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Report Suggests Redevelopment of Indian Point Land Possible

By Anna Young

A report outlining plans to redevelop more than 200 acres of Indian Point land was revealed last week as members of the state Indian Point Closure Task Force met to discuss the future of the property.

During last Thursday's meeting at Cortlandt Town Hall, D.L. English Consulting released its preliminary report identifying four parcels on the 240-acre property that could be available for both near and long-term reuse opportunities after the plant is tentatively scheduled to close in 2021.

The report identified three parcels consisting of two 50-acre lots and one 18-acre unit that were classified as non-impacted land and could be available for development while decommissioning activities occur. According to the report, the properties could be used for commercial development or a renewable en-

ergy production facility.

The first 50-acre site warrants a more detailed property review between site owner Entergy, the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan to determine the boundary definitions of the land. The parcel includes Entergy's training building and right-of-way easements for electric and gas transmission lines.

The second 50-acre site is heavily wooded with an underlying terrain which could present development challenges and permit an environmental review. The area borders the independent spent fuel storage installation and could be home to protected wildlife species.

The fourth parcel, which contains the three nuclear reactors on the site, consists of roughly 140 acres. Outlines of the report suggest the parcel could be available for development 10 to 15 years following

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Map of Indian Point site and areas outlined for future possible use.

Former Supervisor, Prominent Attorney Al Capellini Dies at 75



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Albert Capellini

By Rick Pezzullo

Albert Anthony Capellini, a former supervisor in the Town of Yorktown, a prominent real estate attorney and an active community volunteer, died April 12 from complications from cancer. He was 75.

Flags at Yorktown Town Hall, the Yorktown Fire Department and Yorktown Police Department were flown at half-mast in Capellini's honor, and thousands of people paid their respect for two days at Yorktown Funeral Home.

"My dad was an intensely private person. He had no ego," said Jeffrey Capellini, one of his two sons. "My dad was the kind of guy who had 25 best friends who he treated the same and they all loved

him. He was considered to be one of the most gentlemanly man there ever was."

Rich Leahy, owner of Atlantic Appliances, was a close friend of Al Capellini for more than 40 years and remembered him as "a stand-up guy."

"He was the most generous guy I have ever met," Leahy said. "He really thought about other people so much. He would do anything for anybody. He was a really good friend."

Mr. Capellini was born on October 17, 1942 in Manhattan and grew up in Harlem before attending high school at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx. Always fascinated with history and the law, he attended Fordham University, graduating in 1964 with a B.A.

in political science. He then attended Columbia Law School, earning his L.L.B. in 1967. He then returned to Fordham, where he pursued a Ph.D in political science. He was awarded an M.A., before taking on a higher obligation as an assistant district attorney of the Bronx, a position he held until 1974.

Three years earlier, he and his wife, Rosanna, moved to Yorktown Heights in Westchester County. In 1975, Mr. Capellini was elected to the Yorktown Town Board. During his year on the council he also taught political science and government at New York Institute of Technology. In 1976, he was elected as supervisor

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the start of the decommissioning process, but reuse suggestions were not provided.

Alyse Peterson of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), who presented the study, said identifying reuse opportunities would be highly speculative without knowing the independent spent fuel installation boundaries.

With an official report expected to be completed by April 30, state Assemblywoman Sandy Gafel (D-Ossining) questioned if D.L. English could accurately assess the property without the risk assessment report on the high-pressure gas pipeline near the nuclear plant. Governor

Andrew Cuomo ordered the study on the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline project two years ago and the results have yet to be released.

Consultant David English said they were able to outline the easements of transmission gas pipelines on the property but having the risk assessment report would provide "great insight into what's being considered as an issue."

"We're at a disadvantage there," English said.

County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) asked if any third-party safety assessments were considered when preparing the report. English said they "briefly looked at" the Nuclear Reg-

ulatory Commission (NRC) analysis that suggested there was no issue with the pipeline being close to property.

"I think that my comment after that is that we really need the risk assessment," Borgia said.

Some 50 residents in attendance held up signs throughout the two-hour meeting and were discouraged that the risk assessment wasn't available to appropriately analyze the property to create a sufficient reuse study.

"They are preparing a reuse study without fully analyzing the unique impacts of the co-location of gas transmission pipelines at a nuclear power plant that will have 1,500 tons of spent fuel

on-site for the foreseeable future," said Stop the Algonquin Pipeline (SAPE) co-founder Susan Van Dolsen. "We believe the study will be invalid because it does not involve input from anyone with expertise in pipeline rupture dynamics."

Peekskill resident Courtney Williams added that the reuse study seemed highly speculative and lacked significantly. She suggested the state is wasting taxpayer money on a reuse study when the decommissioning plans and long-term nuclear waste storage plans haven't been considered.

Task force chair Tom Congdon said the risk assessment report is currently being completed and the task force will have the results in "due course."

New Lowe's Store in Yorktown on Target to Open by December

By Rick Pezzullo

The new Lowe's home improvement store on Route 202 in Yorktown is on target to open by the end of the year.

Representatives of Breslin Realty Development Corp. appeared at a Town Board work session last week and indicated construction is proceeding as planned with a late November, early December grand opening timeframe anticipated.

The 124,000-square-foot project, be-

ing constructed on a 24-acre site just off the Taconic State Parkway that has been vacant for years after once housing a homeless shelter, will be only the second Lowe's store in Westchester County.

The project will also include three other buildings that will house two restaurants and a bank, creating roughly 200 permanent jobs. The construction work will also create approximately 400 temporary full-time jobs.

"We haven't found anything yet we feel is worthwhile (for the other buildings), but we're heavily marketing the site," a Breslin Realty representative said.

The earth work on the site is about 50 percent completed, according to Breslin, with retaining wall construction about 30 percent finished and storm water work about 20% completed. Improvements to the 202 intersection are expected to be completed by mid-September.

Town Building Inspector John Landi said all necessary building permits should be issued in the near future.

Costco was originally projected for the location, but Breslin Realty stepped in after that project fell through. Wilbur Breslin, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board for Breslin, said at a ground breaking ceremony last October getting Lowe's off the ground required a lot of patience with several delays at the state level.



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Q: What is a mobile-bearing partial knee?

A: Key to the durable nature and natural feel of the mobile-bearing knee is a plastic bearing that glides freely throughout the knee's range of motion, hence the name "mobile-bearing." Similar to the ball bearings that "bear the weight" and allow a wheel to turn freely, a mobile bearing allows your knee to move more naturally. In other partial knees, known as "fixed-bearing," the bearing does not move.

Q: What advantages does it have over a total knee replacement or fixed-bearing partial knee?

A: The main advantages are faster recovery time and less pain. Total knee replacement is major surgery involving the removal of a substantial portion of bone in the knee and half the supporting ligaments. The less invasive partial knee replacement preserves all the ligaments and two-thirds of the healthy knee. Patients can often go home the same day and recovery time is cut in half.

Q: Why do some doctors recommend a total knee replacement even if the problem can be fixed with a partial knee?

A: Historically, physicians have favored total knee replacements over partial for almost all patients with severe osteoarthritis because they last longer than fixed-bearing partial knees.

But statistics show that the mobile-bearing knee is comparable to a total knee replacement in terms of durability. Twenty years post-implant, the mobile-bearing knee is still viable in 91 percent of patients. The comparable figure for total knee replacements is 93 percent.

Q: How do I know if a mobile-bearing is right for me?

A: Knee replacements are done only for people whose osteoarthritis is severe or "end-stage." Your doctor will determine which type of replacement you need based on a physical exam and x-rays. In about 30 to 40 percent of patients, the osteoarthritis is contained only on the medial or inner part of the joint. If the rest of the knee is healthy, you might be a candidate for a partial knee replacement with the mobile-bearing device, whereas someone with arthritis throughout the knee or a torn ligament is not.

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of Yorktown. For the next four years, he served the community, successfully navigating the town through some difficult economic times.

Once his four-year term as supervisor ended, Mr. Capellini ran for state Assembly and eventually opened a real estate law practice in Yorktown Heights. He served the needs of his clients faithfully and ardently for 38 years. Throughout the last four decades, he represented his clients effectively in front of the Yorktown Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I have known Al for the good part of three decades and we all know him as an outstanding attorney, advocate, public servant and member of our community but for me he was so much more. Al was a very dear friend and confidant," said former Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace. "I treasured his company, his counsel and his friendship. I will truly miss him. He was a truly exceptional person, one of a kind. We pray for his eternal peace and for his family."

Current Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert also remembered Mr. Capellini fondly, saying "I wish I didn't have to express these words of sorrow, but Yorktown has lost an unassuming giant. A gentle soul but a powerful advocate. Al

was a man who loved Yorktown and who served as Supervisor. In his later years when he was the go-to-guy for many citizens and developers as an attorney, he still had the well-being of Yorktown at heart. I will miss him as a good friend and mentor."

The accolades Mr. Capellini received for his service to his community over the years were numerous. Among them: he was a former president of the Lions Club, and was named Lion of the Year in 1984/85 and a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1990. He was a founding member of

the Circolo da Vinci Italian-American Club, holding the title of president in 1989. He was named Person of the Year by the Yorktown Democratic Club in 1999, Business Person of the Year by the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce in 2004, and was a trustee of the Jack DeVito Foundation in 2011. The Circolo da Vinci Italian-American Club will be setting up a scholarship this year in Mr. Capellini's name.

A longtime fan of his beloved New York Yankees and a former softball star-turned-bocce superstar, Mr. Capellini

enjoyed spending time in the sun with his numerous loving friends and family. He is survived by Rosanna, his wife of 50 years; his sons Jeffrey (Mindy) and Terence (Nadine); grandchildren Jack and Mia; and older brother, Aldo Capellini, and his wife, Lorraine.

A funeral mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Phelps Memorial Hospital, The Jack DeVito Foundation, or Doctors Without Borders.

