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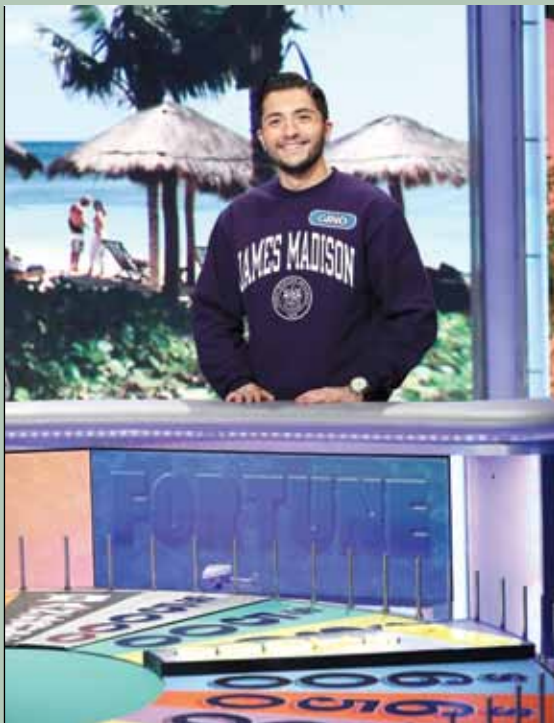
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## Yorktown College Student Cashes in on *Wheel of Fortune*

Gino Palmieri, a resident of Yorktown and a junior at James Madison University majoring in sports and recreation management and minoring in business, was a contestant on Wheel of Fortune on April 2 during "College Week Spring Break" and won \$17,350 in cash and prizes, including a trip to London and Rome.



## Local State Leaders React to Plusses, Minuses in New Budget

By David Propper

Up against a deadline with the Passover and Easter holidays looming, the New York State Legislature squeezed through a state spending plan over the weekend that averted a possible government shutdown.

Governor Andrew Cuomo and top legislative leaders from the Assembly and Senate found common ground late last Friday that resulted in a \$168 billion state budget. The budget includes a \$1 billion increase for state education aid, while still closing a \$4.4 billion deficit that made this year's budget process more strenuous. New measures were passed to possibly help taxpayers avoid a new federal cap on state and local tax de-

ductions by giving employers the option to shift to a payroll tax.

An expansive sexual harassment policy was also voted through that would end most nondisclosure agreements and mandatory arbitration when a complaint surfaces in state government. Any government worker found to have committed harassment would need to refund any taxpayer-financed payout, the law states. Companies that want state bids for business would need to develop anti-harassment policies and training.

But the budget once again left out substantive ethics reform, despite the conviction of a senior aide to Cuomo, Joseph

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## Riley Appointed to Fill Vacancy on Peekskill Common Council

By Rick Pezzullo

A familiar face was recently chosen by the Peekskill Common Council to fill a vacancy created when Andre Rainey was elected mayor in November.

On March 15, the five councilmembers in attendance at a special meeting in City Hall unanimously selected former Councilwoman Patricia Riley to make a comeback.

Riley, a longtime music teacher and union representative in the Lakeland School District, served on the Common Council for one four-year term from 2008-2011 and chose not to seek reelection.

With the addition of Riley, the seven-member Common Council is comprised

of all Democrats.

"Pat Riley was an excellent choice to fill Andre's vacant Council seat. She was selected for her strong commitment to bettering Peekskill and her previous Council experience, which eliminated a potentially steep learning curve for a novice," said Deputy Mayor Kathy Talbot. "Pat has a strong background with unions having served for years as her teacher's union's rep. There were several other candidates who had strong qualifications in differing areas, but Pat stood out. We were gratified to see such interest from fellow residents and hope many of these folks will decide to get involved in our boards or other volunteer

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Councilwoman Patricia Riley was sworn-in by Mayor Andre Rainey at City Hall.

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Percoco, on corruption charges last month. Early voting reform was also left out and the Internet Fairness Act, meant to tax Internet sellers, also didn't find its way into the final bill.

Local state lawmakers had various thoughts on the budget with all Assembly and Senate seats are up for election this year.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), in a press release, said lawmakers made tough sacrifices to ensure that budget was approved on time while preserving critical services, enhancing programs and keeping within a 2 percent tax cap. Murphy highlighted education funding and infrastructure investments included in the budget and stressed New York upheld its commitment to fight the opioid scourge by

placing \$245 million to help residents addicted to drugs.

"We will not back down, we will not give up, and we will continue to support our neighbors and their families," Murphy said.

Murphy pointed out the budget included \$24 million to assist local communities in Westchester County that will be affected by the closure of Indian Point in a few years. He boasted about the comprehensive sexual assault policies that were approved.

"Protecting victims of sexual harassment and assault has been on the forefront of our minds and has remained a priority throughout this legislative session," Murphy explained. "The provisions included in this year's budget put New York miles ahead when it comes to protecting those who have experienced such terrible acts."

State Senator Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park), in a statement, said she supported the Senate's rejection of \$1 billion in tax and fee increases that was proposed by Cuomo and was happy to see an additional \$1 billion for school aid. She voted against the final budget bill though, because it could give state lawmakers a pay raise (A commission would be set up to explore a pay bump). The budget also failed to include any of the school safety bills the Senate approved, including for School Resource Officers or mental health programs, she said.

"I cast my vote in opposition tonight to send a clear message: I am not here for a payday," Serino said.

State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R/Mahopac) complained that the budget process was again filled with flaws, including a lack of transparency. He said most of the bills connected to the budget were voted on when most New York residents were asleep. The Assembly didn't finish voting until after 4 a.m. on Saturday morning.

"We're voting on budget bills before a budget deal is agreed to," Byrne said. "When we're voting on spending, we don't know how we're going to pay for it, we don't know what taxes are in the deal, what taxes are outside of the deal."

He said he's upset an opioid manufacturer tax was included, which could eventually be passed onto consumers. While some of the

money will go to fighting addiction, some of it will go to the general fund, he said.

Byrne said he was pleased new sexual harassment guidelines were put into place, but said more state leaders should have been included in the process, including Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins (D/Greenburgh), who is the Minority Senate Leader. (Cuomo and three male legislators put the policy together.) He was pleased with funding for veteran services, schools and libraries, and roads.

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining) noted this is one of the toughest budget seasons she's been a part of because of the \$4 billion deficit that needed to be closed and policies enacted by the federal government. Galef said the state put legislation to give communities the option to possibly get around the GOP tax law passed last year.

She said she was pleased with the \$24 million set aside for communities affected by the Indian Point closure and noted the increase in school aid, though the Assembly wanted more money for schools.

However, she was disappointed bail reform and early voting measures didn't make the cut in the final budget, though she noted the state legislature could get that legislation done later in the year.

"So many things dropped off the table," Galef said.

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efforts. Peekskill's definitely on the move!"

Rainey, who echoed Talbot's sentiments, said a few months ago that the city received close to 20 inquiries from residents expressing interest in sitting on the council.

The council seat now occupied by Riley has two years remaining on its four-year term, but Riley will only serve until Election Day, November 6, when a special election will take place for the final year of the unexpired term. The seat carries a salary of \$8,686.



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### Q: What is a bunion?

**A:** A bunion is a bump on the inner side of the foot at the base of the big toe. If you've never experienced a bunion, you might think this bump is an enlarged bone or even a growth, but it's not. A bunion is actually a normally-shaped bone that has drifted into an abnormal position. As part of the deformity, the big toe becomes crooked, pointing more and more toward the second toe.

### Q: Why are some bunions so painful?

**A:** It depends on the person. There are people with large bunions who are asymptomatic, and yet I have patients with small bunions who truly suffer. A bunion patient may develop painful symptoms due to footwear, activities, or other foot issues. Continually wearing poorly-fitting shoes that force the toes into certain positions may put additional pressure and pain on the bunion.

