us out in picking up litter throughout the year," she said.

I know that I always did this around my property and am thankful for all the others who do the same.

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10. It’s a free country
11. J.F.K. overseer
12. Civil war general
13. Charity event
15. Gal
16. Preventer of photographic glare
18. Overwhelms
20. Ice great who played for Boston
21. Sondheim character
22. Wealthy sultanate
23. Heavy metal rock?
24. Property claims
25. Donations to this Baldwin Place outlet will give you this feeling
27. Beekeeper’s prefix
28. Conserve resources by reusing them
32. Was in front
33. Title in Turkey
34. Deep sleep state
35. Infomercials
36. Fountain ___

37. Greek cross

DOWN

1. Nickname
2. Function
3. Grandmother
4. Step on some toes
5. Peekskill Lumber yard
6. Takes in
7. Unsuccessful challenger
8. Makes a bull less dangerous
9. Good one for a Scout
14. Sidestepped
17. Plain
18. Back down
19. Doughnut shaped objects
22. “The Wizard of Oz” prop
24. City in Belgium
25. Big-time celebration
26. Enfold
29. Flat-screen predecessor, for short
30. Field
31. Walking bird

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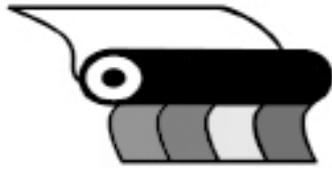
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in a report adopted by the AFPB, and any other proposed modifications submitted in writing to the Board during the comment period. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2017 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. Please contact the Board of Legislators at (914) 995-2800 if you require special arrangements for access to the public hearing. The Westchester County Agricultural District consists of a total of 7,504 acres of land within the following municipalities (listed in order of the amount of farmland in each): Town of North Salem (3,770 acres), Town of Bedford (1,001 acres), Town of Somers (980 acres), Town of Yorktown (648 acres), Town of Mount Pleasant (384 acres), Town of Cortlandt (353 acres), Village of Sleepy Hollow (222 acres), Town of Lewisboro (146 acres). Modifications to the agricultural district proposed by the AFPB consist of the addition of County-owned agriculturally related parcels of land and additional parcels of land as described in the AFPB report. Copies of the AFPB report, a list and map of farms proposed to be included in the district and modifications proposed by the public are available on the County website at www.westchestergov.com and at the Department of Planning, Room 432 of the Michaelian Office Building, located at **148 Martine Avenue in White Plains and the Office of the County Clerk. For more information, visit the County website or contact David Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, at (914) 995-2089 or dsk2@westchestergov.com.**

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC, a foreign limited liability company ("LLC") Cert. of Formation filed with Sect'y of State of DE, Div. of Corps., PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903 on 3/7/2014. Cert. of Authority filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/16. 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: David B. Petshaft, P.C. 222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605 **Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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Investigation Underway in Murder of Woman in Mahopac

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Police currently have the road blocked off asking for proof of residency before allowing cars to enter the private community. The street will remain closed until police are done processing the crime scene, Cazzari said.

The New York State Police, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and the Putnam County Attorney's Office are assisting Carmel police in the investigation.

As of Monday afternoon, no arrest had been made or publicly announced.

"We are running down every possible lead, there's nothing that isn't under consideration," Cazzari said Friday. "We had blood hounds and canines checking the entire neighborhood, investigators have gone door-to-door looking for leads, interviewing everyone they possibly can and canvassing until we have this solved."

While police refuse to divulge any additional information, Cazzari insists there is no threat to the community.

The investigation took a turn to West Harrison in Westchester County where

Carmel Police Lt. John Dearman said police were there to follow up on leads uncovered during the probe, according to The Journal News. A home was searched and a car was towed away in West Harrison Saturday night.

The Mahopac Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dennis Creedon sent an email to community members Friday expressing condolences to the Buffone family, who he said Gatchalian lived with and helped care for her three grandchildren.

It's unclear if any of Gatchalian's grandchildren or other relatives go to Mahopac schools.

"Please keep the Buffone family in your thoughts and prayers in their time of grief," Creedon said. "This shocking trauma will weigh upon their hearts for many years."

The police department is asking that anyone who may have information in connection with the incident contact the detective division at Carmel Police Department at 845-628-1300. All calls will be kept strictly confidential.

WCT Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Dedicates New Performance

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Rogerson said, "This will be the core of everything – the shell has cracked and it's just starting to grow."

Lutwin noted that WCT has already booked varied performing arts events over the next few months and is available for future dates. Visit the website to contact the theater for booking info.: www.wctheater.org

About the WCT Performance Space
The black box performance space located across the street from the Ossining train station and close to the downtown area in the Harbor Square area offers a venue not only for WCT mainstage theater productions and readings, but also for performing artists of varied genres in music, dance and the spoken word throughout the lower Hudson Valley.