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Officials Pleased with Funds Secured for Post-Indian Pt

By Rick Pezzullo

With the potential loss of \$32 million annually when the Indian Point nuclear power plants stop operating, entities being affected have been scrambling to identify possible ways to replace the funding.

Last week, local officials welcomed news from State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) that \$24 million had been added in the recently approved state budget in a specially designated fund that could be tapped into as early as 2022 if Indian Point shuts down as planned.

"This is a great start in the right direction," said Murphy, who noted Governor Andrew Cuomo had proposed no additional revenue be put into the New York State Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Program, which currently has a total of \$56 million. "Hopefully we'll get more. This is a safety net."

In January 2017, local officials were stunned to learn Entergy would be pulling the plug on its controversial facility, an outcome that Cuomo had been advocating for years. Since that time, a local Community Unity Task Force has been established and meeting regularly to address the property tax implications of Indian Point's departure, along with the loss of approximately 1,100 jobs and the



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Local lawmakers and others gathered outside Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School last week.

future use of the 240-acre site in Buchanan.

"I'm glad to see that the New York State budget did not forget the needs of the community that stands to suffer the most from the closure of the Indian Point Energy Center," said State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining). "This is the best thing in the budget. This is a

first very big step."

The Village of Buchanan stands to lose 46% (\$4 million) of its operating budget, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will lose \$24 million annually (33% of its budget). Others affected are: Cortlandt (\$800,000), Westchester County (\$1 million), Hendrick Hudson Free Library (\$394,110, 28% of its budget) and

the Verplanck Fire District (\$372,703, 64% of its budget).

"It's not the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but it will certainly help," Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said of the money set aside in the state budget.

In the first year of eligibility after the plants close, qualified entities would receive 80% of the tax loss, which would diminish by 10% per year for the following six years. It has yet to be determined how the money would be shared.

"What happened in the budget should not be taken lightly. This is how government should work," said Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter, who noted the district would have to increase taxes 13% annually for four years to offset the loss of Indian Point's revenue. "It has given hope to the community that our issues and concerns are being heard. I know the anxiety is lessened."



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Somers Board Votes to Use Cameras to Catch Litter Bugs

By Neal Rentz

The Somers Town Board voted unanimously last week to allow town-owned surveillance cameras to catch litter dumpers.

The board approved the change to Chapter 118 titled "Littering and Dumping." Supervisor Rick Morrissey said last week the new provision is different from the law in neighboring Yorktown which allows photos from private citizens to seek litterers. The Somers law would only allow town-surveillance to be used.

The two residents who spoke during last week's public hearing, both members of the Somers Litter Task Force, supported the change. Rich Nash, who has lived in Somers since 1947, said littering in the town has increased in recent years. "We never had a litter problem like this," he said.

Using town-owned cameras to capture the image of litter bugs was needed in Somers, Nash said. "It would help us tremendously," he said.

Another Litter Task Force member, Ann Gullen, also spoke in support of the legislation, which she said would help her organization in combatting littering in town.

The Town Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing and to enact the legislation.

Independence Day Celebration Moved

Also at last week's meeting, Morrissey announced that the site for the annual town Independence Day Celebration, which is slated for June 30, will be moved from Reis Park to Sebastian Capital property, the former site of PepsiCo, located on the intersection of Routes 35 and 100.

Morrissey said a town task force suggested that the town move its annual celebration from Reis Park to another location. The program has been experiencing dwindling attendance by local residents in recent years, he said.

In a related matter, the Town Board voted unanimously to rehire Garden

State Fireworks to provide the fireworks at the end of the event. Morrissey said the company has not increased the price of its contract for the many years it has been providing the fireworks. The Somers Library Club will be seeking donations that will be provided to the town to reduce the costs of the fireworks, he noted.

Rich Nash, a member of the Somers Litter Task Force, spoke in support of legislation to allow town surveillance cameras to catch illegal litter dumping at the April 12 Town Board meeting.



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Lowey Announces Federal Funding Increase for Child Care

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY17/Rockland-Westchester) held a press conference at Ossining Children's Center last week to announce a significant increase in federal funding for child care and early learning services as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018, which funds the federal government through September.

Lowey was joined by representatives of the Ossining Children's Center, the Child Care Council of Westchester, and Child Care Resources of Rockland, Ossining Village Mayor Victoria Gearity and Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg.

"For families with young children in the Lower Hudson Valley, especially those who are low-income or middle-class, finding quality, affordable child care can be a major stress and a severe financial burden," Lowey said. "Every child should have the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe, supportive environment. We know that children who have high-quality child care and are enrolled in early childhood services such as preschool and Head Start have better outcomes as adults, including higher graduation rates and earnings. That is why I am pleased to announce that, as the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, I secured historic investments in child



(L-R:) Ossining Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity, Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Ossining Children's Center Executive Director Howard Milbert with youngsters.

care and early childhood learning in the recently enacted federal spending bill for fiscal year 2018."

According to the Economic Policy Institute, Westchester is the third-costliest area to raise a family in the United States, edging out New York City, largely because of high child care costs. Monthly child care costs range from \$1,114 for a single-child family to \$3,220 for a family with four children.

The investments Lowey successfully fought to increase in the federal spending bill, which will help better meet the needs of children and families across the

Lower Hudson Valley, include:

- An increase of \$2.4 billion, the largest increase in history, for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, a federal program that provides grants to states to help families access child care. New York is expected to receive an estimated \$106.7 million in additional funds and provide child care for an estimated 11,811 more children;

• An increase of \$610 million for Head Start, a comprehensive child development program for low-income families;

- An increase of \$12.9 million for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool Grants to support special education for young children with disabilities; and

- An increase of \$20 million for after-school programs.

In addition, the federal spending bill protected funding for Preschool Development Grants, which help states create and improve preschool accessibil-

ity, and increased funding for the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program by \$35 million. In October 2017, Lowey announced a CCAMPIS continuation grant of nearly \$82,000 to sustain access to campus-based childcare for low-income students at Rockland Community College, State University of New York.

"In 2015, Westchester County lowered the income eligibility ceiling for subsidized day care. The increase Congresswoman Lowey has secured will be invaluable in returning the ceiling to its original level. This will provide access to child care to new deserving families," said Howard Milbert, Executive Director of Ossining Children's Center.

The historic investments in child care and early childhood learning in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 are a strong repudiation of President Trump's budget proposal, which called for steep cuts to domestic agencies and programs.

"These investments are just the start," said Lowey. "Our work is not done until every child in our community has access to child care and early learning. I will continue working in the House to strengthen investments that will put our children on the path to success."

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County Bill Bars Salary History Questions in Interviews

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously approved a measure last week to combat gender pay inequity and help job seekers who are looking to rejoin the workforce after a long hiatus.

The new law prohibits businesses in Westchester from asking a prospective job candidate their previous salary history as a requirement in a job application or interview.

Separating future earnings from a person's salary history is an important step in fighting the gender pay gap, legislators said. A study by the American Association of University Women in 2013 found that women are paid 6.6 percent less than men in their first jobs. When pay for each subsequent job is tied to prior salaries, that inequity is perpetuated.

"This is a crucial step in combatting women's pay inequality, but it also removes a barrier of discrimination -- whether intentional or unintentional -- that will help all job seekers, including older workers, or workers who are making career transitions, or those returning to work after raising children, and it will do so at no cost to businesses," said Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin.

Women job seekers aren't the only ones protected. Workers, regardless of gender, who leave or lose higher-paying jobs often face resistance from when they're looking for lower-paying work. Employers may believe they can't afford the job seeker, or that job seeker will be unhappy or more likely to leave sooner.

"This legislation brings this issue to the forefront and ultimately to a place of fairness," said Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant). "If you are applying for the same job you should be treated and compensated the same way -- fairly."

Studies have found that women are less likely to negotiate salaries than men. A survey conducted for online job site Glassdoor, found that 68 percent of women seeking jobs accepted the first salary they were offered without negotiating, compared to 52 percent of men. When they did negotiate, men were more than three times more successful than women in negotiating for higher pay.

The gender negotiation gap appears to increase with age. The same Glassdoor survey found that 77 percent of women 45 to 54 years old accepted the first salary they were offered.

"Historically, women and people of color have been paid less for the same jobs as men, and that disparity grows exponentially over a career if every salary offered is dependent on the previous job's pay," said Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining), the primary sponsor of the law. "This legislation will level the playing field and ensure that all employees have the same opportunity

to make the best salary they can negotiate without reference to what they might have been paid in previous jobs. Many industries are already eliminating the salary history question in their hiring practices. It's time for Westchester businesses to do the same."

Similar measures are already on the books in New York City and in several states, and another such provision is being considered by the state legislature in Albany.

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Guest Column

The Space Between

By Salvatore Di Costanzo

When I meet with people for the first time who are interested in estate planning, their focus is usually on after-death planning. Whether their concern is minimizing estate taxes, planning for minor or spendthrift children, or simply passing assets to the next generation as quickly and efficiently as possible, nearly every meeting begins with a discussion on planning for death and the preparation of related documents, such as a Last Will and Testament or revocable trust. This is a shortsighted approach.

More important than planning for death is planning for that period of time between your golden years and death, where you may become disabled and incapacitated. I like to refer to this period as "the space between". I often joke with clients that dying is not the problem. Becoming disabled and incapacitated - that is a problem.

It is sometimes difficult to redirect someone's attention to this topic when

they have geared themselves up for a discussion about their death. I am very sensitive to this since most people wait many years before they find the nerve to finally talk about their death. Then they meet with me and I throw them a curveball about incapacity and disability. But once we start talking about how "the space between" can be a tumultuous time in a person's life, I usually grab their attention.