### Q: How do you treat bunions?

**A:** The first step in treating pain and discomfort is choosing shoes that are wider, softer, and more comfortable. For women, I'll suggest shoes with a lower heel and a wider toe. Sometimes the right shoe is all it takes to relieve the pain.

If you have a smaller bunion and aching near the base of the big toe try a foam or silicone rubber toe spacer. The spacer, inserted between the first and second toe, corrects the alignment of the first toe and improves the mechanics of the joint, often leading to improved symptoms. Placed over bunions, circular donut-like bunion pads may also provide comfort inside shoes.

### Q: Do you recommend surgery for a bunion?

**A:** I don't recommend bunion surgery for a bunion that's not painful. It's not about the X-ray, the size, or the look of the bunion. It's about how the bunion impacts your life. At Northern Westchester Hospital, bunion procedures are same-day surgeries and surgeons use nerve blocks and sedation. Patients should expect to remain home with feet raised to minimize swelling, from three or four days to one week. Ten days after surgery, patients come for an office visit for removal of stitches. Six to eight weeks following surgery, most patients will be allowed to walk in a roomy sneaker. If you have bunion surgery on the right foot, you won't be able to drive until your doctor gives permission. Full recovery takes about six months to one year.



# Police Blotter

## Putnam Sheriff's Office

**February 16** - Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr. reported the arrest of a 25-year-old Putnam Valley man on charges of impersonating a police officer.

On February 16, at approximately 1:40 a.m., members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department received a report from a female victim who stated her vehicle was pulled over on Oscawana Lake Road by a male in a GMC vehicle that had flashing blue lights activated. The man approached



Joseph Maffettone

the female driver claiming that he worked with the Peekskill Police Department and that he had pulled her over because she crossed the double line. The suspicious female asked him for identification, but the man refused to produce any and subsequently left the area.

At 11:35 p.m. on February 16, police stopped a vehicle on Oscawana Lake Road that matched the description of the GMC. Police said Joseph Maffettone was the driver, and he was arrested and charged with first-degree criminal impersonation. Maffettone was arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court and was released.

## State Police

**March 20** - New York State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Danielle Piamonte, 25, of Cortlandt, for Escape in



Danielle Piamonte

the 3rd degree, and Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree, both class A misdemeanors.

On March 19, New York State Police responded to the Town of Cortlandt Court for a report of a suspect fleeing the custody

of court officers. At approximately 1:50 p.m., Piamonte fled the court house after being remanded to Westchester County Jail by the presiding town justice. Piamonte was at the court for proceedings related to her arrest in January 2017 for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, both class A misdemeanors, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd degree, an unclassified misdemeanor.

She was arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or

\$50,000 bond.

## Yorktown Police

**March 28 - 4:29 p.m.** - Jacquelyn Rush, 35, of Putnam Valley, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree and falling too closely following a car accident near the intersection of Route 6 and Barger Street. Investigation revealed her driving privileges were suspended in New York State.

**4:44 p.m.** - Harold Kaupp, 48, of Cortlandt, was charged with petit larceny

and criminal possession of stolen property for allegedly stealing merchandise valued at \$21.98 which he concealed in his jacket from Toys R Us in Jefferson Valley. He was located and arrested at AC Moore. He was released on \$250 cash bail.

**March 22 - 12:22 p.m.** - Christina Deegan, 50, of Cortlandt, was charged with burglary in the third degree for allegedly entering the Hudson Valley Islamic Center on Lexington Avenue in Mohegan Lake on February 28 at about 9 a.m. and stealing a vacuum cleaner and four prayer rugs. She was released on \$1,000 bail.

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# Somers Students Stand Up Against Bullying

By Anna Young

With public displays of hate on the rise, students at Somers Intermediate School gathered last week to put an end to bullying.

Students and teachers sported black attire last Wednesday to black out bullying as they committed to their second year as a No Place for Hate school. The student led movement seeks to combat hate and intolerance to provide an environment where students can come to school without the fear of being tormented.

Olivia See, Emily Snyder, Dana Cohen, Kayla Simoncini, Chloe Groarke, Anna Hagen, Robbie Gajda and Anthony

Bulfamonte led the movement this year, encouraging their peers to be kind, treat everyone fairly and speak up if they see someone being hurt or bullied.

"We are wearing black to show that we are united against bullying," fourth-grader Snyder said. "We don't want it happening in our school."

"We don't want other kids to get bullied," fifth-grader Cohen added. "Bullying is really bad and not a lot of people pay attention to it."

Throughout the school year, the students, with guidance from school counselor Alexandria Todorov, work together to promote compassion, diversity and a



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

No Place for Hate at Somers Intermediate School.



safe and happy school by partaking in activities that brings the student body together.

"It's so important," Todorov said. "It really gives the kids a voice which makes it so much more powerful."

During the schools March 28 assembly, the students performed a short skit enlightening their peers to the actions of a bully. After each student said something a bully might do, like pushing, punching or hitting, the over 700 students in attendance joined together and said, "That's what bullies do."

The student advocates agreed that bul-

lying won't be tolerated in their school and hoped their performance triggered change. Some admitted they had been picked on and said they wanted to prevent their friends from feeling the same pain they once experienced.

"Bullies do all these mean things and if you're a bully watching this, you should know that even though you might not see yourself that way, it's what a bully does, and we don't want it here," said fourth-grader Groarke. "Bullies aren't tolerated in our school and if they are they, need to learn to stop and be a part of our No Place for Hate community."

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# Utility Company Heads Grilled During State Senate Hearing

by David Propper

The leaders of three utilities on the hot seat stood up for their companies' performances last week during a NYS Senate hearing in Albany to address massive and lengthy power outages that were caused by two powerful winter storms.

State lawmakers questioned the heads of the three utility companies about the apparent shortfalls of restoring power to thousands of Lower Hudson Valley customers following two massive storms in March, which led to universal outrage from local communities. Winter Storm Riley and Winter Storm Quinn wreaked havoc in Putnam and Westchester counties, with downed trees a common sight and lights out throughout both counties.

Local and state lawmakers have slammed companies like Consolidated Edison, New York State Electric and Gas, and Central Hudson for their performances since the bruising storms.

NYSEG CEO Carl Taylor said he was "very proud" of the work done by company workers after the two storms. He said NYSEG was prepared for the widespread weather event, but the Lower Hudson Valley faced the brunt of the storm. More than 3,000 wires went down, 400 poles broke, and dam-

age occurred to other infrastructure that helps power homes and businesses. About 870 workers worked 17-hour days on restoration until all customers were restored, he said.

"This was an extraordinary effort... in an extraordinary event," Taylor said, adding another storm after Winter Storm Riley hampered recovery efforts. Taylor noted NYSEG has committed millions of dollars into the Brewster division in years past and are developing ways to put together a climate resilient infrastructure.

Central Hudson CEO Michael Mosher said he understands power outages imposes great stress and safety risks on customers, but putting the lights back on after major storms can pose challenges. In advance of Winter Storm Riley, Mosher said the organization prepared and called on mutual aid before the storm got underway. It was the fourth most severe storm in the past 50 years for Central Hudson, Mosher said. While every customer was restored right before the second snowstorm, it caused 50,000 outages, he added.

"Any comparison between any two storms and for that matter restoration performance between utilities is difficult and imprecise," Mosher said.

Con Ed CEO John McAvoy said as the company attempted to restore power after the first storm, the second storm delayed work. As for the communication breakdown, McAvoy noted a software defect and modeling problem were the cause of that inaccurate information.

McAvoy said Con Ed understands why people were frustrated and upset with the company as they sat in the dark.

"This has been a difficult few weeks for our customers," McAvoy said.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) said a lot of the frustration came from bad communication and a better plan must be put together to improve services. Murphy said despite investigations following other hurricanes and major storms in recent years, the job done by utilities was "unacceptable."

