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# Trustee Herrera Seeks to Oust Gearity as Mayor in Ossining

### By Rick Pezzullo

Ossining Village Trustee Omar Herrera kicked off his grassroots, people-led campaign for mayor last week in front of his apartment on Main Street.

Herrera, 28, is looking to force a Democratic primary in September against two-term incumbent Victoria Gearity, who recently was nominated for reelection by the Ossining Democratic Committee.

"This is about all of us, not just some," Herrera said to a diverse crowd of about 50 supporters who held up signs and chanted his name. "It is time for Ossining to have a true conversation about the current state of Ossining. We need lead-

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ers who not only listen to people who agree with them, but the people who don't agree with them."

Among those in attendance who endorsed Herrera were fellow trustees John Codman and Quantel Bazemore.

"He's honorable, trustworthy, a man of his words," said Codman, a seven-year trustee whose term expires this year and did not receive the backing of Democratic district leaders. "He understands the struggles of regular citizens and those just getting by."

"This is a guy who has been involved in Ossining his whole life. He has been a business owner. He has been an advo-

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Omar Herrera (center) with supporters during rally June 5 on Main St. in Ossining.

# Yorktown Town Board **Votes to End Lawsuit** with Sober Home

The Yorktown Town Board voted unanimously last week to settle a lawsuit that was filed against them by the operators of a controversial sober living home on Underhill Avenue.

The litigation was initiated last summer, two days after the board, which at the time included Supervisor Michael Grace and Councilman Gregory Bernard, voted to revoke a special use permit following confirmation that the residence had been sold.

In legal papers filed July 20, 2017 in federal court, attorney Robert Schonfeld, who appeared at a July 18 Town Board meeting and engaged in verbal confrontations with

board members and former Town Attorney Michael McDermott, alleged the board reacted to neighborhood opposition and acted in a "discriminatory manner" when revoking the permit originally granted to Constellations Recovery (a/k/a Compass Westchester). Another lawsuit was filed in state Supreme Court last August

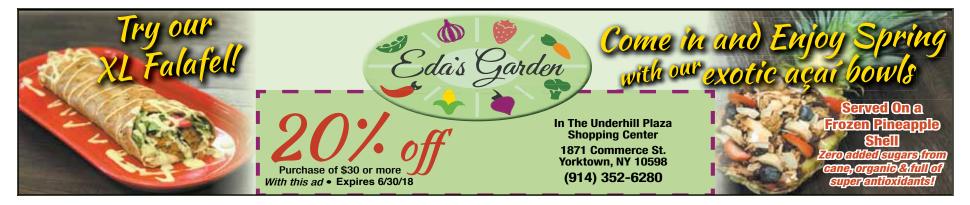
McDermott explained at that meeting one of the conditions imposed by the board on Constellations Recovery when the permit was granted in 2015 was any change in ownership made the permit null and void.

On May 11, 2017, the 8,470-square-foot home at 482 Underhill Avenue was sold by

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cate. This is someone who actually gets it," said Bazemore. "It is not enough to just listen to the issues. We're looking for leaders who actually respond."

Herrera, who works as a legislative aide for County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D/Ossining) and runs his own public relations firm, was first elected as a village trustee in November 2014, holding the distinction as the youngest resident ever elected to public office in Ossining.

In September 2015, he was appointed as an Empire State Fellow in the Executive Chamber in Albany, where he served from 2015 to 2017. He was reelected as a village trustee last November.

Ossining firefighter Damian Gillespie attended Ossining High School with Herrera and said he knew he was headed

for big things after he was elected class president.

"We always knew he was going to run for mayor one day," Gillespie said. "It's

just a pleasure to know the guy. I can't wait to see the future that he brings."

Gearity was a trustee for one term prior to defeating William Hanauer for mayor in 2014. She was reelected to a second two-year term running unopposed in 2016.

Gearity did not address Herrera specifically when quired in an email about his

candidacy and their relationship on the Village Board.

"Working collaboratively with other public entities to serve the best interests of all Ossining residents, has been an important goal of my tenure as Mayor," said Gearity, who was nominated for reelection at the Democratic caucus by Town

Supervisor Dana Levenberg. "The town and village share resources in almost every department, and we strive to expand our ability to save tax-payer dollars while providing excellent services. As the only member of the Village Board who has children in the Ossining School District, I have a firsthand understanding of the demands on our class-

rooms, which is essential for guiding smart economic development for our village."