Previously housing a cabinet-making factory, the space has been fully renovated throughout the past year and transformed into an intimate performing arts space that has retained much of its original "industrial" look. The new home to all WCT theater performances and other events,

the performance space will also be available to local artists, musicians, and other theater groups throughout the Lower Hudson Valley for year-round entertainment. Acting and improv classes will begin later in the year. Area residents may also rent the space for private functions.

About Westchester Collaborative Theater

Westchester Collaborative Theater is a multicultural, cooperative theater company located in Ossining, NY, dedicated to developing new work for the stage and bringing live theater to the community. It is comprised of local playwrights, actors, and directors who employ a Lab approach in which new stage works are nurtured through an iterative process of readings, critiques, and rewrites. When work is ready for production, it is produced for the public at its theater space.

WCT is committed to furthering theater arts in our community. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and a recipient of production grants from ArtsWestchester and New York State Council on the Arts.

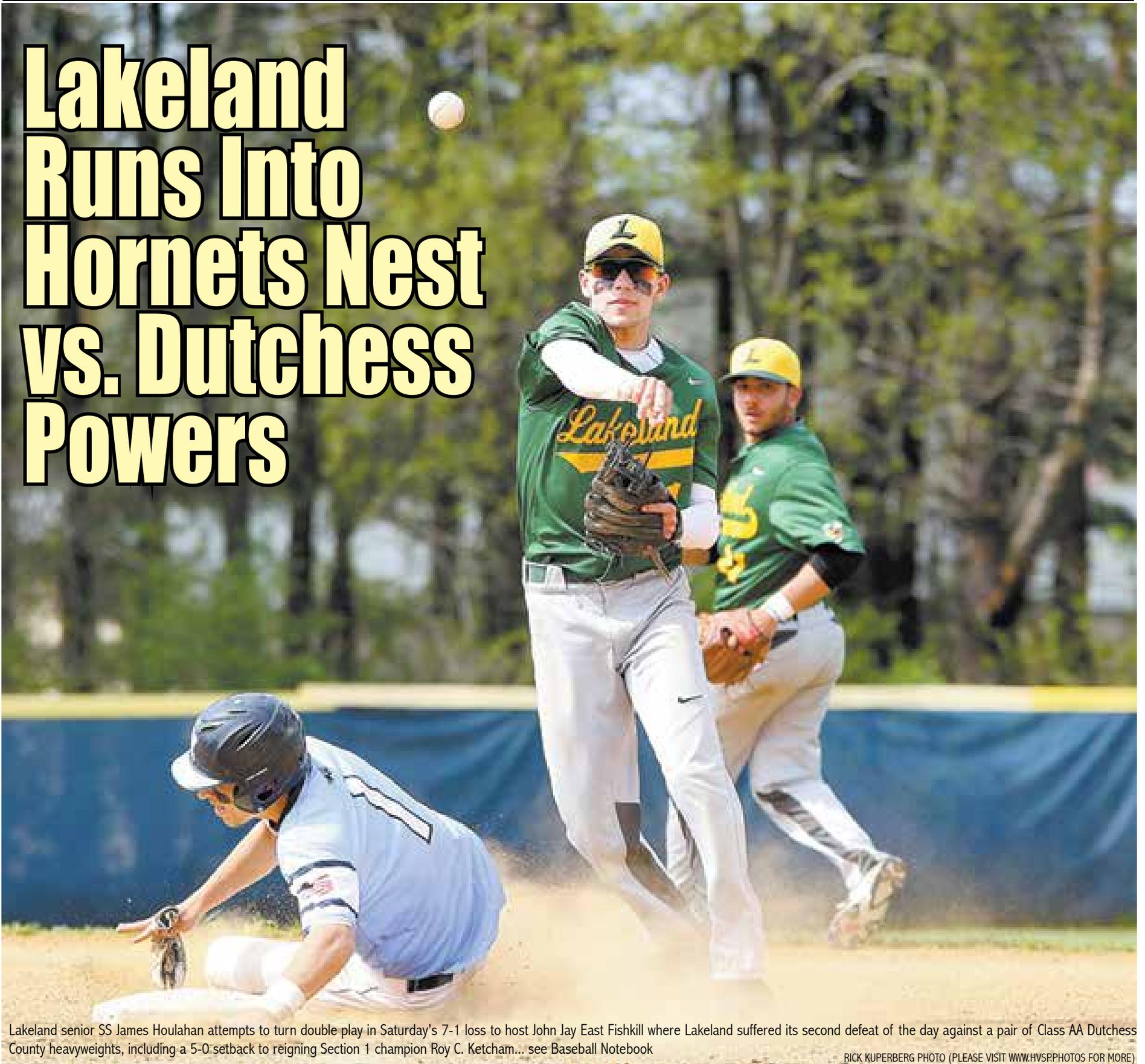
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SPORTS SECTION