"We can't beat Mother Nature, but we owe it to the people we serve to have a practical, effective emergency plan we can put into effect when outages do occur," Murphy said.

Murphy asked the three utilities if each company put forward an adequate effort, which didn't get a strong retort.

"I think you know the answer to that, that's why we're here," Murphy

quipped.

State Senator Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park) asked whether the companies would reimburse for any lost food during the storm. Mosher said Central Hudson doesn't but provided dry ice for customers and Taylor said NYSEG be sending information to affected customers about possible reimbursement. Consolidated Edison is providing reimbursement.

Serino said while she was on the ground in the aftermath of both nor'easters, she noticed Putnam faced a tougher time than Dutchess County restoring power and clearing debris. One 93-year-old constituent, Norma, who lives in Lake Peekskill, had to be rushed to the hospital after she could not get access to her heart medicine a couple days following the storm. When she was released, she was taken to a Red Cross Center in Westchester and ended up wearing the same clothes on her back for eight days while her home had no power.

Norma was also told several times she had power back, when in fact she didn't that led to more confusion and headache, Serino said.

"They deserve answers," Serino said of her constituents.

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## Obituaries

### Warren Heffner

Warren Franklin Heffner, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully March 15 at Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was 71.

He was born April 12, 1946 in Brooklyn, to the late James and Ethel (Spector) Heffner. He is survived by his wife, Johann, and his brother Stephen. He is also survived by his niece Wendy (Sylvie), nephews Neil (Ingrid), Michael (Susan), his uncle Nat Spector, aunt Toby Spector;



Warren Franklin Heffner

cousins Arthur, David and Billy Spector, Robin Hutnik, Rita Hohausen, Diane Carlin and many more cousins, nieces and nephews. He is a graduate of Erasmus Hall High School and studied at Brooklyn College.

Mr. Heffner was a creative, loving person with a wonderful sense of humor. He excelled in sports: skiing, racket ball, tennis and golf. He loved photography and graphic design. He began his career as a

writer and photographer. He had a freelance assignment as a photographer for the NY Rangers Hockey Team Yearbook. One of his landscape photographs was included in a national art exhibit.

He established his own design firm, Heffner Graphics, Inc., where he focused on logo development, advertising and media placement for more than 30 years. Among his achievements was the promotion of the Bay Street Landing complex in Staten Island, NY. His clients included the real estate firms of the Edward S. Gordon Company and Cushman & Wakefield.

### James Gallery, Jr.

James J. Gallery, Jr. (Popsie), a resident of Port St. Lucie Florida, formerly of Ossining, died March 23. He was 82.

He was born November 18, 1935, to James J. and Lila Gallery. He was a graduate of Ossining High School and served in the National Guard from 1954 to 1963. He was a member of the Ossining Fire Dept., Ladder 42, for 63 years and was an ex-forman. He worked for Turner Electric as a Master Electrician then went on to open up his own Electrical Business on Croton Avenue, Birchbrook Electric, until moving to Florida in 1988.



James J. Gallery, Jr.

Brian (Lisa) and Scott (Christine); eight grandchildren: Ryan, Tara, Kelley-Anne, JR, Tyler, Tommy, Caden and Nickilas; one great-grandchild RJ; and his brother Michael Lally. He was predeceased by both sisters Irene and June.

He is survived by his devoted wife Diane. They would have been married 60 years April 6, 2018. He is also survived by his loving children Colleen Lonergan (George), James (Maureen), Kevin,

and Thomas.

### Anthony Sikorsky

Anthony J. Sikorsky, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully at his home March 31. He was 86.

He was born in the Bronx on June 12, 1931 to Anthony and Margaret Sikorsky. Early in his career he worked for Bulova Research and Development Labs where he met his loving wife Rosalie. They were married on January 28, 1962 in Corona, Queens. They moved to Ossining in Sept. 1964.

Mr. Sikorsky was a loving and devoted husband, son, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Rosalie, son Anthony, and wife Laurie, daughters, Margaret and husband, Jim Conn, Rosalie Ricci and her children. He is survived by six much loved grandchildren, James, Thomas and Steven Conn, John and Leanne Ricci and Emelia Sikorsky. He was predeceased by his parents and one sister, Frances Vetrano.

### Theresa Butler

Theresa Butler, a resident of Shrub Oak, died March 30. She was 84.

She was born in the Bronx, to Thomas and Nora McKeon on July 15, 1933. She is survived by her daughters Deborah McGowan and Colleen Finnegan, four grandchildren: Dean (Carolyn), Ryan, Christopher, and Sean. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings: Eileen, Nora,

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# Award-Winning Journalist Dishes on Trump in New Book

By Martin Wilbur

David Cay Johnston has no doubt that the upcoming midterm election is the most important vote in the United States since the depths of the Great Depression.

In 1932, with the country reeling from the worst economic conditions in its history, some Americans advocated turning to communism to solve the nation's ills. Others lurched toward fascism, scapegoating various groups. Instead, voters chose Franklin D. Roosevelt, who over the course of his presidency gradually restored Americans' pride and saw it become a world power.

Johnston, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author, said the nation faces another watershed election in 2018. This time a change of direction is needed not because of a financial crisis but to elect a Congress that can rein in the worst impulses of President Donald Trump, he said.

"Do we want the United States of America, I believe flaws and all is the greatest political idea in the history of the world, to endure or do we want to throw it all away?" Johnston said. "And if we don't make a clear stand now that, no, we don't want incompetence, and people who are delusional who brag about making things up and pay off people to be silent, people who voice their admiration for murderers and dictators all around the world, then all the wonderful things we've got we can throw away."



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author David Cay Johnston came to Chappaqua recently for a discussion about his new book "It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America."

Johnston spoke recently at New Castle Town Hall in Chappaqua and signed copies of his new book, "It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America." His book examines how Trump's actions and appointees have in just over a year chipped away at Americans' rights and civil protections. The program was presented by Left of Main Street and Briarcliff-Ossining Indivisible.

Johnston has written about Trump for 30 years, initially while covering the Atlantic City casino industry for The Philadelphia Inquirer in the late 1980s. When Johnston moved to The New York Times, he focused on tax reporting, which earned

him a Pulitzer in 2001. That coverage would frequently bring him into Trump's orbit on various issues in New York City real estate circles.

Last year, Johnston was the journalist who had a copy of Trump's 2005 income tax return anonymously mailed to him. Johnston is convinced that Trump wanted him to receive a copy.

The danger of the Trump presidency is not necessarily what can Trump do to the country while he's in office, Johnston contends, but it could serve as a blueprint for the next power-hungry hopeful who would actually have the competency, intelligence and temperament to pull off much of what Trump hopes to achieve.

Throughout his hour-long talk, Johnston, who said he is a registered Republican, leveled withering criticism at Trump, calling him "the greatest con artist in the history of the world." Similar to his father, he is mostly a showman.

Johnston said Trump managed to bankrupt his casinos because he's "a cash extractor." He's also been able to keep significant parts of his past hidden because of his propensity for non-disclosure agreements over the decades, even demanding them for low-level campaign volunteers in 2016.

"Donald Trump is not who the American public thinks he is," Johnston said. "He's not

a successful businessman, he's not smart, he doesn't know anything. He's literally an ignoramus."

Perhaps Trump's worst quality is his need to exact revenge, he said.

"Donald has written and said repeatedly over the years that he gets pleasure from destroying the lives of other people," Johnston said.

Trump has run roughshod over the country's institutions and the norms of office of the president, which have been established by his 44 predecessors over more than two centuries. Some presidents were successful and smart, others were failures or had serious flaws, but all understood the gravity of the office and what was expected of them, Johnston said.

That's why citizens of all political stripes must educate themselves and vote to activate real checks and balances – before a Trump political disciple one day executes his agenda, he said.

"I may be gone, you may be gone before it happens, but it will happen if we don't change direction the same way we changed direction in 1865 when we got the child labor laws, when women got the right to vote in 1920, when Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air and Clean Water acts," Johnston said. "What are you going to do? It's up to you."