Once you die, the game is over. Your assets are no longer needed to cover the cost of your care. It is during "the space between" that you run the risk of losing a considerable amount of assets to the cost of your care. In order to fully appreciate this risk, one must consider the probability of falling ill and the possibility of requiring long-term care, and then the limited options to pay for the cost of that care. It quickly becomes apparent that there are a limited number of ways to pay for the cost of long-term care and without proper planning, there

is a high probability that you will spend a considerable amount of assets on your care, whether in a nursing home or while receiving care at home. This is why planning for "the space between" is my primary focus as an elder law attorney.

No one likes to think about becoming disabled or losing their capacity but compounding that with the significant loss of assets is usually intolerable for most. In order to properly plan, one must consider planning techniques such as an irrevocable Medicaid Trust and a properly drafted power of attorney together with a statutory gifts rider. These are documents that work to protect your assets if you require long-term care. A Last Will and Testament does not protect your assets. So often I hear people say to me, "doesn't my will protect me?" or worse, "my assets are protected because I have a revocable trust". These documents do not protect your assets, they simply provide a mechanism to pass your assets to the next generation.

A typical estate planning package includes a Medicaid Trust in addition to your Last Will and Testament. A properly drafted Medicaid Trust is one of the only techniques available to you to protect your assets if you fall ill and require

nursing home care. As many of you know there is a 5-year lookback period when you transfer assets, including transferring assets to a Medicaid Trust. How many of you only have a Last Will and Testament?

Thus, when you decide to meet with me, be prepared to talk about "the space between" and remember, dying is the easy part. And if I shake your hand and tell you that I hope you die of a sudden heart attack, perhaps you can appreciate my rationale.

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Thelma Barlow, who was a crossing guard in the Somers School District for 31 years, was honored by the Town Board and Police Chief Michael Driscoll on April 12. Barlow was given a plaque from the police department and the Town Board presented a proclamation in her honor and declared April 14 Thelma Barlow Day.

Committee Finds Murphy's Challenger With Unfair Practice

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee upheld all three complaints recently lodged by State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) against his likely challenger in the 40th District race later this year.

In a ruling released on April 8, the committee agreed with Murphy's campaign that Robert Kesten lacked sufficient evidence to accuse the senator of receiving as much as \$2.5 million in contributions from hedge funds and charge that Murphy opposes closing the carried interest tax loophole.

Murphy's third complaint arose from the posting of a photo on the Kesten campaign Facebook page showing the challenger at a protest where he stood near a sign which read "Murphy = Corruption." Kesten said he was not holding the sign nor was it his.

While Kesten said last week he and his campaign will be extra vigilant regarding the wording on literature, social media postings and public comments that he makes, he charged that the committee nitpicked and failed to see the larger picture.

For example, Kesten said Murphy's representative at the committee's hearing, Christopher Arnold, acknowledged that the senator had accepted at least \$11,000 in direct contributions from hedge funds. However, that fails to measure how Murphy has benefitted from outside sources not listed in contribution filings, including in his last two general election campaigns.

"These are not monumental charges," Kesten said of the committee's findings. "I think anyone who has observed the way campaigns have been run and how much money has been poured into them from various sources, recognizes the fact that far more money has been spent in previous Murphy campaigns against Ali Boak, against Justin Wagner."

In the first complaint regarding the alleged \$2.5 million in hedge fund contributions, the committee concluded "A candidate should make any data he/she presents in campaign literature (or other communications) as specific and detailed as possible. Claims must be accurate with regard to detail and context and clearly indicate the time-periods and the amounts involved, and the source of the information."

The committee stated that there was no evidence to link Murphy with any opposition to closing the carried interest tax loophole.

Kesten argued that is one of a growing list of issues where Murphy has refused to take a position, one of the reasons why he jumped into the race last year.

Finally, the committee concluded regarding posted Facebook photo that "there was no evidence presented which substantiated the corruption charge."

Murphy's campaign took full advantage of the committee's findings, saying that Kesten was caught lying.

"Robert Kesten has already lost all credibility with voters and he isn't even his party's nominee yet," said Murphy campaign spokeswoman Martha Ruiz Jiménez. "Most candidates wait until October for desperation to settle in but apparently Mr. Kesten is already there."

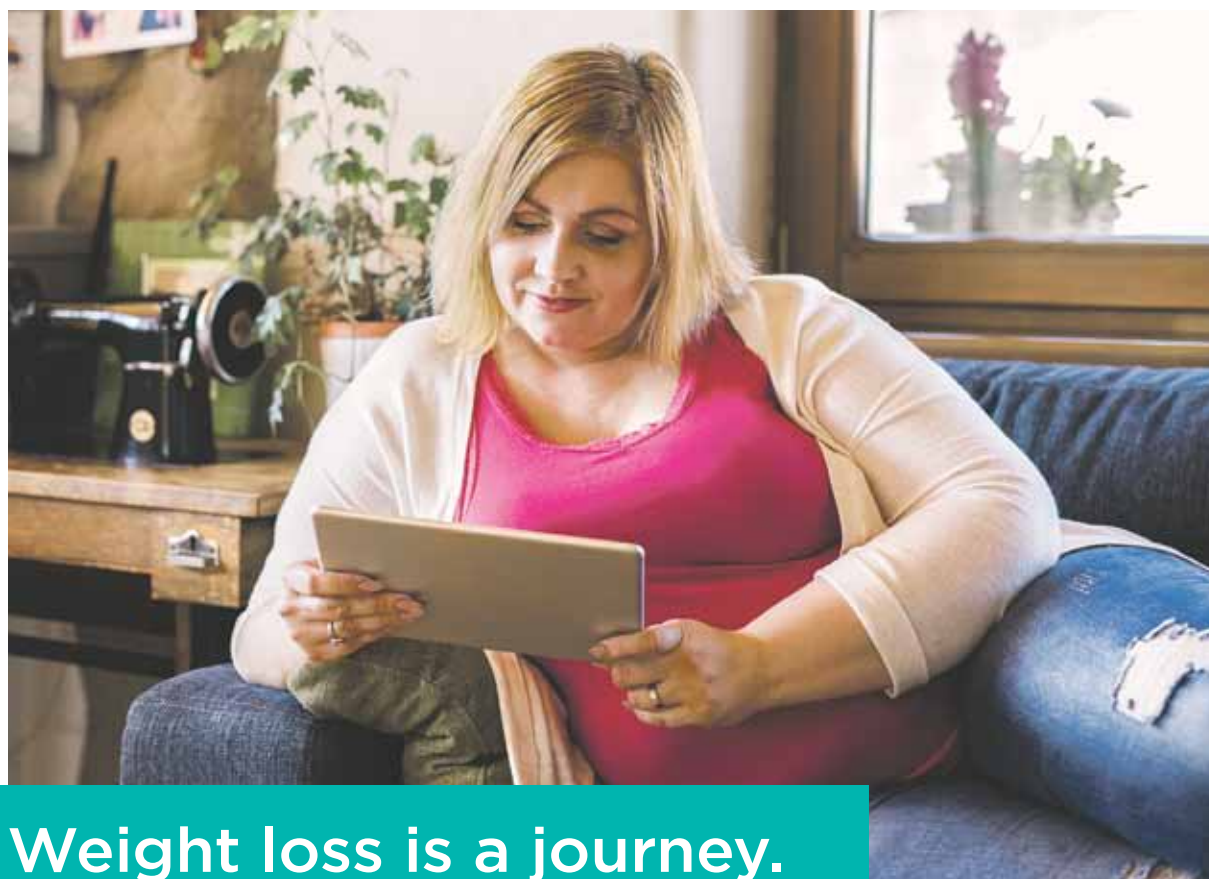
This was the second time Murphy filed complaints with the committee, which ruled in Murphy's favor both times.

Kesten, who remains the Democrats' only announced candidate in the race,

said Murphy's playbook will be to run to the committee every time he disagrees with or dislikes a comment.

"I guess they will keep doing it as much as they can, trying to tarnish other people because that's the MO of their campaign," he said.

The committee consists of 19 members from assorted political backgrounds. It has no enforcement powers or authority to stop candidates from using misleading statements or materials but it hopes to set an acceptable standard for political debate.



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Correction

Due to a production error, the location of ShoeCandy, the subject of the Business of the Week feature in the April 10 issue, was misidentified. The business is located in Yorktown.

The Northern Westchester Examiner regrets the error.

Obituaries

Vincent Clarkin

Vincent H. Clarkin, a native of Peekskill, died April 10 after a brief illness. He was 88.

He was born to Patrick S. and Helen (Coleman) Clarkin on October 5, 1929. He spent his career teaching English at Peekskill High School, retiring in 1986. He pioneered programs at PHS for journalism and award-winning film making. He was the proprietor of Crustworthy Breads (trust our crust, love our loaves), which he sold at various farmers markets for more than 30 years, including Peekskill.

A lifelong parishioner of Assumption Church, he and his wife Rosemary were integral in bringing Christian Family Movement (CFM) to the parish. He also was a member of the Cursillo movement and Residents Encounter Christ (REC) prison ministry. A 1951 Iona College graduate, he studied at Columbia University, was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship and served in the U.S. Army (1951-1953). He took up long distance running in the 1970's and completed eight marathons, including New York, Yonkers and hundreds of road races.

He is survived by his children: Regina Clarkin, Gregory (Rani), Kevin, Helene (Don) Chaisson, David and Moira (Jai) Evans; and grandchildren: Desmond O'Leary, Sophia, Matthew, Alex Clarkin, Arianna and Maia Clarkin, Benjamin, Ameila and Nicholas Evans. He was predeceased by his wife in January 2014, his sister Patricia Barton in 2014 and brother Thomas in 2009.

Michael O'Connor

Michael Edward O'Connor, a resident of Cortlandt, died peacefully April 11 at home, surrounded by family following a long illness. He was 77.

