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Councilwoman Under Fire for Refusing to Say the Pledge

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo has come under fire for her decision not to say the Pledge of Allegiance during Common Council meetings and other events.

Agudelo, who has been on the council for four months since the Democrats swept all four seats up for grabs last November and now hold all seven seats, was criticized at the April 23 meeting by an outspoken resident and also was lambasted by former Mayor Frank Catalina in a Facebook post.

"Let me get this straight: An elected official cowardly stands while the Pledge is said but refuses to actually say the Pledge

or even respectfully hold her hand over her heart; too young and immature to realize the significance of that pledge and showing respect for the millions who fought and died for her 'right' to be a moron and a poor example of a public official," Catalina stated.

"Next time, and all the time, she should muster the backbone to fully exercise her 'right' by NOT standing, but to show her real 'courage,' petulance and ignorance, by sitting or taking a knee during the pledge rather than meekly posing," he continued. "Let's see if this coward shows that courage (or even shows up) at the solemn Memorial Day ceremony next month! I predict this extremist will

retreat, hide her radicalism, and lack the real courage of her misguided convictions by 'playing along' with 'rituals' from now on."

Leesther Brown confronted Agudelo during the hearings of citizens portion of last week's meeting and called on the city's Ethics Board to investigate the consequences of Agudelo's apparent stance.

"If you don't want to take the Pledge, you need to step down," Brown contended. "Her personal belief has nothing to do with it when she's sitting up at the dais. You have no right when you represent the City of Peekskill."

Agudelo responded to Brown but de-

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Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo

Somers Teacher Charged with Public Lewdness in Local Library

By Rick Pezzullo

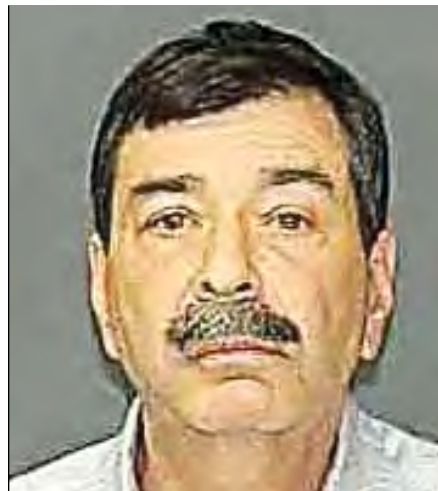
A Somers High School teacher was charged with public lewdness Thursday for allegedly exposing himself to a woman in the Ossining Public Library.

Jeffrey Wrightman, 60, a history teacher in the Somers district since 2003 who resides in White Plains, was placed on administrative leave following the incident, which occurred on the second floor of the library in an open study area.

He was arraigned on Friday and released on \$1,000 bail.

"We're grateful for the individuals who recognized a bad situation, took action, and trusted us to help," Ossining Police

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Jeffrey Wrightman



Star Lakeland Alumni Returns Home

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clined to explain why she doesn't say the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I won't come back with a public statement on why I won't say the Pledge and what's it's for. I do have my right," she said. "I did say the Pledge of Allegiance when I was inaugurated out of respect for the ritual; that plays into the patriotism of the country."

However, Agudelo answered an email from Examiner Media and provided a detailed explanation, while also noting she was "a proud member of the Hudson Valley Democratic Socialists of America and a proud environmentalist."

"My reason for respectfully refraining from saying the Pledge of Allegiance is not because I don't respect the values this country stands for, it is because of our country's failure to truly uphold them I," Agudelo stated. "I have the utmost respect for our service women and men, both overseas and in the states, and I have a deep appreciation for all the sacrifices they have had to make. I do not think our country does enough to address the many challenges our veterans face after coming home from war nor is our country transparent enough about

the hundreds, even thousands of lives lost fighting wars that most Americans do not or have not agreed with."

"There is also this level of unquestionable loyalty and mindless conformity in reciting the pledge on such a consistent basis that makes me personally feel uncomfortable," she continued. "Many people do not know that our pledge was originally written by a socialist in 1892, that there have been several versions of our pledge since its creation, or that the 'under God' was not added until almost a century after, used as a political ploy

during the Cold War. Most countries in Europe don't even have a pledge of allegiance or have discontinued its use. This speaks volumes."

Mayor Andre Rainey defended Agudelo's "personal right" not to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

"To attack somebody's beliefs to me is belittling them and is just disrespectful and unethical," Rainey said at the end of last week's meeting. "Peekskill, NY is a place where we appreciate the freedom to express yourself, the freedom to pursue life, liberty and freedom."

Somers Teacher Charged with Public Lewdness

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stated in a Facebook post. "We're also proud of the quick response by our officers to efficiently resolve a disturbing situation."

"There is some indication that incidents of this type may have occurred in other libraries around Westchester. Today we're encouraging anyone who may have been a victim of a similar incident, whether here in Ossining, or elsewhere,

to call the police. We're here to help," police continued in their post.

The alleged female victim contacted police about 8 p.m. on April 26. According to a published report, Wrightman admitted to the crime when confronted by authorities.

Public lewdness is a Class B misdemeanor that could bring a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail upon conviction, and a fine.



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Experts Express Caution with Indian Pt. Decommissioning

By Anna Young

An panel consisting of environmental experts gathered at James V. Harmon Community Center in Hastings-on-Hudson Sunday afternoon to educate the public of the potential ongoing threats at



The Peekskill Rotary Club held its first Cherry Blossom Festival Saturday at Riverfront Green in Peekskill.



Indian Point.

With Indian Point's expected shut down in 2021, experts believe the decommissioning process will present significant challenges with the nuclear power plant generating years of safety problems, accidental leaks and violations of federal and state regulations.

"The situation is even more serious now because over the last decade this nuclear facility has continued to decay and poses an ever greater threat to our communities," said Peter Wolf, CEO of the Center for Sustainable Development. "We must take every action we can to assure that our region stays safe."

Experts stressed that the decommissioning process needs to be done carefully and properly with nearly 2,000 metric tons of highly radioactive material onsite. They said a terrorist attack, earthquake or cyber attack could trigger a catastrophic incident that could inhabit the entire region.

They also fear the devastation that could erupt with a natural gas pipeline located 105 feet from the nuclear power plant.

"This is a fight we need to keep having so that we are actually able to move forward and decommission the plant and make the situation safe," said Richard

Webster, legal director of Riverkeeper. "We need to do better to get fuel out of the pool much faster."

Webster explained a potential fire could be devastating with over 35 years of irradiated spent fuel onsite. He said the spent fuel pools are 80 percent full and emphasized the importance of transferring the fuel out of the pools quickly and securely during the decommissioning.

With fuel stored in dry cask storage, Webster said hardened on-site storage would be a safer alternative. He said the dry cask storage is vulnerable to aging and terrorist attacks, while the alternative is a thicker iron and concrete cask.

Manna Jo Greene, environmental action director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, spoke on the need for a Citizens' Oversight Board. Legislation was drafted last year to establish the community board to oversee the site's decommissioning process.

"The purpose is to empower the community to monitor the decommissioning of Indian Point, provide information to the community, gather public comment, and make reports and recommendations to state and federal officials," Greene said.

If approved and funded, a 15-member board would be chosen by local, county

and state officials to represent specific constituencies including first responders, labor unions, environmental organizations, economically disadvantaged communities and the general public.

At least one member would have a background in science, Greene said.