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## Letters to the Editor

# An Open Letter to Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert & Town Board

### To the Editor:

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce proudly serves as the voice of Yorktown's vibrant business community. A vital part of our mission is to help improve the quality of life for all Yorktowners.

The Chamber's Board of Directors is more ambitious than ever, as we work hard to find new ways to enhance our great community through marketing opportunities and smartly placed commercial and residential development.

Through its expanding activities, the Chamber seeks to achieve several goals: Benefit our member businesses, improve the local economy, attract new businesses, generate additional tax revenue, and help raise property values.

In our unique and pivotal role as the business agent for Yorktown, the Chamber looks forward to working hand in glove with the Town Board on several exciting projects.

For the convenience of taxpayers, listed below is a punchlist of high-value proposals that the current Town Board has the good fortune to inherit from the previous administration.

In the spirit of working together to move ahead on these projects in a timely and efficient manner, please feel free at your earliest convenience to update the Chamber and all residents on the status

of the following...

### Roma Building

The owner of this very visible structure on 1.35 acres, at the juncture of Routes 118 and 202/35 in the Heights, is eager to convert it into a mixed-use commercial-residential property. Parking and in/out access can be dramatically improved. The 57-year-old building's aging bones and facade, from top to bottom, can be architecturally transformed into a beautiful, proud showpiece in the heart of the Heights. The owner's December 2017 proposal for redevelopment awaits Town Board approval. Please advise what the Town Board's position is on the Roma Building.

### Weyant Project

Situated adjacent to the westward side of Roma Building is a 2.6-acre parcel that local contractor John DeVito will develop into a 36-unit rental community. He awaits Town Board approval of his application for transitional zoning. Please advise what the Town Board's position is on the Weyant Project.

### Highway Garage Revitalization

The long overdue relocation of the Yorktown Highway Department garage to Greenwood Street has far-reaching ramifications for the revitalization of

Yorktown Heights, which lags behind the town's other four hamlets in fulfilling its potential for economic sustainability.

Environmental studies on the Garage site have been conducted and the site plan is approved by the town Planning Board. More than \$1 million in state-funded grant money has been committed, but it will expire unless the Town Board quickly greenlights the project. Once the garage is relocated, sale of the vacant parcel to a developer will fetch the Town as much as \$2 million. Taking the Garage's place can be a mixed-use office-retail space that would create a halo effect to benefit other businesses in the area.

Placing the Highway Garage in a more logical and expansive space that can house all the valuable heavy equipment indoors (instead of some of the fleet now exposed year-round to the elements) is more financially responsible than the currently untenable conditions, where equipment wear-and-tear is worsened even when it is idle. Proper care of the fleet will save the Town for years to come on costly maintenance bills.

The Greenwood campus also will enable maintenance savings for another Town department. Parks & Recreation also will be able to move its equipment indoors at the new site, instead of Parks & Rec machinery being stored

in containers and on tennis courts at Downing Park. That's another untenable situation, which needlessly ties up valuable recreation space that now is off limits to taxpayers.

In addition, the Patriot Park destination that emerges on the Garage site will feature ample open space with a town green for walking, sitting, outdoor events, and a gazebo, with the Battle of Pinesbridge Revolutionary War statue as a majestic centerpiece. It's small town Americana come to life that will boost other local businesses and attract tax-paying occupants for such glaring, long-standing vacancies as Food Emporium. Please advise what the Town Board's position is on the Highway Garage Relocation.

### Conclusion

The aforementioned three projects combined are linchpins in bolstering what amounts to Yorktown's downtown hub. We anxiously await the Town Board's response on how the Chamber of Commerce -- with its stable of professional experts -- can help you make these dreams a reality for the sake of every taxpayer -- both residential and commercial -- in the Town of Yorktown.

Respectfully submitted,

**YORKTOWN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

## Murphy's Support of SAFE Act Repeal Would Pose Danger to Schools

### To the Editor:

Columbine, Sandy Hook, Charleston, Orlando, Las Vegas, Parkland. The litany goes on and on.

But we in New York are fortunate that our communities have not yet appeared in this nefarious listing. New York has the fourth lowest rate of gun deaths per

capita in the U.S., thanks in large part to the New York SAFE Act, a comprehensive gun safety law passed in 2013. And it's growing in popularity. A recent Siena poll reported that opposition to the SAFE Act has fallen to an all-time low of 28 percent.

But Republican state Sen. Terrence

Murphy wants to change all that. Mr. Murphy, rated 93 percent by the National Rifle Association and a regular recipient of NRA campaign cash, has co-sponsored S.879, a bill to repeal the SAFE Act outside of New York City.

He and his colleagues have rejected Assembly-passed enhancements to the SAFE Act including red flag provisions, enhanced background checks and preventing domestic abusers from purchasing weapons despite the fact that some of these actions are favored by 80 to 90 percent of Republicans. The Republican's response was to pass a package of "school safety" provisions, including the offer of "Guardians for Schools" license plates to raise money for school security. That'll certainly help a lot!

By contrast, Robert Kesten, Mr. Murphy's Democratic opponent in the 40th Senate District, stands foursquare behind the SAFE Act and actively supports its enhancements as well as a ban on "cop-killer" ammunition and similar provisions.

No reasonable person wants to repeal the Second Amendment or prohibit gun ownership by responsible hunters, target shooters, collectors, etc. But the recent spate of gun violence in schools and elsewhere compels us to take positive action to keep guns out of the hands of those who cannot or will not control themselves and to manage the types of weapons and ammunition available to the general public.

Robert Kesten understands this. Unfortunately, Mr. Murphy does not. If he has his way, we will one day experience such a tragedy right here in the Hudson Valley. But not to worry, Mr. Murphy, we will still have the "Guardians for Schools" license plates you so generously offered us.

Sincerely,

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## Business of the Week

# X-Treme Tanning Ossining

By Neal Rentz

Donna Smith of Ossining took ownership of X-Treme Tanning in Ossining on December 1, in the Croton Avenue building which previously also housed a tanning facility.

Smith also owns another tanning salon, Sole' Tan, in Yorktown. She said when she began in the tanning industry about 12 years ago "it was a good business." But today there are challenges to tanning businesses in the state. "But now with all the laws and the regulations we're very restricted. Our hands are tied as to a lot of things," she said.

Smith, who is a cosmetician, said tanning facilities are required to have a state Board of Health permit that must be renewed every other year. The facilities are also regulated by Westchester County. "Every two months we get inspected by the county," Smith said. "They come in with minors to see if we're going to tan them."

Tanning facilities in the state cannot provide services to youths under 18, with the exception of 17-year-olds who have parental permission, Smith said.

"My personal feeling is the pharmaceutical companies are behind the push to get us out of business because



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Ossining resident Donna Smith is the owner of X-Treme Tanning in Ossining. Also shown above is her receptionist Danielle Pugni of Briarcliff Manor.

if you're putting SPF (sun block) all over your body you wouldn't be coming here tanning," Smith said. "Your skin is the largest organ of your body. And if you're putting SPF all over it your liver and kidneys are being affected by the SPF"

Smith added that SPF is flammable and persons who have had the substance on their bodies have in some instances been accidentally caught on fire. "Crazy things have happened," she said.

Even with all the new rules, tanning is still "a good business to be in," Smith said. She added, "We just have to be very careful today."

Smith said the services provided by tanning studios are beneficial. "This is a controlled, responsible environment," she said. "Our objective is to prevent sunburn. So, if you were to go away on vacation you can get a base tan here, so you don't burn."

Smith said with her new machines the facility provides many spray tans. Smith and some of her staff are certified to spray. Customers can also be machine sprayed in booths dedicated for that purpose, she said.

Customers can also receive ultraviolet

tans at X-Treme. "We have different levels of beds. So, we start you off in the lowest level to build a base tan," Smith said.