"During an election, we wear two

hats--first as public servant, and second as candidate. Even in the toughest of campaigns, I find that most local officials seek to behave in a manner that honors the community we serve," she continued. "As Mayor, I chair public meetings with respect for my colleagues in village government and members of the community. I will continue to work constructively to move forward policies that will improve safe and affordable housing, and implement economic development to expand our commercial tax base, alleviating the burden on residential property owners."

Democratic Party leaders also endorsed Trustee Rika Levin and former Trustee Manuel Quezada for the November election. Herrera has received the endorsement of the Working Families Party.

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Victoria Gearity

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Tom McCrossan and Mark McGoldrick to Justin Gurland, Matthew Rinklin and Zachary Clark, but McCrossan and Mc-Goldrik claimed to remain as operators of the facility.

As part of last week's settlement, interim Town Attorney Richard Abbate explained the town agreed to acknowledge that the Sober Living Residence is a permitted use as of right as a single-family residential use in the Zoning Code, and therefore it is not necessary to issue or modify any special use permit.

"From the town's perspective, we're able to put an end to this litigation," said Abbate, who noted the town did not have to pay any financial damages to the plaintiffs.

Constellations Recovery offered Sober Living for as many as 14 adults, 18 years or older who had completed 30-, 60-, or 90-day inpatient, outpatient treatment, or had otherwise been cleared by a licensed professional to participate. Opened in May 2015, it was the first High End Recovery Center in Westchester. It was cofounded by McCrossan's son, Devin, a recovering addict who was Director of Admissions.

One of the individuals who lived at the

home was Henry "Hank" McWilliam, an 18-year-old Rye High School senior who died December 21, 2015 of an overdose after a weeklong stint there. Soon after, Compass Westchester ceased operating the residence.

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# The Pap Test

What every woman must know about this test and possible results...

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### Q: What does the Pap test show?

**A:** The Pap test (or Pap smear) screens for precancerous cellular abnormalities in a woman's cervix. If abnormalities are found, you can be monitored or treated so you don't develop cervical cancer. A Pap test involves scraping cells from your cervix to examine for pre-cancerous changes in tissue. Depending on your age, history and previous Pap test results, the cells might also be tested for high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common cause of cervical cancer. Ninety-nine percent of cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus, which is generally sexually transmitted.

### Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

**A:** If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

### Q: How effective is the Pap test?

**A:** Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

### Q: At what age should I start and stop having Pap tests?

**A:** Start at 21. Women under 21 have a very low incidence of the type of high-grade abnormalities that will progress to cervical cancer. Screening after age 65 isn't needed if you have a recent history of normal Pap results. If your Pap test and HPV test are negative, you should repeat both tests in three years.

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# First Look at Cortlandt Medical Oriented District Proposals

### **Bv Rick Pezzullo**

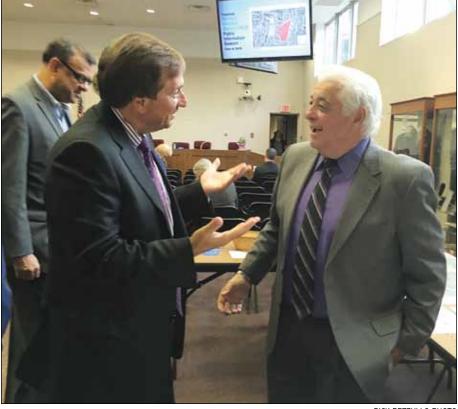
Residents and other interested parties were given their first look last week on the establishment of a proposed Medical Oriented District (MOD) on Route 202 in Cortlandt near New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital.

Approximately 60 people in attendance at Cortlandt Town Hall were given an informal presentation of the genesis of the MOD and the proposed development of two sites in the area of Lafayette Avenue, Conklin Avenue and 202.

Cortlandt officials explained the intent of the MOD is to encourage economic revitalization in the area surrounding the hospital and implement some of the 205 goals and recommendations outlined in the town's 2016 Sustainable Comprehensive Plan, dubbed "Envision Cortlandt."

"We felt and the public felt it was an area that had potential for future development," said Cortlandt Planning Director Chris Kehoe.

One of the proposed projects, referred to as the Gyrodyne Site, calls for the redevelopment of eight contiguous parcels totaling 13.8 acres with 100,000 square feet of medical offices, 4,000 square feet of complementary retail, 200 residential units, 180 structured parking spaces and 383 at-grade parking spaces.



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Developer Val Santucci (right) speaks to attorney David Steinmetz about his Evergreen site project.

Another project, known as the Evergreen Site, led by longtime developer Val Santucci, would include the redevelopment of three vacant contiguous parcels totaling 28 acres with a 120-unit assisted living facility, 90-room hotel with 13,000

square feet of retail space, mixed-used retail/office building, 166 residential units and approximately 550 parking spaces.