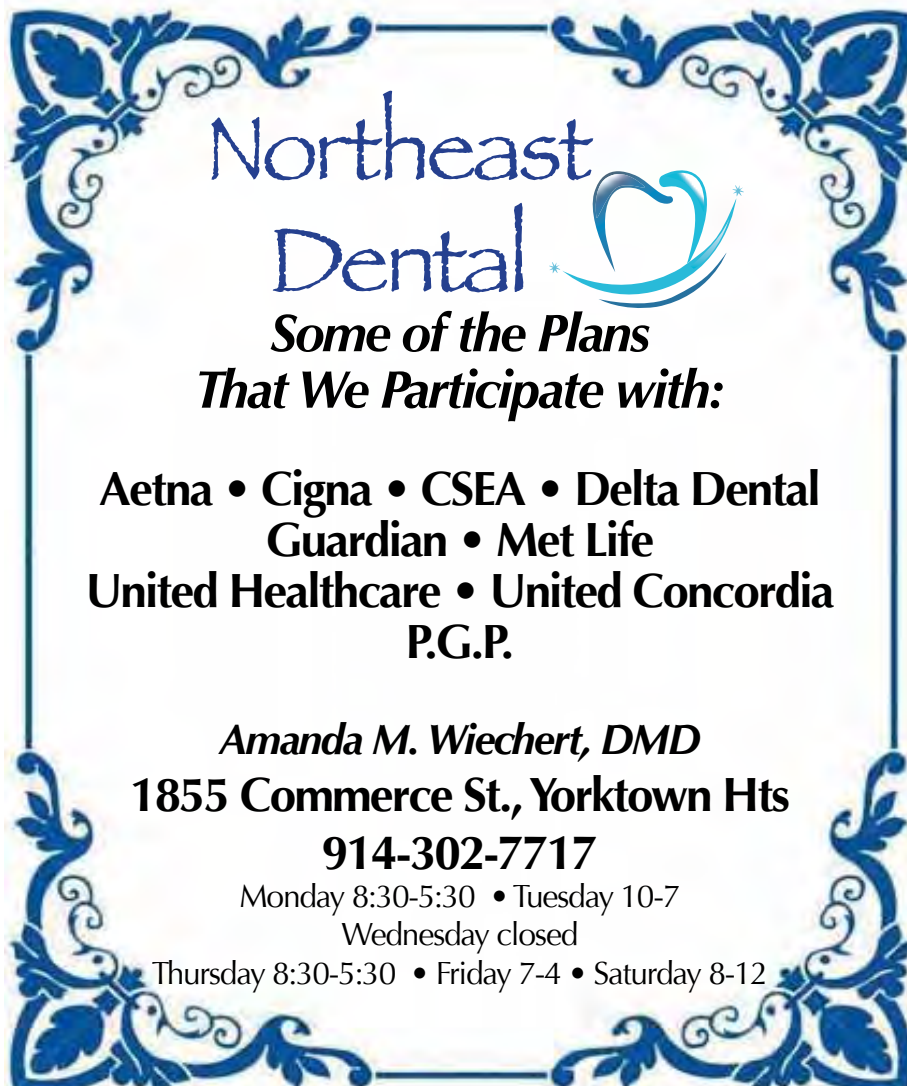
Responsibilities would include advising the state and public on issues involving waste storage, site restoration and future use. They would also monitor the decommissioning fund, review applications of license termination, produce an annual report and hold 10 public meetings per year.

The proposed law will be sent to the New York State Legislature within the year.

Event organizers, Hastings Takes Action, NYCD16 Indivisible Environment Committee and Hastings Conservation Commission, encouraged attendees to contact the state legislature in support of the proposed legislation.

The standing-room only crowd was also provided with postcards to send to Gov. Andrew Cuomo demanding the release of the Algonquin Pipeline risk assessment he ordered over two years ago.

"We must reduce the chances of a bad accident as much as possible," Wolf said. "That is really the lesson."



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Student Suspended for Bringing Pellet Gun to School

By Rick Pezzullo

A Hendrick Hudson High School student was suspended last Monday after bringing a pellet gun to school.

Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter, who declined to reveal whether the student was a male or female and what grade the student was enrolled, informed parents of the incident through an email.

"The email explained that a number of students reported this to school administrators and, after a thorough investigation, the student surrendered the pellet gun. The State Police were summoned, and the student was removed from the school, Hochreiter stated.

Per the district's Code of Conduct, the student will be the subject of a Superintendent's Hearing. In addition, the State Police are handling the criminal aspect of this incident, including the possibility of criminal charges.

"While this entire event is deeply troubling to all of us, I would like to highlight a few important facts," Hochreiter stated. "Numerous Hendrick Hudson High School students did precisely what we, as adults, repeatedly tell them to do in such a situation: 'If you see something, say something.' These students did exactly that, quickly reporting their awareness of the pellet gun to school administrators. School administrators acted swiftly and according to protocol, and within a matter of minutes, the student was detained, the pellet gun was recovered and the police had arrived on campus."

After completing their investigation, Hochreiter said the police deemed the high school safe and the school day con-

tinued without further incident.

"We are living in a world of heightened awareness and understandable fear around the topic of school violence, and I want you to know that district administrators, teachers and staff take this issue extremely seriously. We will do everything possible to keep the Hendrick Hudson school community safe and well informed," Hochreiter stated.



Peekskill Police recently spent some time with residents during a Coffee With A Cop event at Peekskill Coffeehouse.

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Cortlandt Resident Eugene “Gino” Capicotto Dies at 72

By Rick Pezzullo

Eugene J. “Gino” Capicotto, Jr., a lifelong resident of Verplanck and longtime employee and union president in the Town of Cortlandt, died April 22. He was 72.

“Gino was larger than life. He was a people’s person,” said Fran Fenton, a longtime friend of Capicotto. “He was just a good guy and a good friend. I will miss his friendship.”

Born March 21, 1946, Capicotto was a 1964 graduate of Hendrick Hudson High School. He worked as a motor equipment operator for the Town of Cortlandt for 37 years and served as president of the AFSCME Employees Union. One year he ran for supervisor against Linda Puglisi.



Eugene J. “Gino” Capicotto, Jr

“Eugene (Gino) Capicotto was a longtime employee in our town and worked in our various operating departments. Gene also was the President of the AFSCME

Employees Union and did an excellent job interacting with his fellow employees and negotiating with management,” Puglisi said. “Gene loved his family very much. I remember tears coming to his eyes when his beloved mother passed away. He helped many people in our community and I was always pleased to call him a friend.”

Capicotto was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society in Verplanck and served as the chairman of the annual Italian Feast for more than 20 years. He and his late brother, Anthony “Chubby” Capicotti, worked for years for Garden State Fireworks and did shows throughout the world.

“He loved the fireworks for sure. That

was his passion,” Fenton said.

After he retired from the town, Capicotto, who was responsible for the veterans picnic the Mount Carmel Society held for several years, operated a hot dog stand on weekends on the overlook on Bear Mountain Bridge Road. He also enjoyed taking trips to casinos.

He is survived by his wife Ann “Judy” Capicotto, son and daughter-in-law Dr. and Mrs. Michael Capicotto, daughter, Gina Capicotto, sister Laura Capicotto, grandchildren Michaela, Gabriel, Izabela and Michael Jr., niece Nichole, and nephews Anthony and David. Donations in his named can be made to the National Kidney Foundation: www.kidney.org.

Obituaries

Bonnie Dietz

Bonnie Dietz (nee Giarolo), a Croton-on-Hudson resident and recently a Spring Hill, FL resident, died March 3. She was 70.

She was born September 23, 1947 in Lee, MA to the late Victor and Anita Giarolo. On October 18, 1969, she married Royal O. Dietz in Buchanan.

Besides her husband Roy, Bonnie is survived by her children; Lynne Bongiorno of

Mahopac and Sean Dietz of Montrose, her brother David Giarolo and his wife Irene of Greenwich, CT, her grandchildren; Christian Bongiorno and Mason, Sienna and Mia Dietz and her niece Nicole Giarolo.

Ernest Gilbert

Ernest Gilbert, a resident of Peekskill, died April 21. He was 74.

He was born in Glenn Cove Long Island to Abraham and Elizabeth Gilbert, along

with his two brothers Bobby and Gordon. He was raised in the Bronx on City Island, then moved to Cortlandt, and later to the City of Peekskill.

He worked as a Steam Fitter for Local Union 21, until his retirement. He enjoyed his family and friends most of all, and in his spare time he would partake in his hobbies of gardening, boating and salt water fish.

He is survived by children Danielle and Butch, son-in-law Colin, daughter-in-law Danielle; and grandchildren Katherine, Sabrina, Lucy Seth, and Danica.