Many of her customers have been regulars at the facility since it opened under different management in 2002, Smith said. "They're very loyal, faithful customers. We just hope that we can keep them happy and tan," she said.

X-Treme Tanning is located at 173 Croton Ave. in Ossining. For more information, call 914-923-8100 or visit its Facebook page.



Shrub Oak's Nick Barreira was selected to showcase to his classic 1970 Camaro during the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. The New York International Auto Show, which runs through Apr. 8, is the largest-attended auto show featuring nearly 1,000 cars and trucks.

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## Club Fit Opens Doors to Community with Open House Event

On April 13, Club Fit will host an open house at its Jefferson Valley location. The carnival-themed event is free and open to the public. Membership is not required to attend. "This Carnival Themed Open House has been planned to help celebrate our 45th birthday," said Jacquie Giannico, Marketing Director for Club

Fit. "It's our giveback, not only to our members, but to our community. It's an evening of total fun for the entire family with great activities happening."

The Club Fit Open House Carnival Celebration in Jefferson Valley will take place on April 13, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Open House Carnival Celebration is designed as a night of family-friendly fun and entertainment. A number of activities are planned, including Zumba, Tennis and Boot Camp, as well as a live DJ, a photo booth, raffles, food and even a stilt walker and juggler on hand.

"Between the carnival games, stilt

walkers, jugglers, caricaturists and music to go along with the event, we hope everyone comes out to celebrate with us," Giannico said. "This gives us an opportunity to get people into our club so that they can feel the excitement and see what

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## Tuesday, April 3

**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](http://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](http://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, 4/5, 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](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. Alan Sklar Reads Two Stories by Neil Gaiman on April 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us in a creepy evening as Sklar, a professional narrator, corporate spokesman and actor with years of experience, reads two dark stories by Gaiman: "The Price" and "We Can Get Them for You Wholesale." Register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call the library at 914-232-5717. VoiceScapes Audio Theater will be held on April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Brace yourself for the sonic experience of your life. Their live performance consists of a collection of unique and original short contemporary comedies and thought-provoking dramas, featuring Audie Award book narrator, Barbara Rosenblatt. Space is limited; register on our online calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717. A performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" will be held on April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. by the Red Monkey Theater Group and M&M Performing Arts Company. No registration is required; first come, first served. Space is limited.

## Wednesday, April 4

**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.

**Bingo Wednesdays:** Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west

of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 or [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

## Thursday, April 5

**Talmud Class:** Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages meets on Thursdays, 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](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

**Hope On The Hudson:** The documentary series Hope on the Hudson, featuring the three new short films "City on the Water," "Restoring the Clearwater," and "Seeds of Hope," will be presented at 7 p.m. at Westchester Community College, 27 N. Division

St., Peekskill. Info: [PeekskillEnvironmentalFilms@gmail.com](mailto:PeekskillEnvironmentalFilms@gmail.com).

## Friday, April 6

**Anime Nights:** Join us for a chance to watch anime from Crunchyroll with your friend at the Somers Library. This program is for teens entering seventh grade and up. It meets one Friday a month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/11, and 6/1.



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## Saturday, April 7

**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, 1698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at <http://www.yorktownzen.org> or e-mail us at [yorktownzen@gmail.com](mailto:yorktownzen@gmail.com).

**Tag Sale:** A Tag Sale will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit mission trips. Info: [www.fpcyorktown.org](http://www.fpcyorktown.org).

**Northern Westchester Artists:** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley hosts the 52nd annual show of The Artists of Northern Westchester from April 8 through 20. The opening Reception will be held on April 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are 1-3pm on 4/8, 4/14, 4/15, 4/21 and 4/22. Location: 2021 Albany Post Rd., Croton. Info: [www.uuchudsonvalley.com](http://www.uuchudsonvalley.com) or 914-271-4283.

**Torah Study:** All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner at 9 a.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how this week's Torah portion is a mirror into our lives. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at [RabbiW@optonline.net](mailto:RabbiW@optonline.net).

**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. Kid-dush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com)

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**Support Connection Fundraiser:** An upscale resale shop at 400 King St in Chappaqua, (in the Talbot's shopping center) will hold a One Year Anniversary Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to benefit Sup-

port Connection in Yorktown. There will be free refreshments, pop-up sales, a prize wheel and a basket drawing. Shoppers who make a purchase that day will receive a discount coupon to use another day. For more information, visit [supportconnection.org/fantastic-finds](http://supportconnection.org/fantastic-finds), e-mail [fantastic.finds@supportconnection.org](mailto:fantastic.finds@supportconnection.org), or call: Fantastic Finds at 914-238-9200, Support Connection can be reached by calling 914-962-6402.

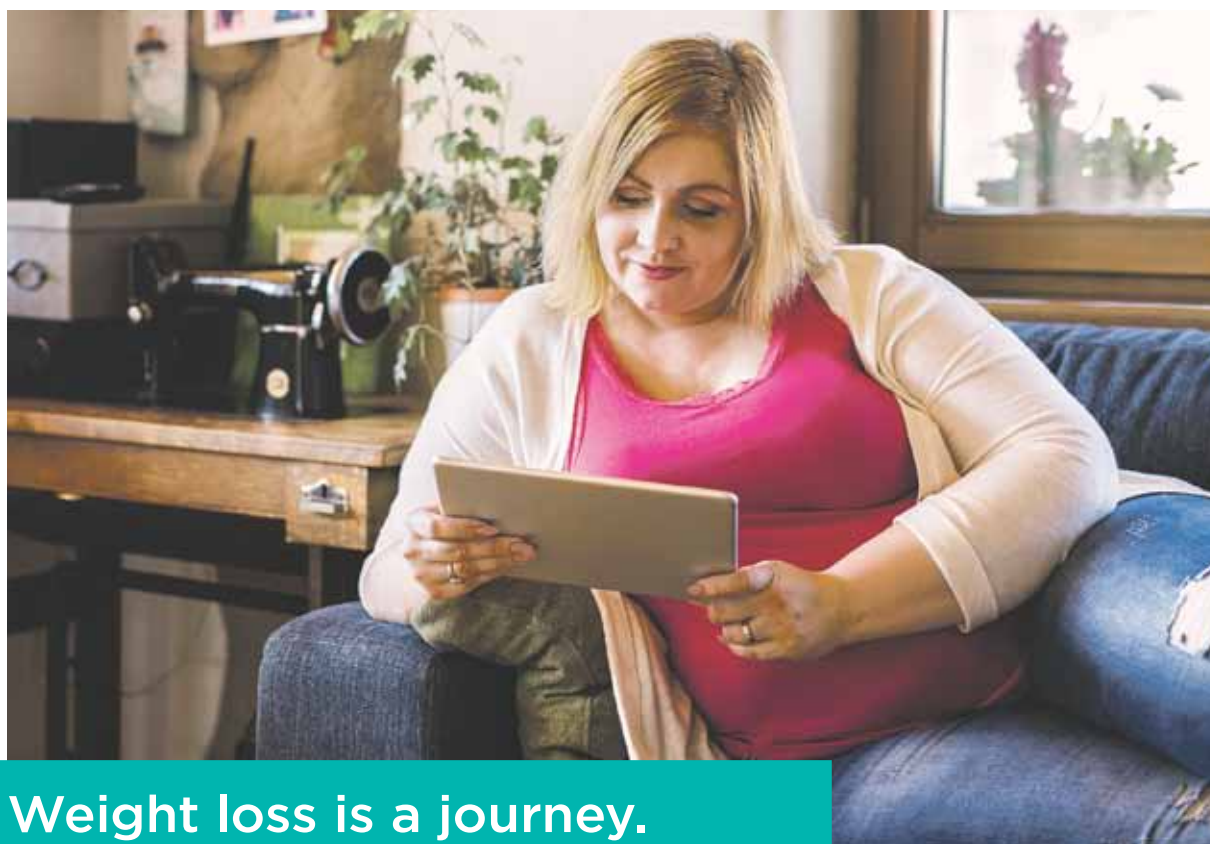
## Sunday, April 8

**Healing Yoga:** Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is

\$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

## Monday, April 9

**Paul Robson Celebration:** From 6:30 to 8 p.m., Peekskill High School and the Peekskill NAACP Civic Engagement Committee will commemorate the 120th birthday of singer, actor, scholar, linguist, political activist, orator and athlete Paul Robeson by presenting a free concert to the community. Featuring various musical numbers, dramatic and dance performances and student artwork, these acts by the students reflect their inspiration from the life and contributions of Robeson. To RSVP and receive event updates, search for Paul Robeson's 120th Birthday listing on Facebook.