Supervisor Linda Puglisi emphasized any development that is approved would be "phased in" and mentioned the town's need to find additional tax revenue with the Indian Point nuclear power plants slated to close in 2021. Once Entergy is no longer operating the plants, Cortlandt will lose about \$800,000 annually.

"The hub is the hospital. We all have to take a hard look at where there's other possible revenue. That's what part of this is about," Puglisi said. "We have to look at the needs of the community. We have to look at the challenges we have. Nothing is carved in stone. We're not going to do anything that the community is not behind."

Town Attorney Thomas Wood stressed there were many studies, such as an environmental review and traffic analysis, changes to the Zoning Code, public hearings and other steps that had to be taken before any shovels were put in the ground.

"It's a work in progress. It's a process," he said. "What you see on the boards is not a done deal. You have to have something to start the process."







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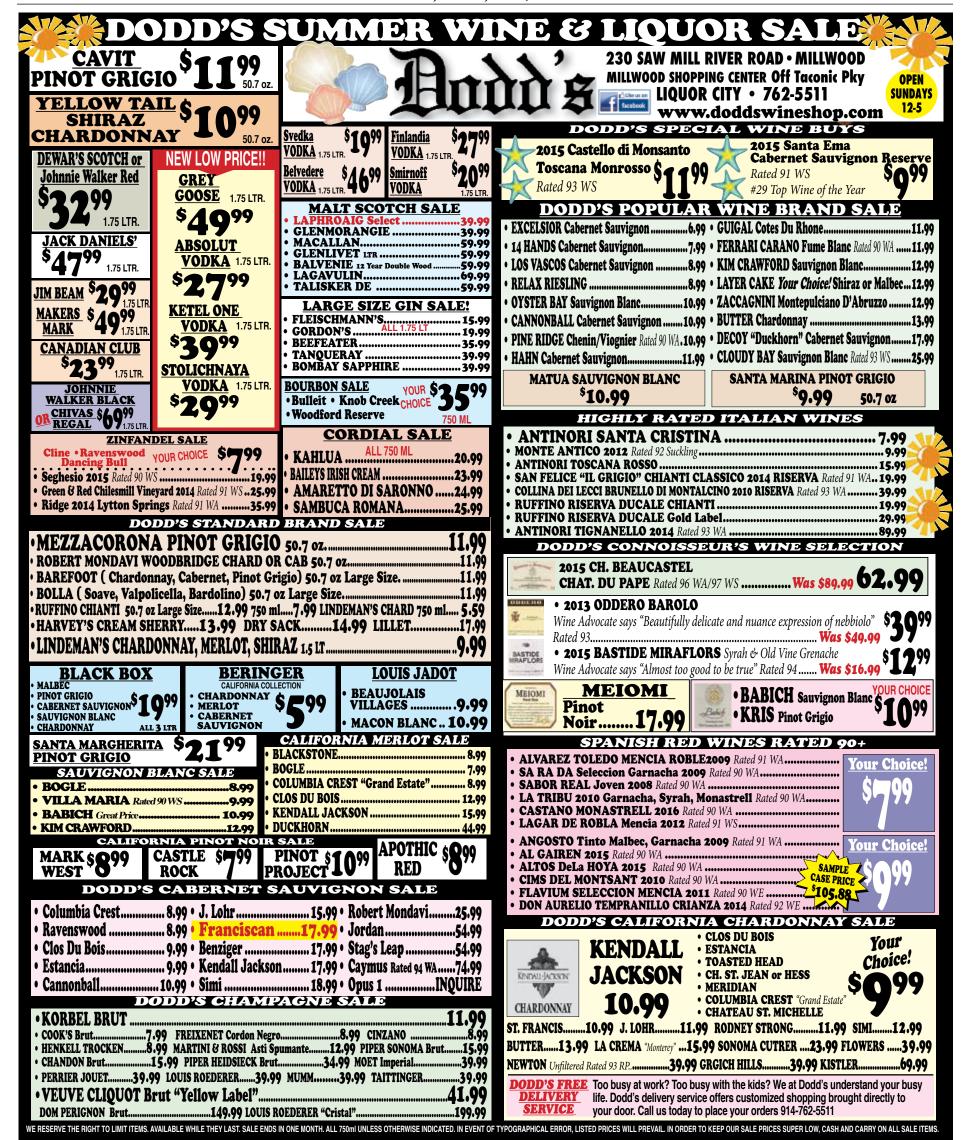
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# **County Lawmakers Take Utilities to Task for Unresponsiveness**

#### **By Anna Young**

The Westchester County Board of Legislators hounded representatives from Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas last week demanding solutions for massive power outages from storms that left thousands of residents without power.