He was born in the Bronx, on February 9, 1941 to Michael and Margaret O'Connor. He grew up in Kingsbridge and attended St. John's Grammar School and All Hallows High School. He enlisted in the Army National Guard on April 18, 1961 and was honorably discharged

in 1964. He graduated the New York City Police Academy in December 1965 and retired as a homicide detective with several commendations in 1987.

Growing up, he visited family in Ireland during the summer, and as a teen, spent his summers at Rockaway Beach. Later in life, he took his family to Maine every summer for 37 years. These were his favorite places.

He is survived by his wife Agnes of 49 years; his three daughters, Denise Dudzic, and her husband, Jeff, Elizabeth O'Connor, and her husband, Dave Coleman, and Michelle O'Connor; grandchildren Ryan, Erin, and Oonagh; as well as many loving relatives and friends.

Joseph Fiorentino

Joseph Francis "Pinoc" Fiorentino, a lifelong Croton resident, died April 9. He was 96.

He was born June 23, 1921 to Caremella and Salvatore Fiorentino. After graduation from Croton Harmon High School in 1941, he began his career as a "Gandy Dancer" (for two weeks), then moved on to working in the shop with his father. He eventually became a fireman and then engineer working for New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail and retiring from Metro-North in 1991.

He was a life time member of the Elks, Croton Fire Department Chemical Engine, and also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a New York Giants football fan and season ticket holder since 1956.

In addition to his wife Birdy, he was also predeceased by his parents, brother Michael, and by his sister Angelina. He is survived by his daughter June Fiorentino.

He loved telling stories about the railroad, Croton, football, and anything else that struck his fancy. His casino days are over but, "life is a crap shoot" and as Joe said, he had a good run with no regrets.

Dawn Engel

Dawn Chase Engel, a former resident of Peekskill, died April 9. She was 86.

She was born in Peekskill on June 19, 1931 to the Georgia and James Chase of Buchanan. She graduated Hendrick Hudson High School in 1948. On April 13, 1952, she married William (Bill) E. Engel, Sr. in Montrose. She worked as a secretary for



Dawn Engel

Hendrick Hudson High School from 1950-1954 and the Van Cortlandtville Elementary School from 1965 to 1986, when she retired. Dawn and Bill raised their family and made their home in the Peekskill area until 1988, when they moved to Ballston Lake, NY. Their upstate NY home was a family gathering point for years, where generations of Engels learned to share Dawn and Bill's love for the lake. Family weekends occurred every summer for 48 years. In 1992, they began spending winters in Ft. Myers, FL. She traveled throughout her retirement to the Caribbean, Europe, and the Western United States. She cherished her visits to her brother Jim's home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Mrs. Engel was predeceased by her husband, Bill, of 48 years and a son, Brad. She is survived by a son, William (Bill) E. Engel, Jr., and his wife, Holly Vegas, of Saratoga Springs, NY; two grandsons, Brian, of Washington, DC, and Evan (Katie), of Clifton Park, NY; a great-grandson, Logan; a daughter-in-law, Beth Easley Cerrone, her husband, John Cerrone, and their children, Leah and Kristain Cerrone of Ballston Lake, NY; two brothers, James (Helen) Chase, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Harry Chase, of Pt. Hueneme, California. She is also lovingly remembered by several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dr. Irene Arndt

Irene Muriel Frances Arndt, MD, of Nichols Village, Groveland, MA, who practiced in Ossining, died April 7 in her home. She was 98.

She was the daughter of Muriel (nee Beven) and Ebenezer Ondatje and was born in Colombo, Ceylon on the June 13, 1919. She was married to The Reverend F. George Arndt in St. Stephens Church, Rochester Row, Westminster, England on December 14, 1950.

At the age of three, Dr. Arndt turned to her mother and told her that someday she would become a doctor. And that she did! She was one of only three women in her class at medical school. She went on to become a Doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology; with a single practice that was larger than any of her male colleagues in Ossining. Her devotion and passion for the practice of medicine was grounded in her faith and in God's guidance. She was a much beloved doctor by those for whom she cared, many of whom have corresponded faithfully throughout the many years since her retirement. She was predeceased by her husband in 2005.


Dr. Arndt lived a life devoted to others. She was married for 55 years and in that time raised four daughters, Theonie, Michele (Mrs. Robert Garneau), Margot (Mrs. Mark Hayden) and Cheri. She was surrounded by her four sisters for all her life, Doreen, Verna, Eleanor and Cynthia. She is survived by her four grandchildren, Kristyn (Mrs. James Fadden), Mallory Garneau, Connor Hayden and Sean Hayden; two great-grandchildren, Brynn and Seamus, and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. She was kind to all she met; she was full of grace.

James Williams

James Williams, a longtime resident of the Peekskill/ Cortlandt area, died April 10. He was 85.

Mr. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked in construction and contracting, and was landlord to many. He was an avid fisherman, and antique auto enthusiast. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Godbee Williams; three daughters, Benzia Williams, Delores E. (Wayne) Jones, and Joanne

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Business of the Week

State Farm Kyle Rourke Cortlandt

By Neal Rentz

Working in the insurance industry, specifically for State Farm, is continuing a family legacy for Peekskill resident Kyle Rourke.

"My father (Kevin) celebrates his 40th anniversary with State Farm in September," Rourke noted last week. His father currently lives and works in Florida, his son noted.

"We moved around. State Farm is like the military, you move around a little bit," Rourke said. "I was born in Ohio, lived in Minnesota, lived up in Saratoga (NY)."

Rourke said he began his career with State Farm after graduating from college 14 years ago. He opened his Cortlandt office on January 1, 2015

He said he could have owned another type of business, but he wanted to stay with State Farm. "There's nothing we offer that doesn't help people," he said. "It is a great career with unlimited income potential from the sales standpoint."

Rourke said he likes helping his clients by providing them with insurance claims. "I've responded to claims before when people's houses have burnt down to the ground. I'm the first one there, giving them a hug, giving them a check, putting



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Peekskill resident Kyle Rourke is the owner of the State Farm insurance office in Cortlandt.

them in a hotel, finding housing," he said. "I've been there when there's been fatalities. It's tough, but it's a rewarding job getting people back on their feet."

Rourke said State Farm sell several types of insurance. "State Farm is the number one auto insurer in the entire country, the number one home insurer in

the entire country, the largest life insurer in the entire country," he said, noting his office has a staff of eight.

What most people do not know that State Farm also offers banking services, Rourke said. "We don't advertise a lot," he said.

To become an insurance agent the state requires between 80 and 120 hours of classroom time to become fully licensed, Rourke said.

Community service is important for his office, Rourke said. "It's really to be part of and a good member of the community," he said. Some of the events Rourke's office has participated in has included the SPCA Walk, the Support Connection Walk, and local golf outings.

Helping out in the local area is "just being a good part of the community. It builds good, strong relationships," he said.

The Cortlandt State Farm office is located at 2064 E. Main S. (Route 6). For more information, call 914-930-8880 or visit <https://www.statefarm.com/agent/US/NY/Cortlandt-Mnr/Kyle-Rourke-SSSW3LF000>.

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Tuesday, April 17

Somers Library Programs: Several programs have been scheduled for the Somers Library. A writers' workshop is held on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon through June 25. Space is limited, so register early! Please register on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Writers' Workshop Session I is held on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. through June 14. People of all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! Register for one session only please. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Writers' workshop Session II is held on Thursdays, through June 14, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. People of all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, so register early. Register for one session only please. A spring poetry workshop is held on Thursdays, 4/12, 19, 26, 5/3, 10, 17, 24, 6/7, 14, and 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participating members will be encouraged to expand their repertoire of poems. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

The Destroyers Concert: The George Thorogood and The Destroyers will perform at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Info: <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com>.

Wednesday, April 18

Senior's Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in the City of Peekskill on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The Class name is "The Workout." For more information, please contact Ray Glashoff at 914-734-4254. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center (Field Library), 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the Library.

Anime Club: An Anime Club meets every Wednesday through May 30 at the Somers Library from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for teens entering 7th grade & up. Info: 914 232 5717.

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Thursday, April 19

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versational Spanish Workshops will be held on Thursdays, 4/12, 4/26, & 5/10 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for teens in grades seven & up. Space is limited and registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717.

Friday, April 20

Talmud Class: Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages meets on Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come and bring a friend, even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Tai Chi: Support Connection announces a free program for people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer: "Tai Chi: Eight Pieces of Treasure," a six-session series, will be offered on April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Yorktown Community Cultural Center. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held 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.

Saturday, April 21

Zen Meditation: Authentic Zen meditation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Tesshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 11698 Strawberry Rd.


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Support Connection Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday for the rest of April 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.

Trip To The Tropics: A quick trip to the tropics will be held at the new "Color of Summer" exhibit beginning today at the conservatory at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, located on Route 35 in Somers. The conservatory will be replete with tropical flowering plants from all over the world in a balmy, rainforest climate, accented with the music and sounds of the tropics. There will also be a visit from "Dillon," the veiled chameleon that has made friends with visitors to the conservatory. The exhibit will run through June 30. Admission fees are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under on weekdays and \$7 for adults and \$3 for children on weekends and holidays. The conservatory is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last tickets of the day are sold at 3:30 p.m. Entrance fees are collected at the Garden Shop. Information about this exhibit and Lasdon is available at lasdonpark.org.

Lincoln Depot Opening: The Lincoln Depot Museum is opening for its new season this weekend. The weekend theme is "19th Century Photographs" and will feature two expert presenters. Saturday's presentation, "One Family's Journey During the Time of Lincoln" will be given by historian and researcher Lance Ingmire Sunday's presentation will be "Cardomania! The Rise and Fall of the Carte de Visite in Civil War America." Join Ron Coddington, author of four books of collected Civil War portraits and editor and publisher of "Military Images" magazine. The 2018 season for the Lincoln Depot Museum will run through Nov.10. The museum will be open every Saturday and Sunday, excluding holidays, from 1 to 4 p.m. For further information, visit the museum Web site at lincolndepotmuseum.org or call at 914-402-4318. The Lincoln Depot Museum is located at 10 S. Water Street in Peekskill.