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## Here Are Some Tips for Easy Spring Gardening

Most every spring I write a piece about simplifying garden chores to achieve maximum effect in design and color with minimum effort in planting, weeding and especially bending and kneeling.

Although I've lived for three years in a condominium where someone else does all the bending and kneeling to keep the surrounding property looking like Shangri-La, I enjoy thinking about past garden chores. I can still throw out some tips that may be of help to you in simplifying your workload without sacrificing satisfying results.

Once a garden plan is developed and set in place, spring chores amount mainly to maintenance. As naïve as I was as a young homeowner thinking that every tree, shrub and bulb I discovered on my property, as well as ones that I plopped there over the years, would continue to grow and prosper during their lifetimes and mine.

Oh my, how the landscape that embraced my historic home changed over the near half-century that I owned it. Thanks to pestilence, severe winters and especially those unforgettable storms, Irene and Sandy, which toppled 17 mature trees, my property was transformed from an almost completely shaded stretch into a very

sunny property, requiring an entirely different landscaping plan and maintenance requirements.

That unforgiving sun demands that little things grow into big things, be they cultivated or wild, and that requires a lot of work to either encourage growth or eliminate it. That would have been fine if I were

willing, which I was not, and had the time, which I didn't.

After the tree service people removed nine felled trees from Hurricane Irene, then another eight from Sandy, my property, which had been a gorgeous shaded glen, suddenly looked like a war zone. I was also thousands of dollars poorer from the experience.

At first, I was grateful that none of the trees had hit the house, but I didn't know where to start with suddenly moving from shade gardening to that of bright sunlight.

Years ago, the spreading limbs of two century-old sugar maples required only broad swaths of evergreen pachysandra below. And in the sunny areas of the property, enthusiastic gardener that I was at the time, I planted beds of annuals and perennials in every inch of space that had access to the sun. Now, suddenly there was too much access to the sun and I had no drive to plant much at all. But it taught me some

lessons in garden simplification that I pass on here.

Where a giant maple had once stood, centered on my front lawn, I seeded grass and bordered it with the pachysandra that had been under the tree to create a soft transition to the wooded area beyond.

I replaced all of the annual beds with either hardy perennials or daylilies, or better yet, vinca, where I didn't have to do anything at all.

For flowers that require less planting time, I've turned to container gardening. Since my attack by Mother Nature, I've created a more architectural garden by collecting urns – iron, aluminum that looks like iron, concrete and clay – and interspersed them on either side of the entrance to my driveway, three on my patio, at the entrance to my front door and at several locations in my backyard.

To make them really carefree, I planted three geraniums in each urn, usually in pink and one white, my favorite combination. Geraniums are the hardiest plant under the sun, and surrounding them, I planted white and pink petunias, the kind which hang over the edge. Then I mulched them to better retain water. The nicest thing about container gardening is that I didn't have to bend over or kneel to plant them.

To guard against the need for constant

weed pulling during the summer, I asked my lawn maintenance people to drop me off a truck of "clean" wood chips at the far edge of my wooded property. Then, when I felt like some exercise, instead of going to the gym I picked up my pitchfork and coated every bed of perennials and around my hostas with a thick layer of chips to retain moisture and keep the weeds at bay all season long.

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- 16. Silly person
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- 19. Volcano
- 20. "\_\_\_\_\_ Survive" (Gloria Gaynor hit)
- 23. No-see-ums
- 24. Superman's alter ego would shop at this
- Putnam liquor store
- 25. Turned over ground
- 26. Psychic ability
- 27. When the rooster crows or Yorktown carpentry
- 31. Hawk's weapons
- 33. After-tax amount
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- 36. "Gritty" intro

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  - 4. House of education
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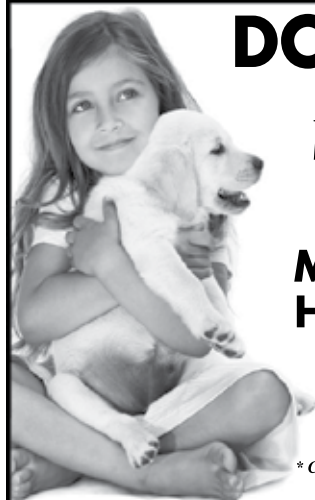
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# More Bang for Their Buck!

## Yorktown Cashes in 9-0 Win over Brewster



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Yorktown's Angie Serrano (L) and Brianna Buck are all smiles after the reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers opened the season with a 9-0 win over visiting Brewster last Tuesday. Yorktown (2-0) followed that up with a 7-3 win over Lourdes last Thursday when P Erica Salveggi homered and went the distance for the win behind offensive stars Courtney Cardea (3-3, 3-run homer), Juliann Strauss (1-3, 2-run double) and Buck (two-out RBI).



## Sports

## Girls LAX Notebook

# Putnam Valley Outlasts Brewster in Overtime, 9-8

## Yorktown Trims Hen Hud in Battle of Heavyweights; L/P, Mahopac Winners, Too

By Tony Pinciario

PUTNAM VALLEY made its first win of the season a statement victory.

The 2017 Section 1 Class C runner-up Tigers rallied from a two-goal halftime deficit to force overtime and eventually overtake an experienced **BREWSTER** team in a 9-8 victory at the Bears' den.

entire team," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Brewster is a great team and that win was huge for us. This win definitely showed the girls that they can compete against these very-skilled teams. I think starting off with the loss to Byram they felt a little defeated, but this win was big in shifting



Brewster's Danielle Regan fires shot in Bears' 9-8 loss to Putnam Valley last Wednesday.

Junior Jackie Phillips' second goal of the game, as overtime was winding down, was the difference.

"It was an outstanding effort by the



Brewster's Lauren Craft fires shot as PV's Cat Mazza defends in Bears' 9-8 loss to Tigers last Wednesday.

their focus and boosting team morale and confidence."

Putnam Valley trailed 5-3 at halftime and appeared headed for a second-straight loss out of the gate, but a different team emerged after the break.

"Our defense really stepped up in



Brewster's Megan Beal tries to outplay Put Valley D Gillian Hanson in Bears' 9-8 loss to Tigers last Wednesday.



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Put Valley G Kimberly Hyndman and M Emma Rippon converge to halt a shot from Brewster's Lauren Craft in Tigers' 9-8 win over Bears.

the second half," Hyndman said. "They were determined and held their own, especially against Brewster's very talented Lauren Craft and Meagan Beal. They are excellent players and have good shots so we knew if we tried to prevent them from scoring we may have a chance.

"I wish there were close-ups after Jackie scored that game-winning goal. The excitement on the girls' faces was



Putnam Valley's Jessica Denike closes in on Brewster's Michelle Feighan in Tigers' 9-8 come-from-behind win over host Bears last Wednesday.

priceless. They really worked hard for this win and we couldn't be happier for them. It's still only the beginning of the season though so there things we need to work on, but we definitely let these girls celebrate their hard-fought win."

Meredith Conlin and Phillips each scored twice. Kaitlin Cohen, Lindsey Cohen, Maddie Deegan, Jessica Denike and Emma Rippon scored a goal apiece. Kimberly Hyndman made 12 saves.