The special meeting of the Committee of the Whole was a follow up to a March 19 gathering where both utilities failed to answer several questions posed by county officials regarding storm readiness and response following back-to-back storms in early March. While legislators received information since the previous meeting, officials said more needs to be done to improve storm response and preparation.

"We need an independent assessment of all NYSEG electricity delivery operations," Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said. "The proof is in the fact that these outages continue. They occur with frequency, they occur and affect a huge number and the restoration time is unreasonable."

Following a severe May 15 thunderstorm in northern Westchester that caused thousands to lose power for several days, Kaplowitz and Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) sent a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo urging him to endorse an evaluation of NYSEG's operations. They requested the assessment be conducted by a consultant hired by the county but paid for by the utility.

During the June 4 meeting, both legislators skewered NYSEG for the company's refusal to reimburse customers for food spoilage after extended power outages.

"Not reimbursing customers is a really bad move," Covill said. "I'm going to tell anyone who asks me now to bring a small claims action against you. People are frustrated, not only do they not have power for eight days, now you say no after calling it an act of God? I will offer to testify."

Covill also criticized the utility for declining to request mutual aid as part of their storm preparation, a fact that was revealed in records the company filed last month with the state Public Service



Commission (PSC).

"Both Con Ed and NYSEG have been directly affected by these plethora of storms," Kaplowitz said. "But this May storm is really kind of the tipping point, as if March wasn't bad enough."

While both utilities maintained that March's dual noreasters were much worse than predicted, they cited tree removal and storm communication as areas of improvement.

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) criticized Con Edison for its tree trimming program, explaining how the utilities leave wires running through cutaways in the center trees. She suggested they create a master plan for the preventative replacement of aging transformers and poles.

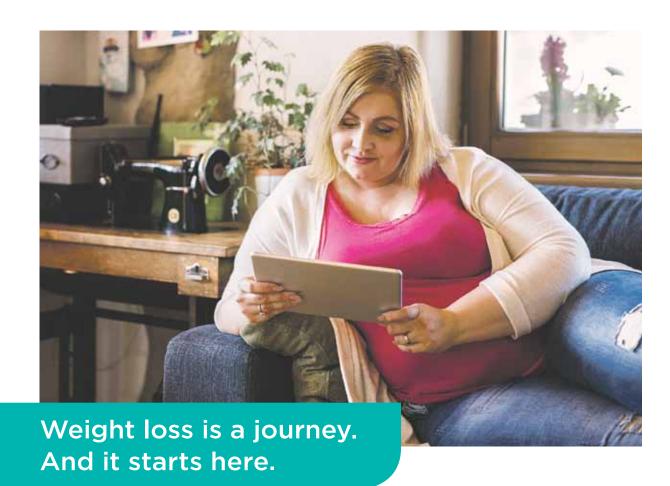
Board Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said the utilities' lack of specific plans for improving mutual aid in response to storms is disappointing.

"Mutual aid is broken," Boykin said.
"The current system only seems to guarantee the residents of Westchester at least a three-day blackout until line workers

begin arriving from far away. There is too much reliance on mutual aid and just not enough locally-based experienced utility staff who can jump right into work tackling downed poles and wires."

Legislators said they would be forwarding the results of their meeting with the utilities to the PSC. The commission is currently investigating the response to the storms. Legislators also expect to conduct additional meetings.

"We take this very seriously as representatives of the people of Westchester," Boykin said.



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# Latimer Signs Tobacco 21 Bill into Law in Westchester

Surrounded by Westchester County Legislators, health advocates and youth activists, Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed into law last week a bill that raises the age for the sale of tobacco products from 18-years-old to 21-years-old in Westchester County.

The measure has been in the works for the past four years, and increases the age to purchase cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping products. Latimer believes the bill will help to reduce the number of teens using nicotine products, and reduce addiction among youth.

"Somebody today is going to find it harder to get that tobacco product because of this law. And because it's harder for them to get it now, somewhere 50 years down the road they'll have aged without picking up the habit," Latimer said. "People will be living longer lives, and that's why this law is important."

County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D/Ossining) said, "I'm grateful that Westchester County has joined other nearby counties and New York City in increasing the age to purchase tobacco products to 21, which will greatly di-



Westchester County Executive George Latimer

minish access to these products among younger people. I also want thank the advocates who worked tirelessly alongside us for the past four years, to keep dangerous tobacco products out of the hands of children."