Louis Di Loreto

Louis W. Di Loreto, a resident of Ossining, died April 23. He was 91.

He was born in Ossining on April 30, 1926 to Guerino and Anna Di Loreto. Mr. Di Loreto was an U.S. Army veteran serving his country during WWII. He owned and operated Lou’s Texaco in Ossining.

He is survived by his sons Louis Jr. (Mary) and Robert (Ivy), daughters, Maureen Moran, Carolyn (Michael) Girvalo and Linda (Pat) Cartalemi, sister, Agatha “Gig” Griffen, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret “Peggy” Di

Loreto in 2014.

Melvyn Kress

Melvyn L. (Mel) Kress, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully April 25. He was 87.

He was born at Ossining Hospital on May 28, 1930 to Celia and Harold Kress. He was a graduate of Ossining High School, Class of 1948. He married Toby Venner on March 22, 1959. He was a printer for the NY Daily News. In retirement, he was a crossing guard for the Ossining School District. Mr. Kress was a 69-year active member of Cataract Hose Company No 2, Ossining Fire Department and served as Captain and was a Fire Department Dispatcher for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Toby, his son, Bill and wife Nancy, his son, Steven and wife Teresa, and his daughter, Ellyn and husband John Wheeler and his seven grandchildren Bryan, Scott, Charles, Katie and Tom Kress, and Matthew and Lauren Wheeler.

Antonio Demetriou

Antonio “Tony” Demetriou, a resident of Croton on Hudson, died April 26. He was 47.

He was born to Athanasios and Kathleen

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The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce is bringing on an experienced consultant as its top business and government liaison to attract businesses to the region with a focus on the chamber's newly launched Art, Industry and Media initiative.

George Oros, an attorney, former county legislator, former Chief of Staff to County Executive Rob Astorino and the county's former Economic Development Director, is expected to provide support and guidance to businesses looking to locate or expand in the Chamber's coverage area as well as assisting businesses in interacting with government entities.

"The Hudson Valley region is poised for an economic development cycle that we have not seen in years, and the chamber intends to seize this opportunity by bringing on someone who can reinforce the chamber's position as the leading business advocacy group in this part of the state," said Deb

Milone, Executive Director of the Chamber. "George Oros is a highly experienced executive who can navigate through local, county, state and federal government to assure that our business community is aware of all the resources that are available to them and that the business community has a robust voice on issues that impact them."

In addition to a focus on economic and business issues, Oros will monitor and recommend appropriate actions on proposed or pending legislation that may impact the business community and assist businesses with identifying funding sources and helping them navigate through the sometimes cumbersome planning and zoning approval processes.

"It is an honor to be selected for this position and I appreciate the Chamber's confidence in me. Our goal is to help businesses cut through red tape

and onerous procedures so they can open their business on time, increase job opportunities, and start contributing to the local and county economy as soon as possible," Oros stated. "Additionally, I want to increase the awareness among businesses about the extraordinary services and benefits offered by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce."

Oros is particularly excited about the Chamber's new initiative to promote the greater Peekskill area as the nexus for art, media and industry. AIM18 was launched earlier this year to much acclaim. The region already boasts a large number of media businesses from sound engineers to award winning TV producers to an amazing array of artists. The goal of AIM is to unite and exploit collaborations among those businesses in order to spur economic growth.



George Oros

Letters to the Editor

Where's Supervisor Gilbert's Sense of Urgency?

To the Editor:

Supervisor Gilbert's non-confrontational approach and slow methodic consideration of every issue is more suited for the courtroom than Town Hall. Supervisor Gilbert needs to take off his former judicial robe and put on a pair of political gloves and enter the rough and tumble arena of Yorktown politics. Yorktown voters wanted change and not business as usual. Supervisor Gilbert's heart maybe in the right place but he needs to stop deliberating and get down to the nuts and bolts of running Yorktown. Good intentions by themselves mean very little. Gilbert is a welcome relief from the previous administration steam rolling style, let's worry about that later attitude and win at any cost mentality. Supervisor Gilbert needs to embrace a sense of urgency and start delivering on his campaign

promise of taking Yorktown in a different direction. Upon taking office, Gilbert was immediately placed between a rock and a hard place by the previous administration by being saddled with several half started questionable multi-million dollar projects complete with over-hyped expectations, and cost over runs. Gilbert has tough decisions to make and may be forced to ultimately choose between the lesser of two financial evils. He will face relentless Republican opposition and will receive much criticism no matter what he decides. Gilbert still has time to change Yorktown for the better, but only if he and his fellow Democratic councilmembers remember they were elected to put voter's concerns first and get things done.

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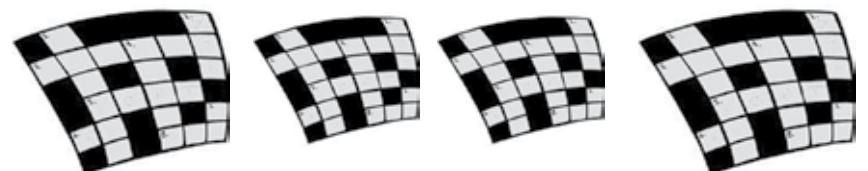
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Tom Thumb Preschool in Mohegan Celebrates 50-Year Anniversary

By Anna Young

Nancy Brophy is celebrating the past and looking to the future as her beloved Tom Thumb Preschool in Mohegan Lake celebrates 50 years of operation.

Brophy, the school's founder and owner, opened the facility in 1968 with the purpose of creating an environment that focused on education while allowing children to discover their independence and reach their full potential. With thousands of children graduating from the private school over the last five decades and nearly 250 students currently enrolled, Tom Thumb has been a staple in the community for providing educational excellence, interpersonal skills, and child development.

"There's no finish line for excellence," Brophy said. "You just keep working to be better and better all the time."

Brophy was surrounded by family, friends, and former and current employees Saturday night at Colonial Terrance in Cortlandt as she celebrated her momentous milestone.

"It was very emotional. I have a terrific staff of people that do wonderful things for children and believe me, the staff make Tom Thumb what it is," she said. "We all have to pull our weight and we all have to follow the same philosophy."

Brophy said the school's motto is to educate the next generation of children to



(L-R:) Assistant Director Ann Gaspari and Director Nancy Brophy.

make the world a better place. Children are encouraged to be the best they can be, respected for their individuality, and given the chance to develop at their own pace. They are also taught how to adjust to change and cope with disappointment.

Programs aim to provide students with life skills instead of simply preparing them for kindergarten. The curriculum is continually analyzed and enhanced to keep up with present day needs and technological advancements, Brophy said.

While the school focuses on early education and development, the staff provide an array of activities that allow youngsters to explore their strengths and become more aware of their potential. Brophy strongly believes students have greater success when they believe in themselves.

"Preschool is the foundation of all their educational experiences and we do great things with our kids and that's the best part,"

Brophy said. "That's what keeps me stimulated, the fact that we're doing more and more stuff and they're getting better and better because we're getting better. The next generation hopefully is going to be the best generation."

As Brophy reflected on the decades she has spent enriching the lives of children, she

said her journey isn't over.

"The journey is more satisfying than the end. Getting there is the fun thing, but this is not the end. This is still the journey," she said. "If you love your work, you don't work a day in your life. I believe in it. I will never retire. I love what I do, and I think that's the secret to a healthy, long life."

Obituaries

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(Clark) Demetriou on January 16, 1971. He was born and raised in Croton-on-Hudson. He is survived by his loving mother Kathleen (Clark) Demetriou; caring brother Dino Demetriou; aunt Yioula Masouras; cousins Tony Greco and his wife Jeannie and Steve Hanzargiriou, cousin Rena Hanzargiriou, Nicole and Elias Greco, and beloved second cousins Jace Reilly, and Stephen and Jack Sutor; and by many various aunts, uncle, and cousins. He was predeceased by his father Athanasios Demetriou in October of 2016 and Aunt Litsa Hanzargiriou.

Kathleen Humen

Kathleen Boyle Humen, a resident of Somers, died April 26 at Calvary Hospital. She was 65.