Prior to its overtime loss with Putnam Valley, Brewster opened the season with wins over Carmel, 15-6, and Nyack, 17-

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# Sports

## Girls LAX Notebook

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Lakeland-Panas' Cara O'Shea nails goal in Rebel win over Pelham.



Lakeland-Panas M Emily Kness was a two-way terror in win over Pelham.



Lakeland-Panas M Kelsey McCrudden makes her move in season-opening win over Pelham.



Yorktown's Caroline Garti dodges past TZ defender in Huskers' 13-10 opening-day win over Dutchmen.



Yorktown's Noelle Cegielski races up sideline in Huskers' 13-10 opening-day win over Tappan Zee.

11. Beal erupted for seven goals against Carmel and Marina Souza added four goals and four assists. Craft contributed two goals and two assists. Maggie DePaoli and Haile Ratajack each scored a goal and Dani Regan collected two assists. Danielle Heintz finished with 19 saves.

Craft took the lead against Nyack with a team-leading four goals. DePaoli, Regan and Ratajack each had a hat trick and Regan also had three assists. Beal and Michelle Feighan had one goal apiece. Gillian Cunningham, Sam DeLeo and Souza had assists.

"It was a great first week and we're all glad to be out on the fields," Brewster Coach Sara DiDio said. "We played some

great competition to start the season and already had an overtime game.

"Danielle (Heintz) stepped in goal for us and our offense is moving the ball well. The girls are playing smarter and working as a team. We have spring-break week, where we will get to go away and bond for a few days in Boston."

Craft led Brewster with three goals and two assists against Putnam Valley. Beal also scored three goals and also finished with an assist. DeLeo and Souza also had goals.

**LAKELAND/PANAS** opened its second season under newly-married Coach Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie with a 13-9

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## Sports

## Boys' LAX Notebook

# Embury Boys on Tear for Nationally-Ranked Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher  
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**YORKTOWN** caused quite a stir last Tuesday when the Huskers erased a 2-0 deficit to post a comfortable 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's, a longtime CHSAA rival and one of the best programs in the country, and Coach Sean Carney's nationally-ranked (No.11) Huskers were nearly as impressive in Saturday's 13-11 loss to No.18 Darien, winners of 55-straight games.

Tied at 6-all early in the third, the Blue Wave reeled off six unanswered goals

before the Huskers rallied behind the Marist-bound Embury brothers, who have led the charge for the Huskers all season. Hunter Embury bagged five goals for the Huskers (3-1) while Jamison Embury went four goals and four assists. Remarkably, the duo have combined for a ridiculous 52 points in four games (Hunter 18G, 5A; Jamo' 12G, 17A), a pace that would push them to the limits of a combined 120 goals and 88 assists, pre-playoffs.

Yorktown senior All-American D Brett Makar added one goal and two assists against Darien. The Maryland-bound pole is showing significant two-way ability.

"The kids played hard," Husker boss Sean Carney said. "We made a lot of uncharacteristic mistakes that cost us: Clearing game, some sloppy turnovers. Our kids believe they are as good as anyone they play no matter who is on the other end of the field. Many of these boys have played in two state title games and numerous big games, and it is why we play this type of schedule. We test ourselves to see how we need to play to win come May. We need more complete games like Tuesday against St. Anthony's then last night against Darien."

Against St. A's, Yorktown senior Hunter Embury had four goals and one assist while twin Jamison Embury added two goals and three assists for the Huskers. Tim O'Callaghan added two goals while Alex DeBenedictis and Shane Dahlke scored once for the Huskers. Yorktown G Dan O'Meara made his second-straight start as Coach Sean Carney tinkers with his goaltending situation early on.

"It's an open competition at all spots," Carney admitted. "Dan O'Meara is excellent goalie with top skills and as we tell kids each day, compete. We let them know that every position is open, so keep competing. Louis (Ragusa) is competing with Dan now each day in practice as is every position."

Yorktown also posted a 19-6 win over Fox Lane. If **CARMEL** is ever going to take that next step, wins like last Tuesday's 8-7 triumph over host **PUTNAM VALLEY** are imperative. Ram Matt LaFontaine scored the unassisted game-winning goal with 5:04 to play, and teammates Jaden Pellino and Ryan Taormina each bagged a pair of goals. Playmaker Henry Flocco (9 GBs) wound up with a goal and four assists to lead all Rams, who are on the brink of beating programs they've not beaten before.

"These kids are grinders," Carmel first-year Coach Matt Caione said. "There's still a lot of work we need to do, but we're proud of them and their effort." Put Valley sophomore A Kyle Wassil had a game-high four goals and an assist to lead the Tigers. Joey Macquignon (2G, 2A) added four points for the Tigers, who have to be concerned about losing to Carmel for the second year in a row.



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS  
Yorktown senior Hunter Embury goes behind the back for one of four goals in Huskers' 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's.



Mahopac A Ryan Dugan sets up the lone goal the Indians would score in 10-1 loss to Pleasantville. Saturday.

Pellino also bagged a hat trick, leading the Rams (3-0) to a 9-2 win over North Salem Thursday.

The Tigers (1-1), meanwhile, bounced back behind a late rally, staving off upset-minded Ossining, 10-9, last Thursday. The Pride squandered a seven-goal lead when Mike Nolan scored equalizer with 8:40 left and Wassil scored winner from Macquignon with 3:40 left, so it's safe to say something has motivated Wassil, a talented, powerful player with a nose for the net. The Pride were led by mighty Will Engelbracht (4G, 4A).

In **HEN HUD's** 12-11 win over Fox Lane A.J. Penella and Connor Gallagher each scored four times for the Sailors, who also got a goal and three assists from Bryce Caffrey and two goals from Max Popolizo. The win helped erase the sting of a 14-8 opening day setback to Scarsdale, in which Austin Fraser (3G), Connor Gallagher (2G, 1A) and Max Popolizio (2G, 1A) had multiple points.

"It was a long week," Sailor boss Troy Lepore said. "There was a lot of learning and growing going on during that time. Kids responded very well and played tough as a team in big moments and competed for all four quarters. The challenge is now doing this consistently and to get better. The film will show us all the things we need to work on and correct and we will make sure that happens. The season really starts to kick into gear this coming week."

Reigning Class A champion **LAKELAND/PANAS** opened on a high note, posting an 8-5 win over Suffern and getting a double-digit effort from Steve Magarelli (3G), Joe Janavey (1G, 1A), Matt Hodges (2A) and Alex Davoli (1G, 1A).

In **MAHOPAC's** 9-1 win over New Rochelle, senior Ryan Dugan (3G), sophomore Tommy Elliott (2G), senior

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## NWE/Putnam Fab Five Pre-Season Lax Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** – John Jay can think what it wants but if Yorktown sticks together and plays its game, the Huskers will hoist their 41st Section 1 plaque, but the regular season game of the year between the Huskers and Indians is still on tap this Friday (7 pm).

**No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS** – If Molloy-bound Magarelli can step up and fill the scoring void left by the graduation of Sean Makar, the Rebels (1-0) will be on to something in Class A. Huge stretch ahead, not a slouch among them.

**No.3 HEN HUD** – Sailors (1-1) can fill the nets with 20 goals in two games but that defense best shore up in front of Mr. Bell before Stepinac comes to town today. Need to see consistency this season.

**No.4 SOMERS** – Tuskers (1-0) defeated Guilderland 8-7 in double OT while Cameron Pepe finished with GWG from Brandon LaSpina, the foremost ice hockey player in school. We may have undersold Somers in our pre-season

poll, but so long as Vincent Cartelli can score four goals and assist on another, while LaSpina (1G), Conor Jakus (1G) and Kevin Olifers (1G) can provide support, the Tuskers are better off than we suspected. G Tyler Carr (14 saves, 1A), we know, will stand tall most nights. Big tests against Rye and upstart Carmel this week, best not sleep on either.