Lakeland Runs Into Hornets Nest vs. Dutchess Powers



Lakeland senior SS James Houlahan attempts to turn double play in Saturday's 7-1 loss to host John Jay East Fishkill where Lakeland suffered its second defeat of the day against a pair of Class AA Dutchess County heavyweights, including a 5-0 setback to reigning Section 1 champion Roy C. Ketcham... see Baseball Notebook

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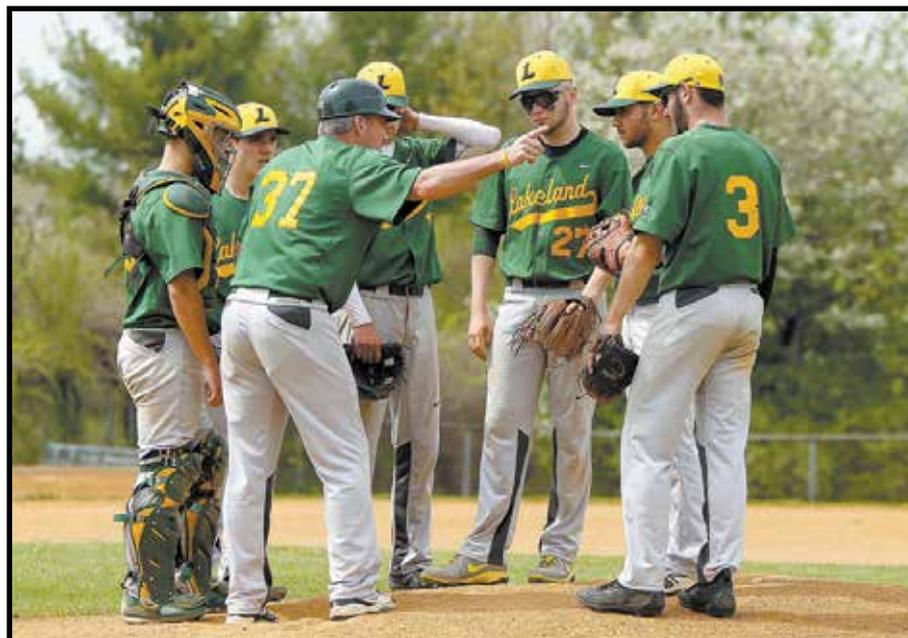
Lakeland, Yorktown Set to Clash in Sorrentino Cup Game *Surging Mahopac Sweeps RCK, Preps for John Jay EF Showdown*

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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We have seen, over the course of time, where memorial tournaments flame out over a lack of interest or just lack of effort in sustaining the memory of those we love. Over time, it gets more and more burdensome for school districts to keep the memory alive.

But that'll likely never happen to the Sorrentino Cup game, which will be contested by host Yorktown and crosstown rival Lakeland for the 36th time on Saturday, May 6th, with first pitch at 1:00 p.m. There is such a great history to this game, which is played in honor of former Husker, Joe Sorrentino, who passed away in 1981 but remains a fond memory each and every May to those who play the game and those who loved the former star pitcher.

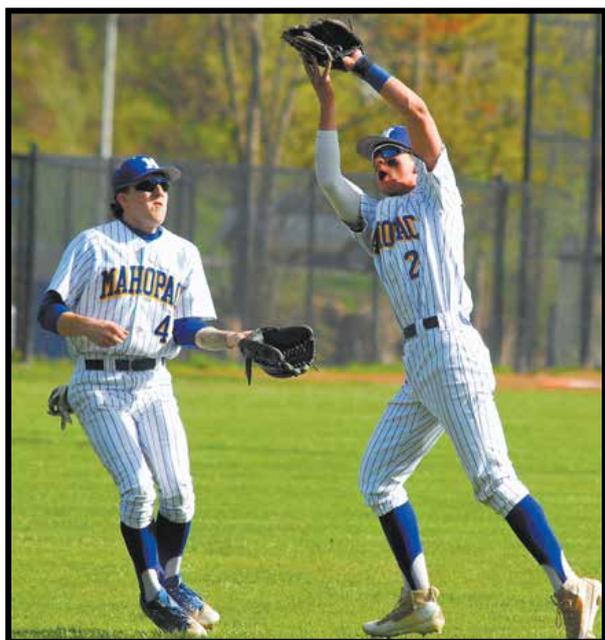
Yorktown has pretty much owned Lakeland in recent years, winning 12 of



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS
Lakeland Coach Bill Casey tries to point visiting Hornets in right direction during their 7-1 loss to Class AA heavyweight John Jay EF last Saturday.