Yorktown 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.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat,

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Northern Westchester Artists: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley hosts the 52nd annual show of The Artists of Northern Westchester from through April 20. Gallery hours are 1-3 p.m. on 4/14, 4/15, 4/21 and 4/22. Location: 2021 Albany Post Rd., Croton. Info: www.uuchudsonvalley.com or 914-271-4283.

Broadnax Celebration: The public is welcome to join us in celebrating Bill Broadnax's 50 years of service at 6 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library's Budarz Theater. A reception will follow the festivities in the art gallery. Please RSVP to James Trapasso at

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The Bailsmen Perform: Westchester Collaborative Theater's (WCT) Jazz Masters Series presents The Bailsmen in their premier WCT engagement at the black box performance space, 23 Water St. in Ossining. Mixing French bistro, New Orleans dance party, and New York sophistication, the Brooklyn-bred group has been inspired by Django Reinhardt, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Sidney Bechet. The Bailsmen will play sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. General admission is \$20. A cash bar and refreshments will be available. Purchase tickets online at WCT's website: www.wctheater.org (limited seating available).

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The Real Estate Considerations with Divorce

Depending on which statistics are to be believed, perhaps more than 50 percent of us today decide not to heed the Bible's warning in Matthew that "what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." And, we in the real estate business know that divorce is a primary catalyst for selling homes.

When I got married at a young age, I knew intuitively that it would be "til death do us part." And through years of developing into maturity, adaptation to each other's changes, enduring disappointments and problems, as well as sharing the heights of great moments, indeed, the marriage has flourished and become more cherished each year.

But for those who have a different experience with marriage, a major element of divorce is the division of property, which frequently involves the sale of a jointly-owned home. When a realtor is representing such a sale, in essence, she or he is working for both parties, and that can be an exercise in understanding and diplomacy, especially if the split is acrimonious.

If the former partners are no longer speaking to each other but conducting all business through their respective lawyers and their real estate agent, it can

demand double duty in communications all around.

The unfortunate thing is that you would expect that when a home is bought or sold, it would be an occasion for joy, because the people involved are either walking away with money or moving

into a new house. But with a divorce it can be emotionally and financially draining on the couple and even beyond their control if there is a court order to get the house sold. For the lawyers and realtor – there can be two different matrimonial and real estate lawyers involved – it also can be a real strain. The situation is negatively charged when you're working with people who may have reached the lowest ebb they're likely ever to

have in their lives.

Coincidentally, when I was first researching this subject, I found myself in conversation with a woman involved in a divorce whose situation is interesting, and she gave me permission to share them anonymously. She was selling a home that has been meticulously renovated and enlarged from a small cottage style home to a colonial of almost 3,000 sq. ft.

"Mine is an amicable divorce," she

said, "and it's been going on for five years. My husband agreed that I could stay in the house until my son graduated from high school, but maybe I should have left before that, because it's really too much for me to take care of, inside and out, by myself."

When I commented on how much great work had been done on the house, she agreed and responded, "You can be sure that I never would be giving up this house were it not for the divorce, but now I have no other option."

I know of another situation with a different kind of ending that gives me a great deal of pleasure to report here, again with permission. It involved a couple who showed up at my real estate office unannounced and asked for me. Flatteringly enough, they said they had chosen me to list their home because, as readers of this column, they got to know me and trusted my judgment. And then they dropped the bomb that the sale of their home was necessary because they decided to get divorced.

I'm certainly no psychologist or divorce counselor, but in the course of a long conversation, it became apparent to me that they had enjoyed a solid marriage for many years, and I suspected that they were simply engaged in an argument and

using the potential sale of the house as a pawn to get their feelings out with the help of an objective observer, namely me.

Based on these gut feelings, all I could say was, "Wait a minute. Are you sure you really want to do this?" Both the wife and husband looked at me blankly, probably caught off-guard that they had encountered a realtor who was killing his chances of a deal. But they responded by both smiling and taking my advice to cool down, go home and discuss the situation further.

Bottom line, the couple is still together in the same home, we even become social media friends, and they've never again mentioned divorce to me. It gives me a good feeling that, like most realtors, I am engaged in something more than just selling houses, but am of genuine service in helping guide people through transitions, both joyous times and a maybe a few rough spots in life as well.

My handling of the situation lost me a sale, but it did fill my heart with gladness.

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.



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1. It contains genetic info

4. Prepare for planting

7. It merged with Time Warner

8. View from a helicopter perhaps

11. Creative thinkers

13. Yorktown “superstore” for noshing, Bagel

14. Make sense

15. Improvises

18. Bearded antelope

19. “Yadda, yadda, yadda”

21. Casual cotton top

26. Make haste

27. Private

29. Lincolndale golf club

32. The plateau, in Spanish

33. Goes with Maria

34. Med. specialty

35. Debussy’s “La ____”
5. Kind of bran

6. Golfer Ernie

8. “Put ____ on it!”

9. Last Hebrew month

10. Do followers

12. Georgian, for one

13. It’s hatchable

16. Suit

17. Movie that rates no stars

20. Clamp shape

22. Fox home

23. Dom Pedro’s slain lover

24. Vocalist McEntire

25. Rocky hill

28. Linguist Chomsky

29. The A in IPA

30. One of the Bobbsey twins

31. Clock std.

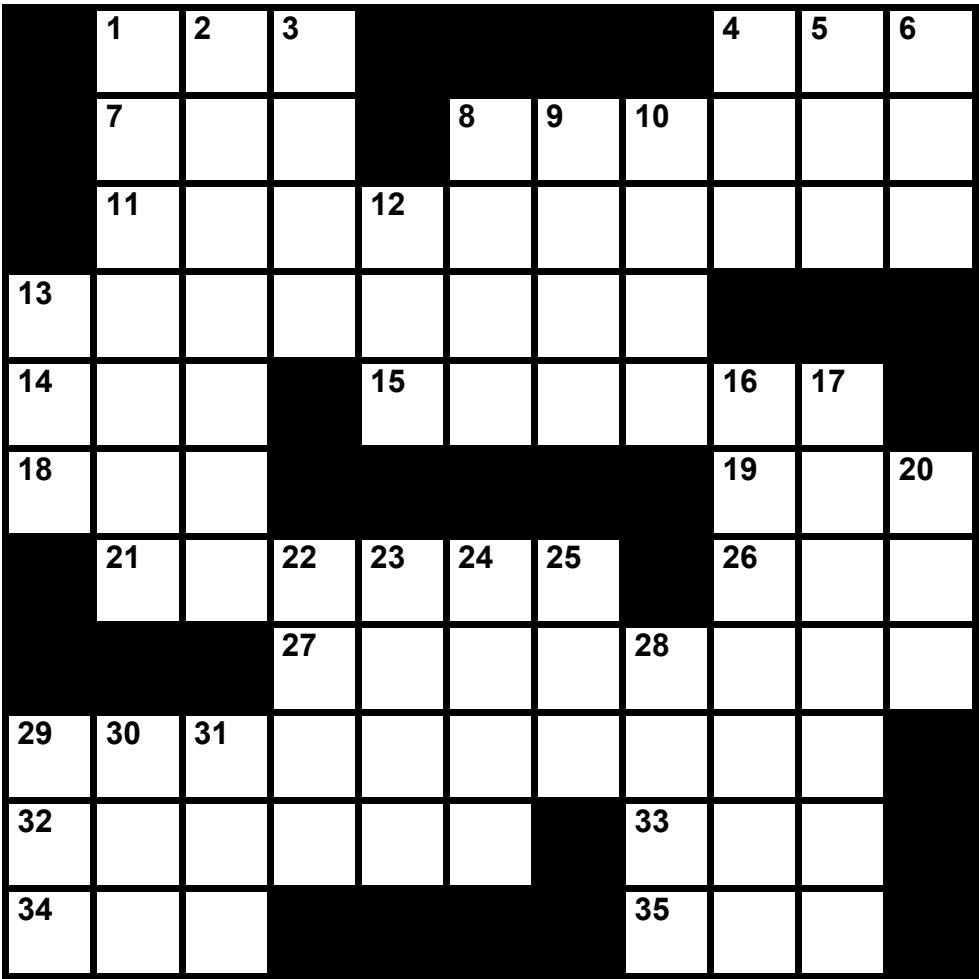
DOWN

1. Apparel

2. Stump with a difficult clue

3. Kind of sax

4. Sot’s sound, for short



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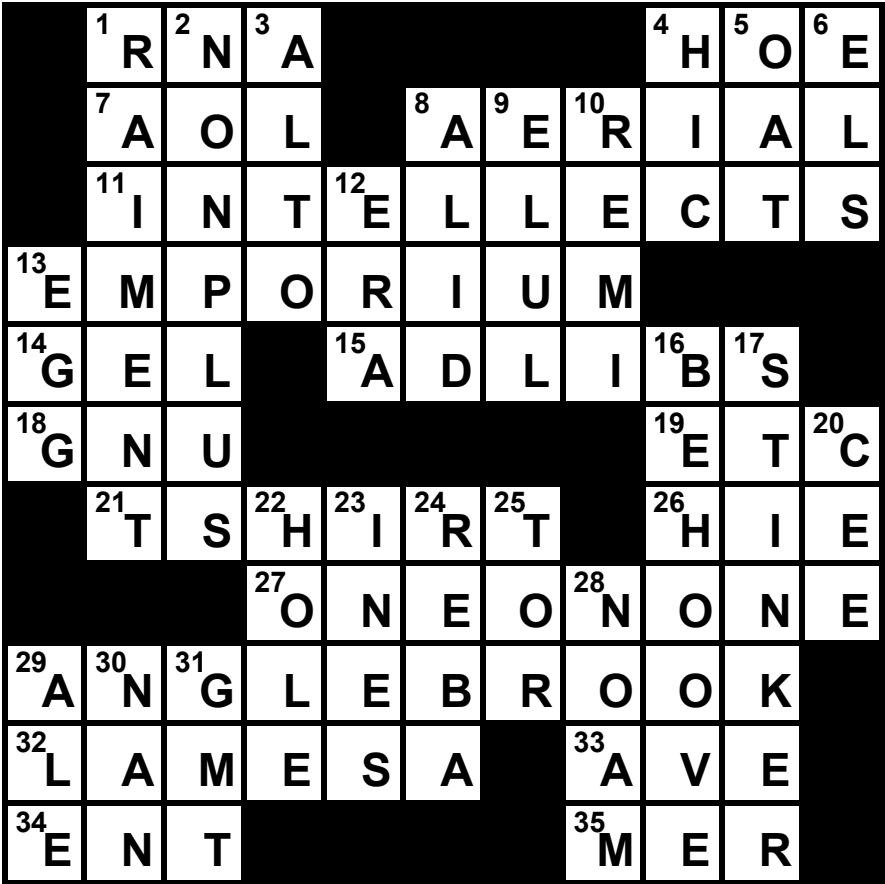