She was born on April 2, 1953 in Manhattan, NY to the late Hubert and Marga-

ret (Mangan) Boyle. She lived in Somers for 28 years.

She was a graduate of Pace University, receiving a BBA in Accounting, and NYU, receiving her MBA. She worked as an accountant for the IRS, where she was recently honored for her 25 years of proud service. She also served as a professor at Mercy College and Pace University.

She is the beloved mother of Patricia Lewis of Somers, Edmund Humen of Stamford, CT, Christine Humen of Mt. Kisco, NY, and her grandson who she adored, Preston Lewis. She is survived by her sister, Deirdre Boyle of New York, NY. She will be lovingly remembered for her generous heart, her selfless devotion to her family, her radiant smile and beautiful soul. She cherished time with her family and friends, her passion of knitting, and sharing stories and memories.

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By Neal Rentz

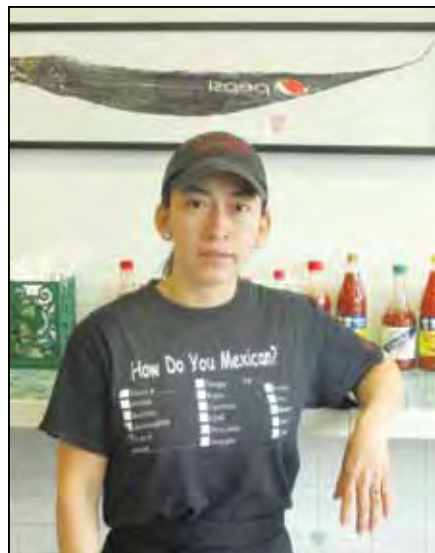
Croton resident Mayra Vicnay Caguano offers takeout food that is varied includes fresh ingredients and made to order.

Caguano is the owner of Mex-to-Go, which has locations in Croton and Somers. They are the first businesses she has owned.

She took ownership of her Croton location in 2008 after working there for two years. She purchased the Croton eatery from owners John Pratt and Craig Purdy. She opened the Somers Mex-to-Go three summers ago.

Owning restaurants is a natural extension of her working life, Caguano said last week, "I started when I was a little girl to love to cook," she recalled.

The eateries' extensive menu includes such items as tacos, quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas, and taco salads. The entrée ordering format is a choice of style, such as a taco, burrito or enchiladas; then choosing of one such fillings as pork, beef, fish or vegetables; then a choice of salsa is offered. Also available are several side dish choices including chili, guacamole and fried yucca; lunch specials and a rotisserie chicken dinner



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Croton resident Mayra Vicnay Caguano is the owner of Mex-to-Go, which has locations in Croton and Somers.

for two with salad, rice and beans.

Some of the desert items are flan, tiramisu and brownies with, as the menu states, a "chipotle kick"

Some of the most popular entrees at her two locations are burritos, enchiladas, tacos and chimichangas, Caguano said.

Mex-to-Go Croton and Somers

Though the name of her restaurants is Mex-to-Go, both locations have seating for those who want to eat in, Caguano said.

At the Croton locations most of her customers come from Croton and Ossining and in the Somers site most patrons live in Somers and nearby.

Most of the items available at Mex-to-Go are homemade and she does most of the cooking, Caguano noted.

The quality of the food offered is the

key to the success of her restaurants, Caguano said. Her customers appreciate that they have a chance to order "fresh and homemade food," she said.

Mex-to-Go has two locations. The Croton location is 345 S Riverside Ave. and be called at 914-271-TOGO and its Web site is <http://mextogo-croton.com/default.htm>. The Somers location is 56 Route 100 and its phone number is 914-01-9777.

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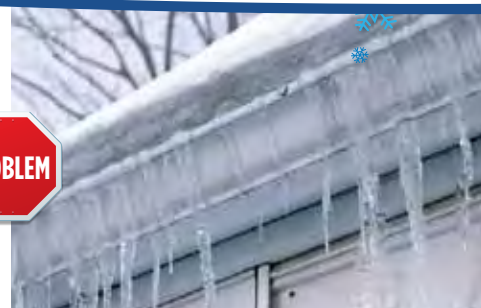
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NYSEG Pledges \$2M for Heritage Hills Infrastructure

By Neal Rentz

During a special Somers Town Board meeting last week, town officials expressed their concerns about frequent power outages, while officials from NYSEG said a \$2 million infrastructure project was underway for the Heritage Hills Housing complex.

The special meeting on April 27 was a discussion of concerns from the recently-created town Power Grid Task Force.

Power outages have been a source of frustration for Somers residents and town officials. The town has filed a complaint with the state Public Service Commission against the utility. Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey has joined many of his fellow town leaders from the area to meet in January and April with the new NYSEG President and Chief Executive Officer Carl Taylor.

Councilman Anthony Ciriaco said NYSEG must do more to reduce the frequency and duration of power outages.

"The question is what can be done better?" Councilman Thomas Garrity, Jr. said.

Rob McDonough, a NYSEG supervisor, said work on upgrading the underground circuits for Heritage Hills began in January. The utility wants to do most of the work in the spring and fall because power for heating is needed in the winter and air conditioning is needed in the summer, and temporary outages are needed to do the work, he said.

McDonough said other infrastructure work is being done or being planned, including substation upgrades.

Samuel Miller, a certified arborist employed by the utility, said NYSEG has a five-year vegetation management program, which includes the trimming and cutting of trees in the NYSEG right-of-ways. Morrissey said an analysis needed to be done by the utility to find out if the five years is too long and if the cycle should be shorter to avoid trees taking down power lines.

"The five-year cycle doesn't work for

this town," Morrissey stressed.

Miller noted that the five-year cycle was reintroduced by the utility in 2010 after the cycle program had been ended for several years prior to eight years ago.

Miller said NYSEG can cut down trees on its right-of-way that are threatening to take down powerlines. Permission is needed from private property owners for work to be done on trees on private property, he said. Only seven percent of Somers' trees are located in the NYSEG right-of-way, he noted. Trees

are trimmed or cut by NYSEG are only done for NYSEG, not other utilities, such as Cablevision, he said.

McDonough said NYSEG is the process or restoring or upgrading the seen reclosers in town. A recloser is circuit breaker with a mechanism that can close if opened because of fault.

The NYSEG representatives will come back to the Town Board with additional information and answers to questions posed at last week's meeting and another special meeting will be held on a date to be determined.

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Wednesday, May 2

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.

Support Connection Luncheon Benefit: Elizabeth Hutchison Bernard, an award-winning author of historical fiction, will speak at a benefit luncheon on from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Peter Pratt's Inn, 673 Croton Heights Rd., Yorktown Heights. Proceeds from the event will benefit Support Connection, Inc., a Yorktown-based not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Tickets are \$75 and include a three-course lunch, soft drinks and coffee. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://sc2018authorluncheon.brownpapertickets.com>, or by phone at 914-962-6402. For more info, e-mail coordinator@supportconnection.org.

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.

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.

Thursday, May 3

Trip To The Tropics: A quick trip to the tropics will be held at the new "Color of Summer" exhibit 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. He will be in his special enclosure. 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. The conservatory is closed Mondays except holidays. Entrance fees are collected at the Garden Shop. Information about this exhibit and Lasdon is available at lasdonpark.org.

Friday, May 4

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.

Friday, May 4

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Somers Library Events: A series of events have been scheduled in the coming days at the Somers Library. The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. This program will be presented by The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. Registration is required; register online on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Who Wrote That Song? Harry Warren, The Unknown Master of Melody will be held on May 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. Diane Cypkin, professor of media studies at Pace University, will sing Warren's melodies, tell his life story and explain what inspired his songs. She'll also say who sang them as well as share the celebrity music gossip of the time. Registration is required; register online on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Sinatra, Music of the 40's and more will be held on May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. Hear composer, Steinway artist, and Pianist for Peace Louis Landon as he entertains you with music

from the 40's! Space is limited; first come, first seated.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500.

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, May 5

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, 1 1698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at <http://www.yorktownzen.org> or e-mail us at yorktownzen@gmail.com.

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information call 845-528-2305.