Mahopac junior Ryan Bloomer takes rip in 2-0 win over RCK.



Mahopac SS Pat McGee makes nice grab as LF Dylan Brehm backs up in 2-0 win over RCK last Friday.

has taken on a leadership role as well, taking young studs Evan Berta and Joey Vetrano – pair of good-looking lefty hurlers – under his wing. Vetrano hits bombs, too.

If Lakeland can get off the “Sorrentino Schneid” next Saturday, the Hornets could start a new trend; maybe even start to own Yorktown for a bit. But that won't happen unless the Hornets, who were off and running at 5-1 before Saturday, can get things going again this week. Lakeland met its match Saturday in a pair of losses to Dutchess County powers John Jay

EF, who won 7-1, and reigning Class AA champ RCK, who laid a 5-0 beating on the Hornets.

Lakeland Coach Bill Casey knows his team lost to two of the top programs in the section, but would have liked to have scratched out more than one run in the two games and just two runs in the last three...

MAHOPAC looks hot to trot after sweeping reigning Section 1 Class AA champion RCK last week. The Indians broke out the broom after last Wednesday's

7-6 win over host Roy C. Ketcham before Friday's 2-0 shutout behind lefty John Ravoli's two-hitter.

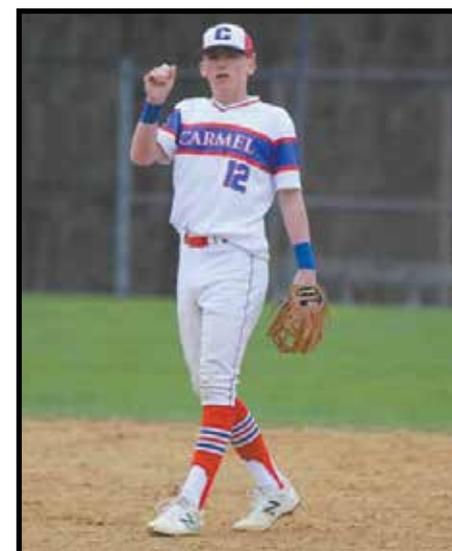
Ravoli (3 K's) spotted his fastball and pumped a dirty change-up en route to the tribe's ninth-straight win.

“Ravoli spun us a gem,” Mahopac Coach Chris Miller said.

Mahopac 1B Matteo Avallone had the game's lone RBI, an insurance run in the sixth. Steven Daly singled and scored the Indians' other run, crossing on a throwing error in the fourth. Indian Anthony Simeone stroked a pair of singles and



Mahopac junior IF Anthony Simeone chugs home with winning run in 2-0 win over RCK last Friday.



Carmel IF Kyle Shilling's Rams are better than their current 4-8 record would indicate.

scored a run to cap a great series.

In the previous win over RCK, Indian P Simeone allowed three runs and four hits through five solid frames innings of work before turning it over to reliever Mark Trio, who worked the last 1-1/3rd to chalk up the save. Trailing 1-0, the Indians put up for in the third and another in the fourth to take a 5-1 lead. However, four Mahopac errors and six walks opened the flood gates and allowed RCK to score five in the sixth before Trio put out the fire.

Simeone added an RBI, Chris Montuoro went 2 for 2 with a walk, a double, a run and a ribbie, and Matt Montera went 2 for 3 with a double, triple and two runs scored for the Indians (11-2), who have won eight straight. Ryan Bloomer doubled home a run.