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Obituaries

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Clough; one son, Earl S. Godbee; three sisters, Pearl Owens, Sarah Lee Lawrey, and Ella Mae Suttle; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sarah Ann Williams, and his brothers.

Paul Cypher

Paul B. Cypher, a resident of Somers, died April 7. He was 62.
He was born on June 13, 1955, in White Plains, to Doris B. and Robert S. Cypher Sr.

He graduated White Plains High School in 1973 where he lettered in football and co-captained the lacrosse team. He attended SUNY Alfred, and Cal State Northridge.
He is survived by his siblings: Robert S. Cypher (Denise) of Rye, Richard P. Cypher (Caomh) of Irvington, Anne Cypher Mundy (Scott) of Milford, Connecticut, and seven nieces and nephews.
Although disabled, he was an accomplished freelance photographer and dog breeder, and an inspiration to all who knew him.



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Yorktown's parks are open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset, you don't have to be a town resident to enjoy them, and best of all, they're free, except for the entrance fee to FDR State Park.

For starters, explore the 343-acre heavy wooded Sylvan Glen Park Preserve via its many marked trails. Scattered throughout the park are remnants of a quarry operation, which ceased in 1941. Stones from the quarry were used in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City and the approaches to the George Washington and Whitestone bridges. Stop by the 18-foot Quarry Oak; by linking hands, how many people will it take to encircle the tree? The park is also the home of a 1.3-acre dog park, so bring along the family friend.

One of Yorktown's lesser known gems is the 56-acre Hunter Brook Linear Park. Its two miles of hiking trails are mostly along the picturesque Hunter Brook, a trout spawning stream that feeds into the New Croton Reservoir, part of New York



Turkey Mountain at sunset. From the park's 831-foot summit, visitors have a 270° panoramic view to the east, south and west.

City's drinking water supply. If you are lucky you might see trout, mink, muskrat, river otters, turtles, frogs, blue herons and salamanders in the brook. The woods are home to a variety of plants and wildlife.

For a more challenging hike, take one of the trails to the summit in Turkey Mountain Nature Preserve. From the park's 831-foot summit, one of the high-

est in Westchester, visitors have a 270-degree panoramic view to the east, south and west. On a clear day, hikers can see the Manhattan skyline, Bear Mountain and the Hudson Highlands. The view is worth the hike and it is easy to see why a hike to the top is so popular. Trails at the base of the mountain meander through woodlands and wetlands.

Several parks have kiosks in their parking areas with maps that direct visitors to nearby services such as fast food and sit-down restaurants, gas stations and ATMs.

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Villanova-bound Fraser, Sailors Soar Past Put Valley

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO
Hendrick Hudson senior M Austin Fraser (14) showed why he'll be playing next-level lax next spring at Villanova when he scored three goals and set up two more in the Sailors' 14-7 triumph of Tiger Kaiden Patterson (R) and host Putnam Valley last Saturday when six different Sailors tickled twine and ran their win streak to five... see Boys' Lax Notebook

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Boys' LAX Notebook

Balanced Hen Hud Surges Past Put Valley, off to 5-1 Start

By Ray Gallagher
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Host Putnam Valley witnessed first-hand the legitimacy of Class C title-hopeful Hendrick Hudson last Saturday when the Sailors posted a 14-7 triumph, improving to 5-1 during a five-game win streak. You name it, opponents, state pollsters, etc.; they're all snoozing on Coach Troy Lepore's Sailors. We will go on record here as being believers since Day 1, and last Saturday was the proof in the pudding when Hen Hud showed incredible balance: AJ Pannella (4G, 2A), Austin Fraser (3G, 2A), Max Popolizio (2G, 3A), Connor Gallagher (2G, 1A), Bryce Caffrey (2G, 1A), Ryan Pritchard (1G) and Braden Ellis (1A) all supported G Vinny Bell (10 saves). Mike Nolan and Joey Macquignon each had two goals for the youthful Tigers.

Seriously, though, the fact that these



Hen Hud's Bryce Caffrey (2G, 1A) makes his move on PV pole Tim Sainz in Sailors' 14-7 win over host Tigers Saturday.

Sailors have been overlooked by state and local pollsters is a crime, especially given the athletes they have on defense, including senior standout Dylan Fraser and Bell.

"They are very underrated," Putnam Valley Coach Tim Weir said before the Tigers took one on the chin. "They're legit, a serious Class C contender."

The Villanova-bound Austin Fraser, a combination of skill, speed and strength, was snapping ankles against the Tigers (3-3), drawing a ton of slides and attention, but, despite having six different goal scorers, second-year Sailors Coach Troy Lepore is taking nothing for granted.

"We played good lacrosse for stretches of time and then we had periods where we didn't value the ball and those turnovers were costly," the coach said. "PV was able to capitalize on them. We need to realize how important every possession is for us to be able to take the next step and continue getting better. As a unit, defensively we did some things well, and offensively we were balanced in our scoring attack. I think our effort and desire for each GB was great. We had our LSM's covering so much field and at times had 2-to-4 kids to a loose ball. We have a packed



Put Valley sophomore Kyle Wassil takes a run at Hen Hud's Mitchell Feldman in Tigers' 14-7 loss to visiting Sailors Saturday



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Hen Hud's Austin Fraser rips one of three goals he would score in 14-7 win over host Put Valley Saturday.

week coming up with three big games, so our goal is to be 3-0 but starts with a good practice Monday."

We see nine Section 1 foes left on the Sailors' schedule, including title-hopeful Pelham, but we like the Sailors' chances of running the table there and entering the tournament as a No.1-2 seed in the hopes of securing the first Section 1 title in school history...



Put Valley sophomore Kyle Wassil offers congrats to hotshot freshman prospect Garrett Leitman after Leitman scored in youthful Tigers' 14-7 loss to Hen Hud.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Pay little mind to the 5-3 record; it's the strength of schedule you must consider when you determine whether or not your buying the state-ranked (No.6) Huskers as the team to beat in Class B, and a 7-5 loss to Class A state-ranked (No.3) power Chaminade does little to dispel the notion.

No.2 HEN HUD – Fraser is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the balance of this attack, and the Sailor (5-1) defense is woefully underrated, as is this entire unit. State pollsters are ignoring

these cats but rating Nyack No.7 and Pelham No.8? Who's in charge, Charles? Still think it could be Rye vs. Hen Hud for the marbles #Don'tFailMeSailors.

No.3 SOMERS – More than anything, including a 13-5 win over Brewster, it's the 10-7 loss to state-ranked (No.1) Class D powerhouse Pleasantville that impresses us most when it comes to these Tuskers (3-3), who we'd like to see at 9-5 or 10-4 (best case) going in to the John Jay game on May 9. Somers A Vincent Cartelli pumped home seven goals and

dished two assists for the Tuskers in the win over Brewster. Lorenzo Sessa added two goals and two assists while Brandon LaSpina added two goals and one assist.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Indians (4-2) had beaten the teams they were supposed to beat until they got handled by Fox Lane, 9-6, which seriously dampens our enthusiasm when it comes to Class A title contention. Reckon we'll know more about the Indians by the end of May 1 when they will have faced Scarsdale, Mamo' and two-time reigning champ

Lakeland/Panas during a grueling upcoming stretch. If they go 2-1, they'll be in the mix in late May.

No.5 LAKELAND/PANAS – There are a couple of buttons on my dashboard; one of them is the panic button, and the 18-4 loss by the Rebels (2-4) to state-ranked (No.4) John Jay has me reaching for it (not pouncing). It's tough to three-peat in Section 1 lax unless your jersey has a Y on it. But Class A is way down this year and it's apparently ripe for the picking, so why not?

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Girls' Softball Notebook

Slugging Somers off to Torrid 5-0 Start; Yorktown, Too

By Tony Pinciario

Opposing pitchers beware when facing **SOMERS**, the Class A Tuskers are wielding thunderous aluminum.

The Tuskers are currently 5-0 and have generated a minimum of 14 or more runs in four of their five games. Somers ran

"From the last pitch of our playoff loss in 2017, the team and I started counting down the days for a stronger, more unified team for 2018," catcher Gabby Mazzotta said. "Our core team has nine veterans and we were more excited than



Panas P Olivia Bordenaro fires pitch in 2-0 loss to Lakeland last Friday.

its winning streak to five with victories over John Jay-Cross River, 14-6, Kennedy Catholic, 16-1, and Rye, 5-1. The Garnets are the only team to hold Somers to single digits in runs.