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filiation 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, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

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.

Jazz Legend Performs: Westchester Collaborative Theater's (WCT) Jazz Masters Series presents music legend Sheila Jordan in her only U.S. appearance this spring at the black box performance space, 23 Water St. in Ossining. An internationally acclaimed NEA Jazz Master Fellow, Jordan will make her premier appearance on the WCT stage together with her longtime musical collaborator, bassist Cameron Brown. Jordan and Brown will play sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. General admission is \$25. A cash bar and refreshments will be available. Purchase seats online at the ticketing website: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3380848>. Limited seating is available.

Sunday, May 6

Blood Drive: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, will host the fourth annual Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in memory of Nicholas Modico, a graduate of the Seton school. If you have medical/travel eligibility questions, please call 1-800-688-0900.

Camp Open House: Join us for an open house and bagels and coffee at the Sprout Westchester Day Camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tours beginning at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is located at 500 Yorktown Rd., Croton. Info: camp@sproutwestchester.org.

Meet The Animals: Meet the Animals: Radical Reptiles will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at Teatown Lake Reservation. Pre-registration is required for all programs. Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet in the Nature Center and are free for members or \$7 per person. VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, cash or check are accepted. Online registration is available through teatown.org until noon the day before a

program. You may also register any time by calling 914-762-2912 Ext. 110. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Family Picnic: Temple Beth Am invites everyone to gather for "fun in the sun" at FDR Park for a free family picnic at 11:30 a.m. There will be friends, food and fun, plus live entertainment for the entire family at FDR State Park, Section 2C. Register by May 1st at www.templebetham-ni.org. Questions? Contact Lee Kader at lee@leekader.com.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion fee is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Bingo: Bingo will be played tonight and May 27 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Monday, May 7

Somers Library Monday Program: Bridge at the Somers Library is being held on Mondays throughout 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. These classes are for beginners and players with some experience as well. Learn how to navigate your way around the game from bridge maven Walter Heitner. You will learn bidding and work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, you will all get better together. Space is limited; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call the library at 914-232-5717.

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

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Shop and Dine and Do Business in Cortlandt is an event during the month of May to show support for our local businesses by receiving special offers and discounts!

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Does Your Street's Name Influence Your Home's Appeal?

Besides serving as a way to find where you live, can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value, positively or negatively?

The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents of a certain town in Putnam County where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders in their midst. At the end of the article, almost as a throwaway, the motel's street address was listed as Sodom Road.

You just can't make this stuff up.

The origins of street names can be a fascinating study, ranging from history, their locations, mystery or sheer whimsy. I happen not to live on a street or road, but rather at a "park," specifically at a place called Trump Park. Interestingly, since last November, sharing my address of the past three years always elicits some kind of response, either positive or negative, but we residents who live at the property agree that it projects an image of quality.

I was first aware of how streets got their names when I went to grammar school in Philadelphia and the nuns taught us that the etymology of street names there were based on the plan developed by William Penn, where the major east-west streets were the names of trees: Vine, Mulberry,

Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine among them, intersected by a numbered grid.

And when we took a class trip to Washington, D.C., I found that all of the 50 states have streets named after them and most of them cross diagonally through an alphabetic as well as a numbered grid system. Rather than making an address clear, the intention of that system was to confuse invaders and to guard the Capitol, but today it serves to confuse tourists as well.

When I moved to the great metropolis of New York City, I was relieved to find a grid plan that made finding any address very easy, except for the wildly erratic system in Greenwich Village which was established before the grid system was in place, resulting in having West 4th Street somehow managing to intersect West 12th Street.

Until the mid-1800s, most of the population lived in densely populated cities where grid systems avoided chaos. But around 1850, people began moving out of congested cities to have cleaner air and less congestion. With increased value placed on nature, it became common to name streets after trees. As a result, my former neighborhood featured Hickory, Hemlock

and Birch Streets.

The roads in our communities might reveal the types of industries they originally supported, such as Mill Street, Milk Street, Farmers' Market, Commerce Street and Mechanics Road. Also the Presidents were honored in every town: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, and Kennedy Boulevards abound across the nation. And some streets simply reflect what they face, such as Mountain View, Lakeside and Hudson View.

But the most creative names came with modern housing tract developments where builders became responsible for naming streets, harnessing the suggestive power of words that shape a neighborhood even before the first home is built.

Sometimes the personal interests of builders attached themselves to street names. The most interesting I've found is a neighborhood in Mahopac known as the "fish bowl" where the streets are named Pike Place, Perch Drive and Trout Place. In the same town, my friends Jeanne and Gerry live in the "flower" neighborhood of Astor, Dahlia, and Tulip. And, nearby in Yorktown, we become American literary aficionados in Walden Woods with such names as Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

From the 1970s and 1980s, newer developments frequently adopted names of the

developers' wives or daughters, and only infrequently, sons. Today, that practice is generally discouraged by town planning boards because those street signs tend to be stolen more frequently, presumably by young people of the same names.

We can be either drawn to or repelled by the mystery of some street names. I had a real estate client who challenged me to find a house for her on Watermelon Hill Road simply because she loved the name so much. My personal favorites in this region are Pudding Street, Bullet Hole Road and Lover's Lane in Putnam Valley and Fiddler's Bridge Road in Dutchess County. Where did those haunting names originate, I wonder?

There's no denying that, whether your street suggests picking a flower, enjoying the comfort of a shade tree, paying tribute to a founding father, making love or catching a fish, its name can indeed add character, charm or mystery to where you live.

Here's a good trivia question for you. Can you guess the most popular street name in America? No, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? The reason is that most towns in America started with a simple grid of numbered streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead. So, you might say that 2nd is second to none.

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5. Royal insomnia cause

6. Technology giant

7. Blue grass

8. George Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"

10. Hostile

11. Clutch

15. "American Boy" singer

16. ___ general rule

17. Dashboard abbr.

18. Marker letters

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22. Folks

23. Crafty, like a fox

29. Begley and Sullivan

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32. Government security agency, abbr.

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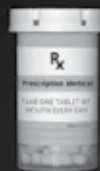
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Cummings of Age!

**Upstart Lakeland
Outlasts Mahopac
for 3-0,
10-Inning Win**



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Lakeland junior SS Leo Cummings comes up just short of slapping the tag on Mahopac senior captain Anthony Caminiti as 2B Chris Ling backs up the play in the Hornets' 3-0, 10-inning win over the host Indians last Saturday. Youthful Class A Lakeland, which has just one senior in the starting lineup, has won five of the last six and looks to be ahead of its time by defeating a veteran Class AA Mahopac club... see Baseball Notebook

Sports

Boys' LAX Notebook

Section 1 Title Tilts Could Present Riveting Matchups

By Ray Gallagher
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Based on the first month of the season, there's a chance we could get four really good Section 1 championship games at Lakeland High on May 29th and 30th. Nobody in Class A has emerged as a clear-cut favorite, though state-ranked (No.18) Mamaroneck remains the team to beat, with Mahopac, Scarsdale and Lakeland/Panas all vying to the second and third seed to avoid the Tigers prior to the finals.

In Class B, state-ranked (No.6) Yorktown and No.4 John Jay are in line for a larger-than-life clash, a battle that should deliver historical pomp and circumstance before, during and after. It's essentially a foregone conclusion as the two powers have distanced themselves from the vast majority of the section and could deliver one of the finest championships we've seen in recent years with so much D-I



ANDY JACOBS/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Lakeland/Panas' Steve Magarelli lays out for GB in Rebels' loss to Pleasantville Friday.

rankings and ultimately appear to be on everyone's radar now, not just ours.

Four Section 1 Class D teams have cracked the state's top 20, including No.1 Pleasantville, who might just be the second or third best team in the section this season, behind only Yorktown and Jay. But Westlake comes in at No.4 and should provide a whale of a foe, if it can survive either No.13 Briarcliff and No.14 Bronxville in what should also be some closely contested semifinals.

The final two weeks of the regular season are now upon us as April turns to May and the temps begin to soar into the 80s this week, so don't forget your sun block and saddle up for what should be a wild run for the roses...