**No.5 MAHOPAC** – 'Pac zone defense looked pretty tight for about 20 minutes before P'ville opened the floodgates in 10-1 Indian setback. I can't remember a year when Pleasantville was this impressive in football and lax; Panthers could win an unprecedented two state titles if lax follows suit.

**No.5A CARMEL** – Rams (3-0) knocked Put Valley off the list and I'll be dying to see if they can run with their crosstown rivals by the time May 16th rolls up. If they can somehow knock off Somers on April 5th, we'll be a bigger believer in these upstart Rams.



# Hardballers Brave Cool Temps, Put Chilly Week 1 Behind Us

By Ray Gallagher  
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As my dad used to say: It was colder than a well-diggers ass out there but opening day and the first week of spring baseball is behind us. It won't be much warmer this week, but, with any luck, there is a light at the end of the tunnel; even though slushy snow remains in the forecast.

## CLASS AA

**MAHOPAC's** Billy Moeller was the kid that opened the most eyes in the opening week of the season. The junior RHP went six innings in the Indians' 11-1 win over visiting John Jay CR, striking out 14 Indians while allowing just three hits and two walks. Mahopac OF Dylan Brehm scored two runs scored and drove home three RBI in a game that was much closer than it looked (Mahopac scored 10 in the sixth).

"Moeller just kept shoving," Mahopac Coach Myk Lugbauer said.

Anthony Caminiti and Joe Usewicz each had two RBI during 10-run outburst against Indian relievers. Jay starter Joe Biancone did not allow a hit over five innings while striking out nine Indians,

who were also beaten earlier in the week by a really good White Plains club.

**CARMEL** has come out clubbing, scoring 34 runs in two lopsided wins; 21-0 over East Ramapo and 13-3 over Mount Vernon. Against Mount Vernon, Rams (2-0) AJ Gonzalez, Gregory Loughran and Febo had two hits apiece behind winning P Dan Castrovinci. Against Ramapo, SS Sean McCarthy had three hits and drove home five while Gonzalez had two hits and four RBI, Loughran homered and drove home two while Castrovinci had RBI to support winning hurler Matt Vitro (4 IP, 7 K, 1 H).

**YORKTOWN** was the victim of both Suffern and the Examiner front cover jinx, falling 11-3 in its season opener to Suffern, one of Class AA's premier programs. The Mounties crushed 11 hits off three Husker hurlers. Coach Sean Kennedy expects this is just a bump in the road.

**OSSINING** opened with a 13-6 win over Mount Vernon behind winning P Michael Laitman (4 RBI, 3 hits, 2 runs), Joe Bossinas (3 RBI), Luke De Angelis (2 RBI) and Matt Minihan (2 RBI). Laitman also whiffed nine over five frames.

## CLASS A

**LAKELAND** opened its season with

a 10-2 win over host Yonkers. Lakeland starter Eric Portella debuted with five innings for the win behind a two-run bomb from Matt Schenck. Hornets Joe Vetrano reached base four times (double, 3 BB). The Hornets (1-1) could not ride the wave in Rye, falling 5-4 to the Garnets on Saturday behind a myriad of mistakes.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes, myself included, against Rye," Horner Coach Bill Casey said. "Our young pitchers (Evan) Berta and (Joe) Vetrano struck out 14 batters combined, which is an impressive start and gives us some hope that they will continue with that. Offensively, we looked young. We struck out 14 times, seven looking, which concerns me. We're going to Florida for some scrimmages, which I believe will be very helpful and productive for us. We need to work on some things and also have these guys get at-bats."

In two games Vetrano has but three official at bats with five walks (2 intentional). He has reached base all eight times with a hard hit line-drive homerun at Rye.

"We need the rest of the offense to pick it up," Casey said. "If we struggle offensively, than we need our pitching

and defense to be really good if we want to compete this year."

**PANAS** went to work behind ace Jake Jemty, who allowed just one hit over six innings in a 4-0 win over Saunders. Jemty jammed seven strikeouts for the win and OF Tim Feliz (2 for 4, 2 RBI, 3 steals) did major damage on the base paths.

**HEN HUD** kicked off its season with a 12-1 win over Yonkers.

**SOMERS** opened with an 11-0 win over Eastchester when junior RHP Logan Carriero went five innings, allowing one hit while fanning six. The kid aided his own cause with the three-run yard bomb and four RBI on the day.

"It was impressive," Somers Coach Joe Wooten said. "Although, I am excited about his game, I cannot say I am completely surprised. Logan has been preparing for this opportunity for quite some time."

**BREWSTER** stormed Poughkeepsie, 15-3, behind a stellar effort from P Mike Charbonneau, who chalked up the win.

## CLASS C

**HALDANE** handled Peekskill, 14-4 at Dutchess Stadium behind Aidan Siegel, who stroked three doubles.

## Embury Boys on Tear for Nationally-Ranked Yorktown

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Yorktown senior Richard Giannasca works ball up field in Huskers' 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's. Mahopac A Ryan Dugan sets up the lone goal the Indians would score in 10-1 loss to Pleasantville.

Jack Sarfaty (1G), senior Joe Dalo (1G), senior Mark Carey (1G, 1A), sophomore Zack Esteves (1G), senior James O'Brien (4A) all contributed to the offense while junior G Mike Argila stopped seven shots.

With Put Valley, Greeley, Fox Lane and Byram Hills up next, Mahopac best go 3-1 or this could be a tough year with Mamó, Scarsdale, Yorktown and L/P after that.

## Putnam Valley Outlasts Brewster in Overtime, 9-8

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victory over Pelham.

"Our win over Pelham was definitely hard-earned," Lakeland/Panas Coach DiSisto-Leslie said. "Our team worked well together both defensively and offensively, however we still have a lot to work on in preparation for our upcoming games. Our transition game definitely helped us earn the win and we had great performances on the offensive end from both Emily Kness and Kelsey McCrudden. Miranda Lopes did an awesome job in goal as well."

McCrudden had a game-high five goals and Kness added four goals. McCrudden and Kness also had assists. Keirra Ettere contributed one goal and one assists and Megan Mucci and Cara O'Shea each had a goal. Miranda Lopes handled 13 shots.

Following losses to two excellent teams - Brewster and Hen Hud - **CARMEL** broke into the win column with a 14-10 triumph over New Rochelle.

Junior Margaret Flocco led the Rams with four goals and two assists and senior Emma McSherry also had four goals and added an assist. Junior Katie Taranto registered a hat trick and Kerry Arkins, Allie Dorazio and Mikayla Faudar each had a goal. Julianna Febbraro and Camryn Schilling had one assist apiece.

"We were excited to finally get our first win since we had two very competitive games (Hen Hud and Brewster)," Carmel

coach Kerry Heckert said. "We were also happy to see six different players score.

"We're looking forward to getting a lot of practices in this week, then we face Ursuline, Ossining and North Salem."

**YORKTOWN** and **HEN HUD** went toe-to-toe last Thursday with the Husker eking out an 8-7 victory. The youthful Sailors gave it all they had against the reigning Section 1 Class B champions, but it wasn't enough when Yorktown took a two-goal lead with 3:03 left. Caroline Keenaghan notched a hat trick for the Huskers while Ciara Frawley (1A) and Ellen O'Callahan (2A) each tickled twine twice. Kelsey McDonnell had a goal for the Huskers.

The emergent Sailors were led by Hailey Merchant's hat trick. Kira Varada added two tallies for the Sailors, who were set to do some team bonding in Baltimore. Catherine Warner and Fiona McGovern added a goal apiece.

**MAHOPAC** defeated Scarsdale 10-8 behind seven goals from sniper Caroline Raymond and some nifty netminding from Jordan Barbagallo. Natalie Scanlon added a goal and two assists.

*-Ray Gallagher contributed to this story*

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