The Indians, winners of 10-straight

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Baseball Notebook

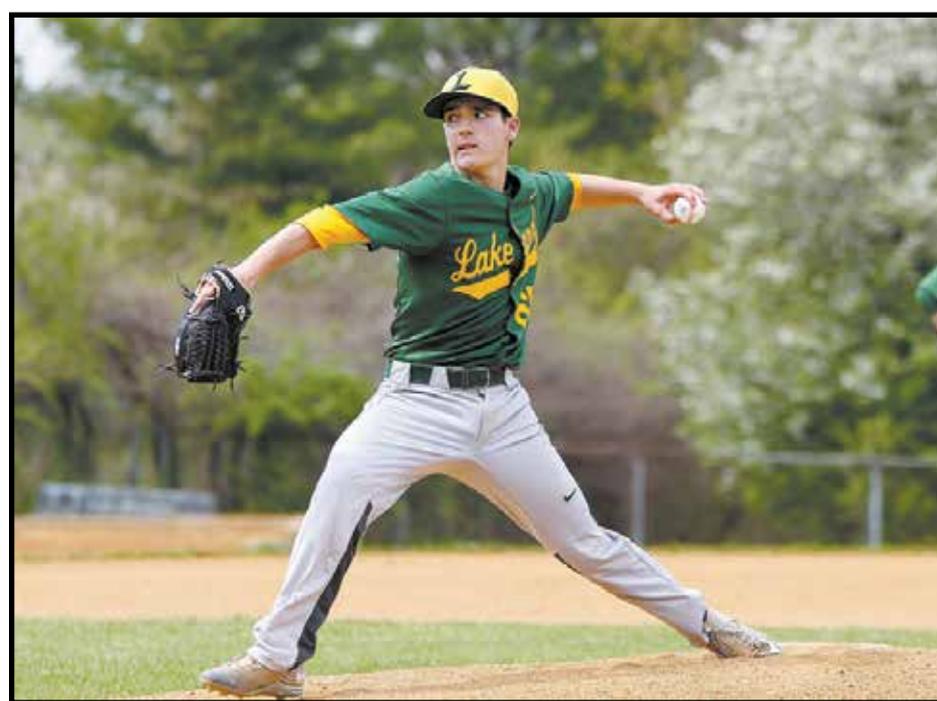
game and the current No.3 seed in Class AA, kept the mojo rolling in Saturday's 3-0 win over defending NYS Class C champion North Salem, in which P Brian Murry fired a five-hit, seven whiff gem. Murry had little to no wiggle room, as the Indians had just two hits against Tigers' ace Connor Mahoney, including Montuoro's RBI single. Tom Krasniqi added an RBI for the Indians, who are getting timely hits, clean fielding and top-notch pitching; just like they did when they repeated as Section 1 champs in 1997 during the Chris Tantalos era, the last of their five titles under former boss Frank Miele.

The Indians now turn their attention to what could be a wild home-and-home series with mighty John Jay EF (10-1) this week (Tuesday at home and Thursday). There's a league title on the line and then some.

"This has been an awesome ride,"



Lakeland senior 3B Kevin Croce takes rip in Hornets' 7-1 loss to John Jay EF Saturday.



Lakeland freshman hurler Evan Berta fires pitch in loss to John Jay EF Saturday.



Mahopac Manager Chris Miller, who chalked up win No.100 recently, feels a good vibe coming out of Indian Country.

Mahopac senior SS Pat McGee said, "and we have seen some good pitchers in the last five games, especially, and we have been able to hit them and find ways to

The Rams also lost 2-1 to the Patriots, proving they can hang with anyone in the section.

score runs. With that being said, we have the confidence we need for the upcoming John Jay series and are very excited to go play them. We think those could be two of the best games all year."

So does anybody paying any attention to Section 1 baseball...

CARMEL is pretty good for a 5-8 team. If one needs proof: Coach Joe Hackert's Rams split with Mahopac a few weeks back and just recently had top-ranked John Jay EF on the ropes until the Patriots pulled off a late rally, scoring six runs in the seventh, for an 8-4 win.

Earlier in the week, the Rams defeated **YORKTOWN**, 7-6, erasing a 6-2 deficit with five runs in the sixth to minimize a four-RBI effort from Husker Tom Cole.

The Huskers (4-8) also lost 2-0 to Class C Valhalla in extra innings, so they've got some work to do here as we hit the midpoint...

So **PUTNAM VALLEY**'s 6-2 win over Keio got our attention. With wins in three of the last four, Coach Joe Natalie's Tigers (5-4) are seemingly back in business. However, the Tigers were swept

by a good North Salem club, including a 3-1 loss last Saturday on the road. Chris Crawford went 2 for 3 with an RBI, but the Tigers couldn't do much else. PV also creamed Palisades Prep, 13-0, behind a three RBI effort from Brian McBride, who had two hits and two runs as well.

The most impressive deal of the week for the Tigers was the win over Keio, in which RHP and captain John Rainieri worked 6-1/3rd for the win. The 'Bulldog' sent nine Unicorns (8-6) in search of pine via K-way and allowed just two hits. He

also had three hits and two runs to support his own cause, which wasn't aided by the Tigers' defense, which committed a ghastly six errors and still survived. Sophomore John Millicker got the final two outs for the save and Ben D'Adonna did the damage at the dish, going 2 for 3 with two RBI and a run. Just don't know if the Tigers will hit enough this year to seriously contend in Class B, despite their current No.4 seed, which is actually ahead of No.5 **CROTON** (7-6), which needs to right its ship after a recent rough patch...