Yorktown's Reece Andrews goes behind the back to beat Mahopac G Mike Argila in Huskers' 14-4 win over Indians Saturday.

talent storming the field. It could be a last-possession-wins game that will bring throngs of lax junkies to Lakeland.

In Class C, state-ranked (No.9) Rye is probably going to survive the early rounds to advance to the finals where one might expect to see No.12 Hen Hud, which could be one heck of a high-scoring affair should we be so lucky. Coach Troy Lepore's Sailors have finally cracked the state



Mahopac senior Mark Carey takes a run at Yorktown senior pole Brandon Meyreles in Indians' 14-4 loss to host Huskers Saturday.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – After a lackluster three quarters, the Class B Huskers (8-3) went savage during a fourth-quarter run in a 14-4 win over Mahopac Saturday, unleashing a career-high six-goal from Alex DeBenedictis, who Coach Carney called a good, crafty finisher. Them Embury boys were at it again; A Jamison Embury added two goals and four assists while M Hunter Embury added two goals and one assist to run their scoring totals to an absurd 63 points for Jamison and 44 for Hunter. Reese Andrews and Keegan Doller each added a goal and an assist for the Huskers, who will visit Lakeland/Panas this Friday night (7 pm) with the fancied Murphy Cup on the line.

No.2 HEN HUD – Class C Sailors (9-1) made short work of Tappan Zee in a 9-4

route of the Dutchies and ran their win streak to nine. Max Popilizio (2G, 1A), Austin Fraser (2G), Connor Gallagher, Evan Morris, Mekhi Gray and Ryan Pritchard also found the back of the net for the athletic and balanced Sailors, who should be chomping at the bit to challenge for their first ever Section 1 title come late May.

No.3 MAHOPAC – The Class A Indians (7-4) showed some grit this week in a 10-5 win over Scarsdale and then trailed Yorktown by just four goals after three Q's, which is better than most folks expected. The zone defense broke down in the 4th but the Indians have plenty to build on this week. Mahopac's Jack Sarfaty scored one goal and dished a choice feed for one assist and junior G Mike Argila

(10 saves vs. Huskers and 18 against Scarsdale) showed big-time capability this week. Indians James O'Brien (4G, 1A), Ryan Dugan (2G, 1A) and Tommy Elliott (2G) were prime-time players in the win over Scarsdale, which is allegedly nursing some key injuries and posted a big OT win against Westlake Saturday.

No.4 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (6-5) knocked off Byram Hills, 9-6, when Somers A Vincent Cartelli (4G, 3A) went on a scoring binge. Tusker Brandon LaSpina (2G, 1A) continued to supply a consistent scoring threat while T.J. Deagan (3A) was dishing it. #Final4orBust for Tuskers!

No.5 LAKELAND/PANAS – If they ever get healthy, these Class A Rebels (3-8) might just bust up a playoff bracket

and ride the pieces to the finals. In a 13-10 loss to Section 2 power Niskayuna 13, Lakeland/Panas senior A JoJo Janavey (4G, 1A), Reagan Fallo (1G, 4A) and Steve Magarellia (2G) got it done for the Rebs, who also discovered that Pleasantville is no joke in a 16-11 Panther win. Like to see the Rebs give Yorktown a game on Friday, but they will need to play over their heads to do so.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (5-6) staved off what would have been a woeful loss to Keio when Mike Nolan (3G) and Joey Vandeverdonk (GWG) erased a two-goal deficit in the final 2:36 of the fourth for a 7-6 win.

HM HALDANE – Class D Blue Devils (6-1) beat Croton, 9-5, when Sammy 'The Bull' Gianchinta hit on a hat trick.

Sports

Softball Notebook

Lakeland Win Streak at Nine After Win over Somers

Becker Whiffs 18 in Mahopac Win; PV Stays Hot

By Tony Pinclaro

Four games into the 2018 season, **LAKELAND** was staring at an uncharacteristic record – 0-4.

The 2017 Section 1 Class A champions lost only one game last year, so the zero in the win column would be a cause for concern. Not so, according to junior P Claire Fon.

“We were still trying to work out the kinks,” said Fon, Lakeland’s No. 1 windmill. “We lost six players to graduation, including five starters and our entire infield. We felt we weren’t a team yet because we had had a new group, everyone was young and we were figuring out how to communicate.

“But our coaches helped us out and all the hard work we’ve been doing has been paying off.”

Lakeland shut out intra-district rival, Panas, 2-0, for its first win of the season to snap the four-game skid. Since then, Lakeland has been on fire. The Hornets are riding a nine-game winning streak, after victories last week over Pelham (10-1), Eastchester (7-3), Somers (13-0) and John Jay-Cross River (11-7).

During this nine-game run, Lakeland has outscored the opposition, 88-15.

Along with the pep talk from Lakeland coaches Joe Chiara and Steve Fallo, Fon said the team became one.

“We started doing team bonding, hanging out together and talked about how we were feeling,” Fon said. “We wanted to get a feel for everyone and by bonding, the communication has gotten so much better and it has brought us closer together.”

The team bonding also coincided with Lakeland beating Panas, behind a Fon two-hitter. The Hornets followed it up with a 13-4 triumph over rival, Brewster.

“It boosted everyone’s confidence,” Fon said. “Everyone was really excited for the Panas game and it was a game we wanted to win. Now that we’ve won nine games in-a-row, all of our confidence is boosted to levels we never thought.”

Lakeland has seven games

remaining in the regular season before it begins defense of its title.

Lakeland kept steamrolling opponents last week, beginning with Pelham as Sabrina Reichelt collected three hits, scored twice and drove in four runs. Fon had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI and Krystal Badillo scored three runs. Fon scattered seven hits and struck out nine.

The Hornets used a six-run third inning to take control of Eastchester. Eighth-grader Stella Bale smacked a home run and had three RBI. Hannah Matusiak added two hits and two RBI and Badillo also had two hits and drove in a run. Fon allowed six hits and struck out a season-best 14.

Fon tamed a **SOMERS’** lineup that was averaging double-digit runs, limiting the Tuskers to just two hits and again, whiffing 14. Lakeland’s offense ripped four home runs – Amber Lopez, Badillo, Bale and Fon, who finished with a team-leading four RBI. Lopez and Badillo each drove in two runs and 8th-grader Shannon Scotto and Bale had two hits and two runs scored, apiece.

Lakeland trailed John Jay, 6-3 in the second inning, before evening the score at 6-6. Lakeland took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth.



RAY GALLAGHER/ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Lakeland’s Amber Lopez is narrowly nabbed by Somers 1B Jill Carlisto in reigning Class A champion Hornets’ 13-0 win over Tuskers.

For the second consecutive game, Lakeland went yard three times – Badillo, Lopez and Bale. Lopez and Bale each had three hits and two hits. Ava Knopf and Badillo contributed two hits and three RBI apiece.

PUTNAM VALLEY went 2-1 last week, beating Byram Hills (17-2) and Pleasantville (6-0), but falling to Ardsley.

Emily McKenna and Frankie Reyes collaborated on a two-hitter against Byram Hills. Alex Waters had two hits, three RBI and three runs scored and Sophia Lord had a double and drove in four runs.

McKenna registered her first shutout of the season with a two-hitter and 14 strikeouts as the Tigers made Coach Rena Finsmith’s return to her alma mater, Pleasantville, a happy one.

Finsmith, who starred for veteran Pleasantville Coach Gina Perino, said the two plan a scrimmage every year, but the weather did not cooperate. Fortunately, Finsmith had Pleasantville on the schedule.

“It’s nice to go back home, visit Pleasantville High School, see some teachers, if they are around, and, of course, get to coach against someone who taught me so much about softball,” Finsmith said. “There was a moment in the game when Gina was saying something to her kids about using the tee and my girls were like, ‘Wow, that sounds familiar.’ I said, ‘Yes, where do you think I learned it from?’ It was a funny moment.