The offensive eruption is nothing new to the Tuskers. Last year, Somers had a prodigious offense, especially in the second half of the season. And, with the majority of the team back this season, Somers had every reason to be optimistic about is offense, once again.

ever for this season. We felt that Somers was going to be the most underestimated in the league. All of the new players that were added are doing amazing."

No teams are going to overlook Somers any more. The Tuskers are giving opposing pitchers headaches with their lineup. And, Somers' strong second half of 2017 enabled the Tuskers to carry that momentum into 2018.

"The team, offensively, is very strong one through nine," Mazzotta said. "The offensive success has carried over into this season but has also improved. I feel like every girl goes up to the plate on a mission to contribute and to hit the ball hard. So far, everyone has been aggressively hitting the pitchers. We are attacking, squaring up the ball with each pitcher and spraying the ball to all fields."

Based on the fast start, Somers is gaining confidence. However, Mazzotta and her teammates know that it's a long season and they still want to continue improving.

"We are always believing in ourselves because Coach Scagnelli has us so well-prepared," Mazzotta said.



Lakeland's Amber Lopez singles and sets up a run she would score in Hornets' 2-0 win over Panas last Friday.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Panas' Bella Feraca tries to swipe 2B in Panthers' 2-0 loss to rival Lakeland last Friday.



Lakeland P Claire Fon whiffed 11 Panthers' in Hornets' 2-0 win over Panas Friday.



Yorktown hurler Erica Salvaggi has been her usual dominant self in Huskers' hot 2018 start.

"The solid start we have going makes us feel great, but each practice and each game we are learning and growing.

"I feel like the best is yet to come, but we still have a long way to go. We are playing some very good softball and having fun doing our thing."

YORKTOWN continued its fine play, showing why it is the defending Section 1 Class AA champions.

The Cornhuskers handled R.C. Ketcham, 8-1, had the mercy-rule invoked against Horace Greeley and closed out the week with a 6-1 triumph over Fox Lane. Yorktown is 5-1 on the season.

Windmill Erica Salvaggi registered 12 strikeouts and also had a run-scoring double against Fox Lane.

Kaitlyn Bennett led the offensive charge against Greeley with four hits and

three RBI. Julianne Strauss added three hits and drove in four runs and Juliana Piehler also had three hits and had two RBI. Bella Vano contributed two hits and three RBI while Allie Cortino tossed the shutout with eight strikeouts.

Just like Yorktown did against Greeley, the Cornhuskers received balanced contributions from their lineup. Brianna Buck had two triples and four RBI and Courtney Cardea also had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI. Erin Gray went 2 for 2, including a triple, and Angelique Serrano had two hits and scored twice. Christine Ruvo struck out six for the victory.

"It was an awesome week, getting back on track," Yorktown Coach Ryan Iamurri said. "I was so proud of all three pitchers. It's nice to have a staff. Our offense was

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Baseball Notebook

Parents, Players Irked: Brewster Home Games Moved to Alt. Sites

By Ray Gallagher
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So, the sun came out for a day or two, but it was merely a tease, or so it would seem; what with the dreary forecast on the docket this week. Rain and chilly temps will prevail once again as Mother Nature takes her sweet time ushering in spring-like days. As a result, Section 1 baseball managers will continue to shuffle the deck during this crapshoot campaign. Pitching depth will surely be tested in the days ahead with teams falling further and further behind, but that's nothing compared to what they're dealing with over in Brewster.

WALTER PANAS busted out the brooms and swept **BREWSTER** last week: The Panthers (4-2) won 11-3 at home last Wednesday and followed that up Friday with a 3-1 win at Volunteer Park in Brewster.

The issues at Brewster High, though, relate to its home fields, and, quite frankly, is both shameful and unacceptable. In case you didn't know it, baseball teams traveling to Brewster this season will be playing at nearby Volunteer Park, not Brewster High School, which has had its baseball and softball fields deemed unfit for play by its own insurance company. All home softball games will be played at Markel Park.

The Brewster Central School District, which has done a ton of great stuff in and around its main stadium (there is no denying that), has disturbed too much space in recent years and cannot get the requisite DEP permits to do the necessary work on its baseball and softball facilities, which have needed some love and attention for quite some time.

Clearly, the poor planning on the

part of the district has angered parents, coaches and players alike, who have the town to thank for coming to the rescue by providing its facilities as an alternative. Still, it's not the best-case scenario for the seniors, who, whether the school facilities were in great shape or not, won't get to play or practice on campus this season.

"The district has failed to address a problem that has existed for a considerable period of time," said Joe Charbonneau, a former Brewster BOE member, the current Putnam County ADA and parent of a senior baseball player and a JV softball player. "Their failure to address the fields has led their insurance company to declare the fields unplayable. Sadly, the fields are in the same unplayable condition today as they have been for years. Nothing has changed and now the district has been forced to incur costs to shuttle their baseball and softball teams to town facilities with no definitive end in sight."

That is some serious monkey business, y'all! Clearly, your kids deserve your immediate attention in the hopes of rectifying the situation. Kids come first: I shouldn't have to remind folks, but every now and then we gotta hold some feet against the fire of my ire...

Diamond Notes: In the win over Brewster at Panas, Panther ace Jake Jemty threw a complete game, whiffing for the win. OF Tim Feliz (5 RBI this year) went yard for three runs and 1B Peter Andersen had two doubles and three RBI. CF John Young went 2 for 3 with a double and an RBI.

In Friday's sweep, versatile Don Hopper clocked a solo homer and pitched 2-1/3rds innings of scoreless relief for the save in relief of winning P Paul DiPaterio, who fanned seven before leaving in the fifth.

"It's crazy right now the way the season is going," Panas Coach Anthony Fata said after the Panthers suffered a 3-1 loss at Beacon Saturday. "Nobody has enough pitching to keep up with the make-ups. I like to think that we'll be able to qualify for the playoffs, and when we do we can be a dangerous club."

SOMERS (5-2) took two of three last week, finishing off the week with a 9-5 triumph of Sleepy



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Panas SS Lucas Feliciano awaits throw as Brewster's Joe Girard swipes 2B in Panthers' 3-1 win over host Bears last Friday.



Panas P Paul DiPaterio earned the 3-1 win over host Brewster last Friday at Volunteer Park.

Hollow. Tuskers Chris Boncardo (2 for 4, HR, Triple, 3 RBI, 2 runs) had a monster game while Joe Marino (2 for 3, 2 RBI) and Nick Ruggiero (2 for 4, Triple, RBI) all supported winning P Austin Wainer, who did not allow an earned run over five innings. He allowed just two hits and set down seven on K's with just one walk.

In Somers' win over Poughkeepsie Boncardo (3 for 3, HR, 2 RBI, 3 runs),

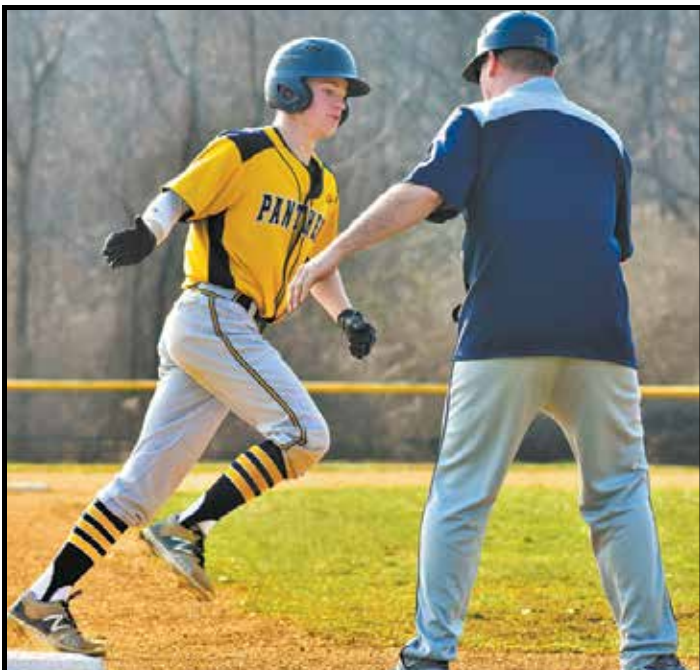
Ruggiero (3 for 4, HR, 2B, 5 RBI, 2 runs) and Marino (3 for 3, 3 RBI, 1 run) were at it again. Mario Caltabellotta chalked up the win with five strong innings (3 ER, 5 Hits, 5 K's). Boncardo and Ruggiero each have five RBI for the year.

YORKTOWN split with Horace Greeley, taking an 8-7 win in extra innings with one of the premier pitchers in the section, Brandon Neeck, starting the game for the Quakers. Yorktown suffered an 8-1 setback in the series finale.

In the Yorktown win, Tyler McDonnell chalked up the win at Greeley where Luan Biberaj and Chris Sica each had two RBI for the Huskers (1-5) and Nick Farda had a hit, three walks, two runs and an RBI. Nick Campanaro had two hits and scored three runs. Anthony Fusco's sac fly plated the winning run in extra innings. Neeck struck out nine and allowed two earned runs over five innings before getting pulled. We talked the struggling Huskers up in our pre-season notes, so let's see if the real Yorktown shows up this week against a powerful Fox Lane outfit.