After a sterling 9-0 start, **HEN HUD** cooled down with consecutive losses to Beacon (3-0 and 10-2) and Rye (5-4 loss). Dan Weimer (2-3, run, HR, 2B, 2 RBI) had a day against the Garnets but the rest of the Sailors, not so much. Weimer had the Sailors' only hit in a 3-0 loss to Beacon, who handed the Sailors their hide.

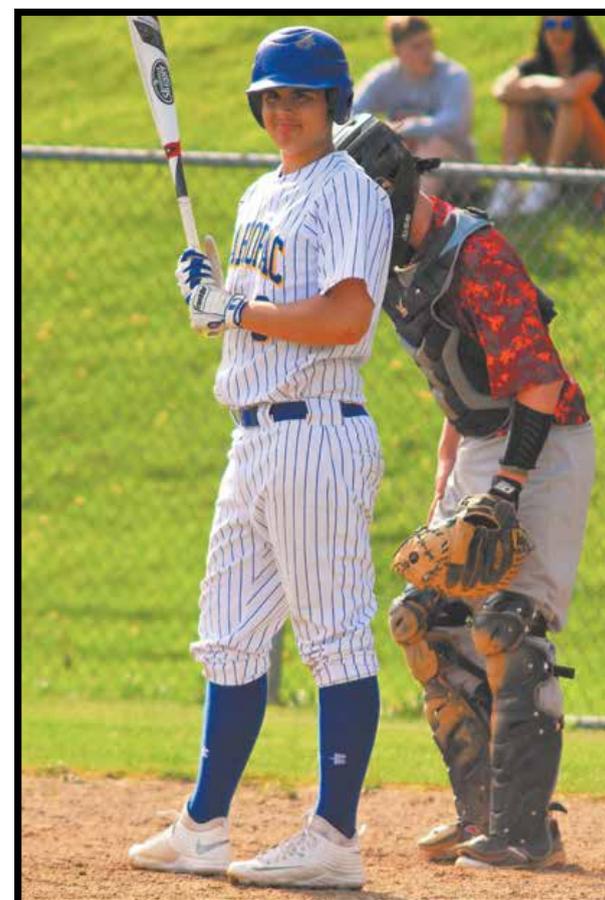
"It was an old fashioned butt-kicking," Sailor Coach Dutch Pritts admitted.

The Class A Sailors (9-3) are currently looking at the No.4 seed, behind No.3 Beacon, No.2 Rye and No.1 Pearl River...

Starting to think **BREWSTER** (2-8) is planning this dismal start, so they can get another No.17-ish kind of seed they need to do what they did last year, which was run the post-season table all the way to the finals. Actually, we're seriously concerned about the 2016 Section 1 Class A runner-ups. What gives, Brew Crew?



Mahopac lefty John Ravoli fires pitch in complete game, two-hit, shutout win over defending Section 1 Class AA champ RCK last Friday.



Mahopac captain Matteo Avallone has six doubles, six RBI and hits to tune of .300 for surging Indians.

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Girls LAX Notebook

Somers Fends off Challenges from Mahopac, Brewster

By Tony Pinciario

MAHOPAC and BREWSTER thought they had SOMERS right where they wanted the Tuskers. However, it ignited a fire under Somers and the Tuskers took off from those respective points.

Somers took control in both games and went on to a 16-9 victory over Mahopac and a 15-9 triumph of Brewster. The Tuskers closed out their week with a tough 10-9 loss to perennial Section 1 Class A power Suffern as the Mounties scored with 15 seconds remaining in the game.

"In the second part of the first half and throughout the rest of the game, we were working together, moving the ball, finishing our opportunities when we had them and getting back on defense," said Livy Rosenzweig, who had seven goals and three assists. "Jess Monaco, our goalie, made a lot of great saves. When she makes some crazy saves, it hypes us up and makes wants to score for her, as a credit to everything she's doing for us."

Somers and Mahopac were even at 2-2



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers senior M Livy Rosenzweig wins faceoff as Brewster's Megan Beal contends in Tuskers' 15-9 win over Bears.

before the Tuskers reeled off four-straight goals. The Tuskers outscored the Indians, 11-3 in the second half.

Hannah Tiso finished with three goals, Lauren Colavito added two and Emma Kittredge had one goal and two assists.

Somers and feisty Brewster were all even at 6-6 at halftime. During halftime, Rosenzweig and her teammates realized what adjustments were needed in the second half to beat an up-and-coming Bears' team.