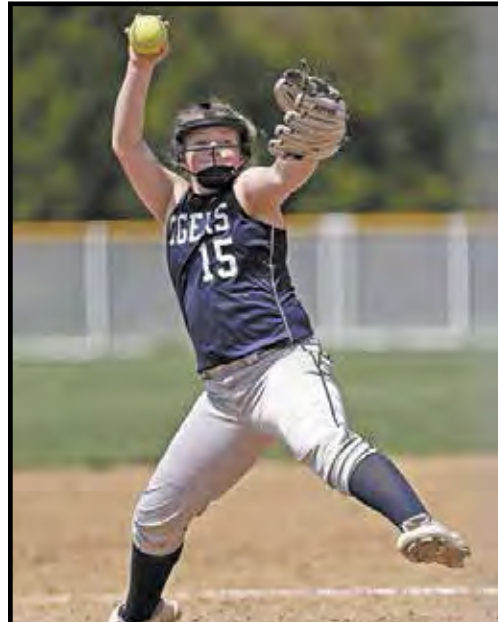
“I look forward to playing Gina because it’s just nice to go back to where I really started to learn the game of softball. I was able to gain so much knowledge from her and take that with me, when I played in college and now as a coach. Throughout



Lakeland P Claire Fon had good reason to smile after driving in four runs and whiffing 14, including 200th career K in 13-0 shutout of Somers Thursday.



Somers C Gabby Mazzotta slaps tag on Lakeland’s Jessica Ascencao in the Tuskers’ stunning 13-0 loss to host Hornets Thursday.



Putnam Valley freshman P Emily McKenna, who has the makings of a great one, whiffed 13 in 6-0 shutout of Pleasantville last week.

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Baseball Notebook

Carmel Takes Round 1 vs. Mahopac in Battle of Rivals

Lakeland Wins 5 of last 6; Brewster, Somers on Tears

By Ray Gallagher
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CARMEL just might be for real on the Class AA circuit. The Rams' 7-3 League I-A win over visiting Mahopac last Thursday, behind yet another sterling effort from ace Matt Vitro, just adds to the notion.

"We can definitely keep this level of play up," said Vitro, who allowed three runs on six hits, sending 11 Indians down K-way. "We have a lot of pitchers who go out and throw strikes, which keeps us in the game. They aren't afraid to throw strikes because our defense is pretty strong, especially in the infield. Also, when our lineup is clicking it can be pretty dangerous 1-9."

Carmel SS Sean McCarthy, who stroked two hits, scored twice and drove home two against the Indians, has been pivotal. Ram Dan Castrovinci added three hits and reliever Jack Sullivan fanned four for

the save as the Rams improved to 8-4.

"Our players are putting in the time and dedication," Carmel skipper Joe Hackert said. "We are still a bit raw but working hard to improving each day. Most importantly, they are coachable. Vitro (5-1) has been a work horse on the mound and at the plate for us. He pumps strikes and is our most consistent hitter. Our greatest improvement has been defensively. My assistant, Coach Heitman, has done an unbelievable job with our infielders. They have kept use in every game. We have gotten great consistency from our two freshmen, Febo and Sullivan. Febo is a very good defensive catcher and puts the ball in play regularly. Sullivan has stepped up as our No.2 pitcher and has been very impressive. Both of them have a baseball IQ and maturity well ahead of their ages. Offensively, it seems like a different person steps up each game. Whether it be McCarthy, Gonzalez, Vitro,

Ciatto, Benitez or Loughran. Our early success is due to our team chemistry and senior leadership."

Carmel has exceeded expectations but whether or not the Rams are ready to make a run at the League I-A flag will be determined this week during a critical home-and-home set with undefeated RCK (11-0), the preeminent program in Section 1 the last 15 years. But a split with reigning Class AA champion

Arlington, plus wins over Mahopac (5-7), Somers (7-4) and Panas (7-3), is an indication that Carmel can hold its own and could secure a top-six seed and a first round home playoff game should this run continue.

MAHOPAC went on to lose a 3-0, 10-inning decision to visiting Class A Lakeland last Saturday when the old-school rivalry seemed to pick up a little steam, what with the jostling back and forth before the Hornets took advantage in the 10th of a couple of Mahopac errors. Prior to that, Lakeland lefty Evan Berta and Mahopac RHP Billy Moeller were shoving goose egg after good egg in an epic pitcher's duel.

After two quick outs at the bottom of the Lakeland order, leadoff hitter Matt Schenck and two-hitter Joey Vetrano each singled to set the table. Berta's RBI single up the middle plated the game's first run and the Indians misplayed it, allowing Vetrano to score. On the next play, Mahopac committed another error, allowing Berta to come around and score, which was only fitting since he whiffed 14 Indians over seven innings before reliever Mike Scotto chucked the final three frames for the win. Moeller sent 10 Hornets down K-way before being relieved by Andrew



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac IF Anthony Simeone can't get tag down in time on Lakeland's Jace Delulio, who swipes 2B in Indians' 3-0 loss to Hornets.

Simeone, the victim of three unearned runs in the 10th.

"Evan really kept his cool out there," Lakeland Coach Bill Casey said. "This was just a well-pitched game by both teams today."

Mahopac loaded the bases in the 10th with one out, but Scotto got out of the jam with strikeout and lineup to Vetrano to end the game. Scotto fanned five for the young Hornets (7-4), who are on the verge of big doings with just one senior starter.

"It was a tough day at the plate for us," Mahopac Coach Myk Lugbauer said. "Their guys kept us off balance all game long. We had our chances but couldn't come up with the clutch hit. Great thing about baseball is we have four games to start off the week and get right back at it. We need to start stringing some hits together and we'll be okay. Billy did a great job for us like he has all year long. He has been a bulldog on the mound and any time he is out there he gives us a chance to win."

YORKTOWN scored two in the ninth of a 7-5 win over Valhalla Saturday, doing so behind two RBI apiece from Huskers (3-8) Luan Biberaj, Tyler Pugliese and Nick Fardo. OSSINING (6-6) was mashed by Fox Lane, 11-0.

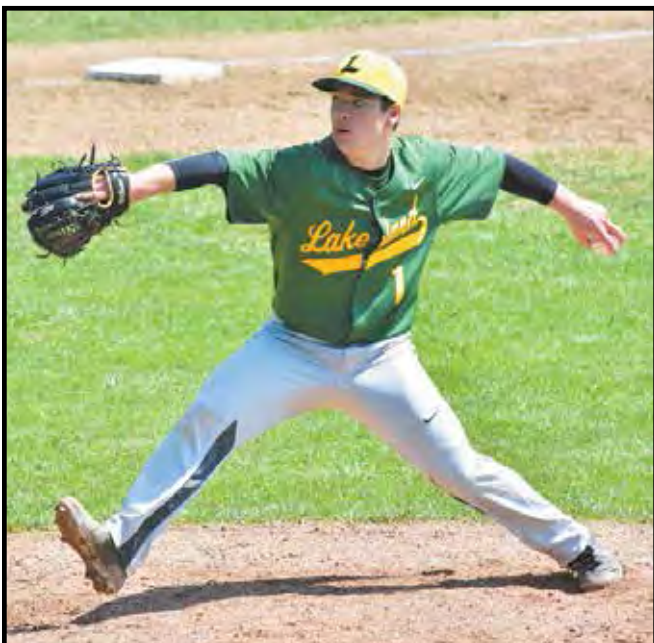
CLASS A LEAGUE II-C

You would have thought it was the opening round of the playoffs last Tuesday at Lakeland High where the Hornets and visiting Brewster Bears

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Lakeland 3B Matt Schenck puts a pivotal tag on would-be Mahopac base thief Anthony Sochan in Hornets' 3-0 win over Indians last Saturday.



Lakeland lefty Evan Berta chucked seven scoreless innings in Hornets' 3-0 10-inning win over Mahopac Saturday.



Mahopac C Connor Stepkoski is quick to praise P Billy Moeller who fired seven shutout innings in 3-0 10-inning loss to Lakeland Friday.

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Baseball Notebook

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(8-5) got after each other for nine innings of action-packed baseball. Brewster held on for a 9-6 League II-C win in what should be a wild chase for bragging rights between these two, Walter Panas (8-4), Somers and John Jay CR.