LAKELAND (2-3) split with John Jay, working a 3-2 home victory early in the week before getting gonged, 14-0, by the host Indians on Friday. In the Lakeland win, Hornet sophomore P Joe Vetrano doubled and scored the winning run when fellow soph Evan Berta (2 for 3)

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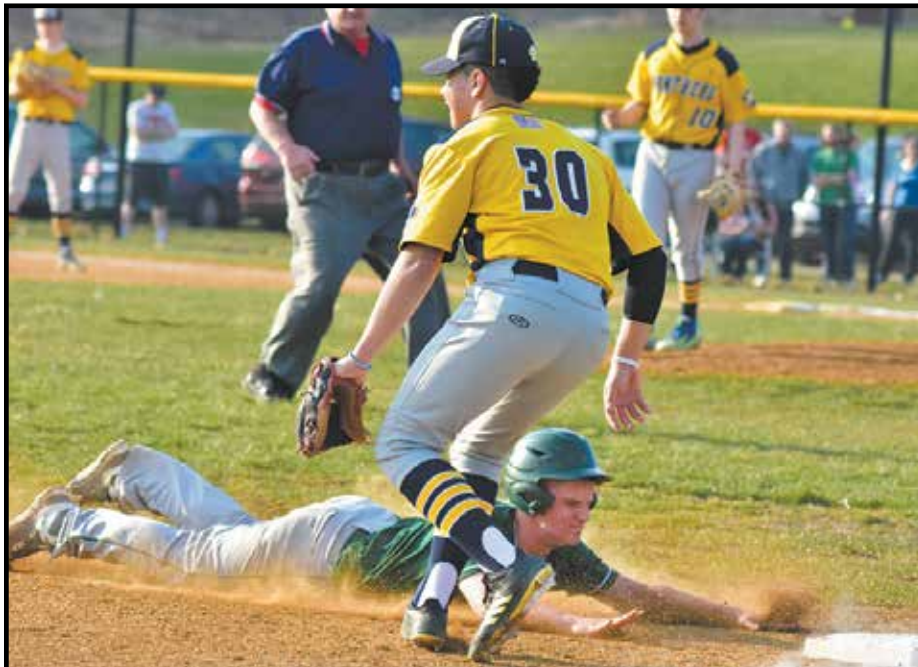


Panas' Don Hopper gets a low-five from Coach Anthony Fata after he went yard for solo homer in 3-1 win over Brewster.

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Baseball Notebook

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Brewster SS Mike Joe Charbonneau slides in safely at 3B as Panas IF Diego Uretta awaits throw in Bears' 3-1 loss to Panthers Friday.

stroked a two-out, game-winning double for the late lead. Vetrano fired a complete game with 12 whiffs one earned run.

"Vetrano threw really well," Lakeland boss Bill Casey said. "He only gave up three hits, and Berta played a solid center field. He hit the ball on the nose all three at-bats, which is nice to see against that kin of pitching (Jay ace Ryan Bryggman and closer Joe Biancone). The big moment of the game was bottom sixth when, tied at 2-2, and Jay had 2nd & 3rd with one out: Our catcher Zach Lerman picked off the runner at 3rd. Then Vetrano struck out the next batter to end the threat."

RCK swept **MAHOPAC**, defeating the Indians 7-2 at Mahopac last Wednesday and taking a 2-1 decision from the host Indians on Thursday. The Mahopac bat were silenced by two RCK hurlers, who fired complete games and allowed just

nine hits. On the bright side, Mahopac's Billy Moeller was shoving it on Thursday, allowing just three hits and two earned runs over six frames. He fanned six and the junior looks the part of a legit hurler with 24 whiffs in 12 IP with a 1.17 ERA.

"Billy has done a great job for us," Mahopac first-year Coach Myk Lugbauer said. "He worked hard this offseason and his work is paying off. He does a great job of locating his fastball to both sides of the plate and is able to keep guys off balance with his breaking ball. He is a bulldog on the mound and doesn't get rattled when things aren't going his way."

Dylan Brehm and Joe Usewicz each have four RBI to lead the Indians (2-4), who are barely above .200 hitting as a team.

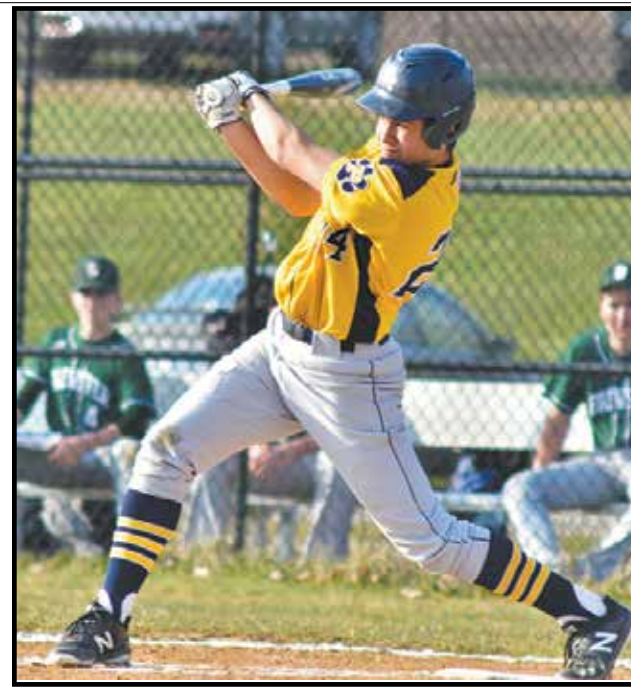
Panas also suffered a 14-7 loss to visiting **CARMEL** on Thursday when

Ram Matt Vitro went out on fire, going 5 for 5 (two doubles) with four RBI and four runs. He did get hit some in relief but earned the win, allowing three runs on five hits. The RHP struck out five over four innings. Carmel (5-2) SS Sean McCarthy (8 RBI this year) added two hits and three RBI while Rams Joe Ciatto, Jon Minotti and Anthony Febo each had two RBI. Young (5 RBI this year) led Panas with three hits, including a laser homer. He finished with three RBI.

Carmel beat Somers on Tuesday, 8-6, in a non-league game. Ram Dan Castrovinci had two hits and three RBI while Vitro (6 RBI for the year) had a pair of hits and two ribs, and also earned the save. Tusker Logan Carriero had 3 hits for Somers.

PUTNAM VALLEY knocked off Hen Hud, 4-3, to advance to the finals of the Briarcliff Tournament where the host Bears sent the Tigers (2-2) packing in a 5-1 defeat. Junior righty TJ Brescia was selected to the All-Tourney team, chalking up the win over Hen Hud and lowering his team-best ERA to 1.97 in 11 IP. Junior RHP John Millicker has provided a steady No.2 hurler with 12 K's in eight IP and a 2.62 ERA. Brian McBride leads the club with six RBI and a .444 BA. PV's depth will be tested this week with five games in five days, including locals Croton and Mahopac.

HEN HUD is off to a 5-2 start and a third-place finish in the Briarcliff tourney



Panas OF Tim Feliz is tearing covers off balls, hitting near .550 through six games.

after Saturday's 7-6 thriller over Irvington. Rocco DiSisto and Nick Hiltzley pitched the team to victor while John Glashoff, Nick Caruso came up with some clutch RBI hits.

Monday defeated Peekskill 12-2

Sailor Sophomore Rocco DiSisto chucked his first varsity career win in a 12-2 rout of Peekskill with Trevor Dowling and Jack Kelly getting multiple hits. Hen Hud also defeated Harrison, 7-2, behind a complete game from senior Tom Pecchia. Matt Olstrom and Billy Reifenhauer had multiple hits for the Sailors.

"We showed great mental toughness against a very talented team," Hen Hud skipper Van Vourliotis said of the Huskies. "Against Put Valley, we just ran into a really good pitcher in Brescia. Down 4-0 early, we fought back late and just came up short in the end."

Slugging Somers off to Torrid 5-0 Start; Yorktown, Too

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lights out Wednesday, but we fell a little flat against Fox Lane. Luckily, Erica Salveggi was able to keep us in the game until we finally broke it open in the sixth. We have a tough week coming up with four games, including three being back-to-back-to-back, so we're going to need our pitching and offense to click on the same days."

PUTNAM VALLEY improved its record to 3-2 with victories over Edgemont and Pelham before Pawling edged the Tigers by a run.

Freshman windmill Emily McKenna took it to Edgemont with her arm and bat. McKenna had three hits, including her first varsity home run, a grand slam. She drove in six runs and scored four.

McKenna went 4 for 4, including a double, and two RBI against Pawling and Keiko Waters also had two RBI.

Putnam Valley punctuated its week with a victory over Pelham as Frankie Reyes went 4 for 4, including a triple, and two RBI. Sophia Lord added two hits and an RBI.

"The coaching staff is very pleased with how coachable all the kids are and how hard they are playing," Putnam Valley Coach Rena Finsmith said. "The saying, 'Got your back,' is truly the motto for this year's team. Coach Nemecek and I are happy with the team's effort and hope that it continues to grow as the season continues."

LAKELAND, the 2017 Section 1 Class A champions, dropped a 3-1 decision and 4-3 verdict to John Jay-Cross River, making the Hornets 0-4 to open the season. However, Lakeland rebounded to blank intra-district rival, Panas, 2-0, for its first win of the season.

P Claire Fon tossed a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts against Panas. Fon also went 3 for 3, drove in a run and scored a run as the Hornets tallied two runs in the sixth inning. Emily McGrath had a hit and drove in a run and Amber Lopez also had a hit and scored a run.

John Jay shocked Lakeland, scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to unlock a 3-3 tie.

Eighth-grader Stella Bale went 2 for 4 and scored two runs for Lakeland. Freshmen Ava Knopf and Hannah Matusiak each had a hit and an RBI. Fon scattered five hits, struck out six and did not allow an earned run.

Harrison snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to overtake Lakeland.

Bale had two hits and Krystal Badillo had a hit and a run scored.

Lakeland travels to league rival, Brewster, Tuesday, before hosting Pawling, Friday.

MAHOPAC's freakish freshman Shannon Becker whiffed 53 batters in three games and surely looks like an all-time great in the making. The Indians (2-1) have only scored two runs this season, keeping the pressure on Becker to be at her best, but her best is still to come. The potential for a no-hitter/perfect game is there every time she takes the hill, and the Mahopac record books are on full alert as she flirts with record-breaking ability day in and day out. —Ray Gallagher contributed to this story

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