"We knew Brewster was going to be a good team and they have a really talented freshman goalie," said Rosenzweig, who will attend Loyola University in Maryland in the fall and play lacrosse. "We needed

to think about our shot selection instead of just shooting. She was really athletic so we felt we needed to fake her out and get her to move more, laterally. In the second half, we started to win some more draws and Jess had another amazing game."

Even though Suffern shocked Somers with the late, game-winning goal, the Tuskers came away with a good feeling. And, Somers is looking forward to playing the Mounties again, Tuesday.

"It hurt, a little, losing, but it's a credit to them, knowing how good they are and how strong their program is," Rosenzweig said. "You have to have a short memory about it. Knowing that we didn't play our best and lost by one is good. We know what we have to do differently

and we know we can play better. If we do, the outcome will be good."

Teagan Lucchese led Somers with six goals and Rosenzweig added four goals and six assists. Sophia Fiorino contributed two goals and one assist and Jess Monaco made nine saves.

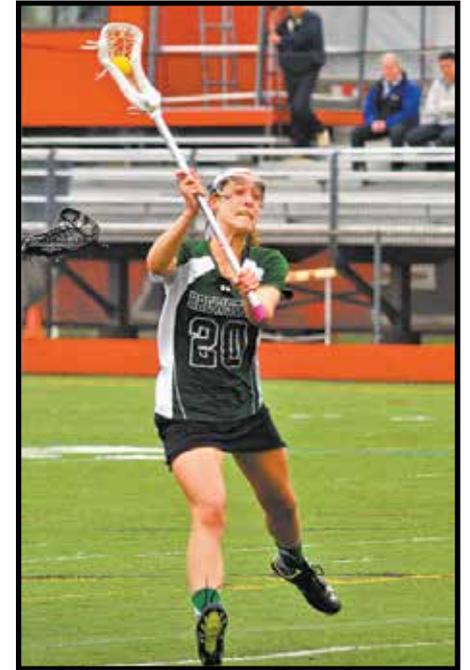
The Tuskers are currently 7-2 with two weeks remaining in the regular season. Despite the graduation departures, the Tuskers are still among Section 1's elite teams. That is a credit to the returning nucleus and Rosenzweig cited the new varsity players who have stepped up and made an impact.

PUTNAM VALLEY went 2 for 2 with a 14-2 win over Edgemont and 15-11 victory over Ossining.

Emma Rippon continued her scoring tear with six goals, followed by Maddie Deegan with a hat trick. Jacklyn Phillips finished with two goals and five assists and Jessica Denike added a goal and three assists.

Rippon registered six goals for a second consecutive game, against Ossining, and Deegan added five goals. Phillips chipped in with two goals and two assists and goalie Kimberly Hyndman made 16 saves.

"We had outstanding



Brewster sophomore Marina Souza cranks shots in Bears' 15-9 loss to Somers.

performances by eighth-graders Lindsey Cohen and Catherine O'Sullivan, and sophomore Isabella Dedvukaj," said Putnam Valley coach Courtney Hyndman of the Ossining game. "We made some silly mistakes with our stick work, but made up for it on defense and with our speed. We had a tough first half, but our defense really turned it on and forced turnovers or saved shots (Kimberly Hyndman). Although there was an initial struggle, we were able to clean up our play and win the game. I couldn't be happier for these girls, they truly deserved it."

LAKELAND/PANAS opened with a 13-3 win over Ossining, but John Jay-Cross River spoiled the rest of the week with a 14-11 victory over the Rebels.

Carlyn Mucci spearheaded the offense against Ossining with five goals and three

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Brewster sophomore Meagan Beal rips goal in Bears' 15-9 loss to Somers.



Brewster sophomore Haile Ratajack, hunted here by Somers' Livy Rosenzweig, is a top-flight Bear prospect.



Brewster sophomore Maggie Depaoli is stopped stone cold by Somers senior G Jess Monaco in Bears' 15-9 loss to Tuskers.



Somers sophomore Hannah Lustig clears zone in Tuskers' 15-9 win over Brewster.

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Boys' Lax Notebook

Lakeland/Panas Loss to Rye Puts Damper on Murphy Cup Hype

By Ray Gallagher
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Okay, so Lakeland/Panas is now going to have to prove me wrong because I can no longer suggest the improbable; a win over Yorktown hardly seems likely after last week's events. I jumped aboard the Rebel bandwagon early on this spring; even thinking that maybe, just maybe, they could figure out a way to upset host

Yorktown in this Friday's 28th annual Murphy Cup game (6 p.m. faceoff). Then, the previously undefeated, state-ranked (No.5) Class A Rebels go out and fling a monkey wrench into everything with a stunning 10-3 clunker against Class B Rye; why, oh, why?