Down 4-1 through five, the Bears came charging back with five in the sixth to take a 6-4 lead, but the Hornets scored one in the sixth and one in the seventh to force extras.

Brewster's Michael Charbonneau (2 hits, 2 RBI), Paul Catalano (3 hits) and Joe

Girard (3 RBI) led the way. Leo Cummings knocked in two for the Hornets, who have a lethal sophomore class on the come. Lakeland returned the favor with a 5-4 win over the Bears on Friday, stroking 10 hits and getting four RBI and three hits from Berta.

Charbonneau then went nine innings, scattering four hits and no earned runs for a no-decision in the Bears' 5-4 win over Ardsley on Saturday. The visiting Bears and Panthers were tied at 1-1 after 13 innings before the Bears put up a four-

Lakeland Win Streak at Nine After Win over Somers

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the season we will talk just about the nuances of coaching and it's nice to be able to turn to her for advice, considering her longevity and success in Section 1 softball."

Reyes went 3 for 3, with two RBI and two runs against Pleasantville. Keiko Waters, Sabrina Cross and Lord each had an RBI.

Putnam Valley is now 7-3, but Finsmith said the next two weeks will be difficult.

"We play back-to-back games against powerhouse opponents in Pawling and Westlake and then head into the following week playing every single day," Finsmith said. "We are going to be tested in the next two weeks, not only with great opponents, but having to physical and mentally prepare ourselves for the day in and day out of games."

BREWSTER dropped a pair of games to John Jay-Cross River, 17-8 and 9-6. The Bears are now 4-8 this season.

"We have shot ourselves in the foot defensively all season long, unfortunately."

and defensively, and are having terrific seasons. We have had some moments of brilliance. We went to Eastchester and came from behind to win, 9-4. We played a great game against Mahopac and won 3-2. Each and every game it seems we have that one inning that plagues us and they've all come back to get us. But, no one is giving up. We come to each game ready to give 100% and work on improving, and for that, I am very proud of them and their effort."

Eighth-grader Kate Katsetos had two hits, including a triple, a run scored and an RBI in the first John Jay game. Taylor Riccardi, Caroline Cherubini and Gabbi Dovi each had two hits and two RBI in the second John Jay game.

YORKTOWN played one game, thanks to Mother Nature not cooperating, and the Cornhuskers dropped a 3-2 verdict to Mamaroneck.

Angelique Serrano and Samantha Ricardulli each had two hits, including a double, and drove in a run. Erica Salvaggi allowed one earned run and struck out six for the 8-2 Cornhuskers.

"It was a tough loss for us," Yorktown coach Ryan Iamurri said. "We kept getting runners on base, but couldn't get the timely hit. Erica pitched a great game for us and unfortunately, a couple of errors in the seventh inning really hurt us. Mamaroneck did a great job of putting the ball in play and capitalizing, which good teams are going to do."

MAHOPAC (6-4) frosh Shannon Becker continued her wizardry over Section 1 foes in the Indians' 2-1 win over Clarkstown South. It took 10 innings but the RHP Becker fanned 18 batters to earn the win. Beth Schum's walk-off hit drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th. Kim Astrologo also shined for the tribe. The Indians also took third place in the FDR Tournament.

spot to prevail behind two RBI from Dean Johnson and another from Nick Girard.

P Bobby McBride finished off a strong week for the Bears by knocking in three runs and pitching Brewster to a 6-5 win over Tappan Zee on Sunday. He sent 10 Dutchies to the pine on K's.

SOMERS might be the biggest surprise to date. After a 9-3 win over Croton Saturday, the Tuskers are sitting pretty at 9-4 with a current No.5 seed, so get the Tuskers on your radar. Tuskier slugger Chris Boncardo (2 for 4, 2 runs) did it again, homering for the seventh time this season. Soon enough, opponents will get wise to this kid's power and someone else we need to get clutch as pitchers avoid him like the plague.

Tuskers Nick Ruggiero (2 for 4, 3 RBI, 2 runs) and Liam Kaseta (2 for 4, 3 RBI, 2B) each supported winning P Austin Wainer (5 IP, 2 ER, 5 Hits, 2 BB) who fanned a career-high 12 Tigers.

LEAGUE II-E

Hen Hud (10-3) continued its winning way with a 6-5 league win over Lourdes, improving to 4-1 in II-E action and working their way toward a top three seed in the playoffs. The Sailors also defeated Ossining, 11-0, behind hurler Matt Imimbo, who pitched five scoreless innings of one-hit ball. Against Lourdes, Ryoji Schwartz led the Sailors, going 3-4 with two doubles and the game-winning RBI single. Billy Riefenhauser had two hits and two RBI to support P Nick Caruso, who chucked six innings and gave up two runs.

CLASS B

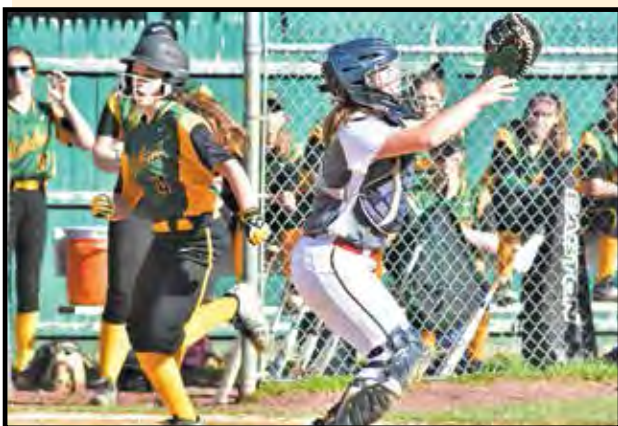
Will the real **CROTON-HARMON** please stand up, please stand up? Croton-Harmon's 5-4 win over visiting Rye Neck came behind P Max Luke, who didn't allow an earned run, while holding the Neck to just one hit while struck out nine for the win. reliever Toby Murphy chalked up the save for the Tigers (4-9), who have battled consistency issues all season. Supporting the cause was Bryan Scutari (2 for 3, RBI) and Evan Hunter (2 RBI). The Tigers are also the only team to blemish Briarcliff's otherwise perfect record, so the potential is there.

PUTNAM VALLEY (5-5) just can't seem to muster enough offense to make a sustained run at consistency. Wins over Brewster and Pawling were followed by losses to Briarcliff and Blind Brook, which was a tough, 5-4, nine-inning loss. Angelo Milano and Brian McBride each stroked a pair of run-scoring singles, but three unearned runs did the Tigers in against the Trojans. The win over Brewster was big and saw pitcher TJ Brescia (5 IP) and Alex O'Brien (2 IP) combine on a five-hit, seven-K gem.

Make no mistake: The road to the Class B title runs through Briarcliff (14-1).

CLASS C

HALDANE (5-6) got busy in an 8-6 win over Hamilton Saturday by getting clutch hits from George Leiter, Aidan Siegel, Kyle Kisslinger and Alden Dobosz. The Blue Devils will be chasing Tuckahoe and Pawling for Class C bragging rights.



Lakeland 8th-grader Shannon Scotto eyes the plate and scores in Hornets' 13-0 win over Somers' Gabby Mozzatta and Tuskers.

Brewster coach Lisa Delzio said. "John Jay played well and hit extremely well against us both games. We cannot afford that type of defense and pitching against a well-coached team like that. Despite our record, the girls have played hard all year long. Seniors Taylor, Francesca (Cioffi) and Karen (Lennox) have continued their solid play, as they did last year, offensively

Somers Topples Lakeland, 11-5; McSherry Bags 100th Goal



Somers' M Emma Kittredge and Lakeland-Panas' Emily Kness battle for possession in Tuskers' 11-5 win over visiting Rebels last Thursday.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Above: Carmel's Emma McSherry (R) notched her 100th career goal last Wednesday in 16-9 win over Wappingers.



Left: Somers' sniper Hannah Lustig looks to avoid check by Lakeland-Panas' Gianna Scialdone in Tuskers' 11-5 win over Rebels last Thursday.



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