Who are these Lakeland/Panas Rebels to do this to us? The nerve they have, essentially taking some of the steam away from what woulda, coulda, shoulda been a highly-hyped Murphy Cup contest with crosstown rival Yorktown, had the Rebels come in with a glossy, undefeated finish.

This could/should still be a close game, given the fact that both Lakeland/Panas (9-1) and state-ranked (No.4) Yorktown want the coveted Murphy Cup as bad as anything besides a Section 1 crown and the right to rep in the state tournament, but Yorktown will enter Friday's fling with the full endorsement as the favorites to secure their seventh Murphy Cup win in a row and their 25th overall since 1990.

No disrespect intended

for anybody, including a sound Class B Rye program and defending Section Class A champion Lakeland/Panas, but how are Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels supposed to defeat the six-time reigning Section 1 Class B champs at Yorktown if they can't even hang with the state-ranked (No.14) Garnets

(6-3) and then barely survive a 9-7 win over Pelham (7-4)? Again, no disrespect to the Pelicans, nor the Rebels, who hope to put the loss behind them and come out firing against the best defense in Section 1.

NWE/Putnam Examiner Fab Five

(Includes only teams in N.West/Putnam area)

No.1 YORKTOWN – Thinking the Huskers (6-3) ride the Murphy Cup wave to yet another undefeated Section 1 regular season.



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Hen Hud's AJ Pennella dumps one of his three goals past Put Valley G Travis Anderson in Sailors' 12-0 defeat of visiting Tigers Saturday.



Hen Hud's Michael Moran lets one rip as Put Valley's Tim Sainz gives chase in Sailors' 12-0 win over Tigers Saturday.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – The upset of the century awaits.

No.3 SOMERS – Tuskers (7-5) have won 6 of last 7 and relish being under the radar; do not sleep on them.

No.4 MAHOPAC – Can see a scenario where the Indians (4-6) run the table and finish up 10-6 if they can knock off Class C heavy Pleasantville on May 9th.

No.5 HEN HUD – Fact that we have a 4-6 Sailor team in the top 5 should tell us a lot about the state of lax in this neck of the woods in 2017.

Somers Fends off Challenges from Mahopac, Brewster

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The future is looking way bright at Brewster as sophomores (L-R) Marina Souza, Meagan Beal and Haile Ratajack celebrate a goal in 15-9 loss to Somers.

assists. Emily Kness chipped in two goals and two assists and Kelsey McCrudden added two goals and an assist.

McCrudden rang up three goals and three assists against John Jay and Mucci and Kness each had three goals.

BREWSTER sandwiched wins over Ardsley and Horace Greeley around a loss to Somers.

"We had a solid week of games," Brewster coach Sara Didio said. "Although we lost to Somers, we had a solid first half and look forward to seeing them again in



Brewster's Megan Beal makes her move as Somers' Teagan Lucchese pursues in Bears' 15-9 loss to Tuskers.

a week."

Lauren Craft had a game-high five goals against Ardsley. Meagan Beal chipped in with three and Maggie DePaoli and Dani Regan had two goals apiece. Marina Souza assisted on seven goals and Michelle Feighan set up four goals.

Beal and Craft had a hat trick apiece and Souza rang up three assists in the loss to Somers.

Craft closed out with five goals against Greeley, giving her 13 for the week.

Feighan and Beal each had three goals, Dani Regan had two goals and four assists and Haile Ratajack and Souza each scored twice.

After beginning with a 16-9 loss to Somers, **MAHOPAC** rebounded to conquer archrival Carmel, 13-7. Mahopac trailed Carmel, 6-4 in in the second half before Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said his girls scored seven consecutive goals.

Briana Corace led the way with four goals against Carmel. Caroline Raymond contributed three goals and three assists and Katie McDonough and Gabby Light each had two goals and an assist.

"It is great to get off to a 3-0 start in our league," Lieto said. "Each year our league has been getting stronger and stronger and all of the teams are really working hard. We take pride in being the defending league champs and we know that the second round of league play will be even harder than the first go round."

Margaret Fiocco had three goals for Carmel.

Gabby Light finished with three goals



Yorktown's highly versatile Michelle Seger makes her move toward goal in Huskers stunning loss to Fox Lane.

and Kristen Maxwell had two goals in the loss to Somers.

YORKTOWN lost its two games as the Cornhuskers were upset by Fox Lane, 16-15, before dropping an 18-9 verdict to Ward Melville of Section 11 (Suffolk County).

Michelle Seger scored six goals and Rilea Fusco added four goals against Fox Lane. Caroline Keenaghan set up seven goals.



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