Director of the American Lung Asso-

ciation of the Northeast Maureen Kenney said, "Almost all smokers start as kids or young adults and this is the age group that the tobacco industry heavily targets in order to recruit and addict new customers. Increasing the tobacco age to 21 will help to prevent young people

from ever starting to smoke while reducing tobacco related illness, death and health care cost caused by tobacco use."

Commissioner of Health Dr. Sherlita Amler added, "This law will save lives. Raising the legal age to buy tobacco and tobacco products should discourage more young people from taking up this cancer-causing habit."

The Westchester County Board of Legislators passed the bill by a bipartisan vote of 16-1. The law goes into effect in 60 days after signing.

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# **Somers Considers Banning Vape Shops in Town**



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Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey at the June 7 Town Board meeting.

### By Neal Rentz

In response to the Westchester County Board of Legislators recent passage of legislation to ban the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products, including vaping devices, to youths under 21, the Somers Town Board is dropping consideration of doing so at the town level.

The previous minimum age to purchase tobacco products in the county was 18.

However, the Town Board is continuing to consider banning vape shops.

At the June 7 Town Board work session, Supervisor Rick Morrissey said in light of the county board's recent action to raise the minimum age to purchase to-bacco products, it was not necessary for the town to go forward with its own ban.

State and county police will enforce the new county law, he said.

However, Morrissey said the board should continue to explore legislation to ban vape shops in the Neighborhood Shopping District.

"We don't have any of them," in town and that should continue to in order to protect youths, Morrissey said. The message to those considering opening a vape shop in Somers should be "not in our town," Morrissey said.

Councilman Richard Clinchy said he would also support a move to ban vape shops in town. While adults may use ecigarettes to wean their way off of using conventional cigarettes, those devices are of no benefits to teens.

"I'd like to do something," he said.

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### **Obituaries**



Catherine (Threna) Heverin

### Catherine Heverin

Catherine (Threna) Heverin, a resident of Cortlandt, died peacefully June 2 in her home. She was 96.

She was born February 4, 1922 to the late Patrick and Delia (McNeil) Moyles in Dunmore, Galway, Ireland. She spent many happy years growing up in Ireland, where she met the love of her life, James A. Heverin (Jim) and they were married in Dunmore on December 29, 1952. Catherine, James and their first son, Sean Patrick travelled across the sea to the Bronx and were soon blessed with another son, James Anthony and then a daughter, Mary Delia. Catherine and James spent over 25 years in the Bronx raising their three wonderful children. They loved their life in the Bronx, where Catherine would walk to Saint Nicholas of Tolentine for daily Mass. Catherine and James found their dream home in Cortlandt where she happily spent the rest of her life. Catherine was an avid gardener and cherished weekend gatherings at her home by the pool with her husband and family she adored, especially with her grandchildren. She was very much loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her loving children, James A. Heverin and his wife Mary-Jo

and Mary D. Fagan and her husband Mark; adoring grandchildren, Kristan Marie, Jamie Lyn, Kathryn Ann, Ryan James Lewis, Julianne Nicole, Jessica, Emily and Justin Lee. She was predeceased by her beloved husband James on March 4, 1998 and her son Sean Patrick on February 17, 2013.

### Marie Justino

Marie A. Justino, a 56-year resident of Somers, died peacefully June 3 at her home. She was 89.

She was born in New York City on September 24, 1928. She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years: Vincent M. Justino. She is the beloved mother of Patricia Becker (Tom) of Eden Prairie, MN and Linda Savino (Jim) of Valley Cottage, NY, and the devoted grandmother of Michael, Kelsey and Diana. She is the sister of Ann Guglielmo (Gabe) and Patricia Basti (Sonny).

### *Judith Williams*

Judith Caroline Williams, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died June 4. She was 77.

She was born to the late George and Lydia Weber on March 31, 1941. She graduated from Ohio University where she met the love of her life Richard Williams and were married on June 15, 1963 shortly after graduating.

She is survived by her loving children, Cheryl Williams and Brian Williams and his wife Christine; adored grandsons, Paul and Andrew Williams. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Richard Harford Williams on August 5, 2017 and her cherished brother Alan Weber. *Barbara D'Uva* 

Barbara D'Uva (née Plain) died unexpectedly and peacefully May 31 in West Palm Beach, Fl. She was 79.

She was born August 5, 1938 in Ossining. She was predeceased by her parents, Margaret and Robert Plain. She married

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Putnam Examiner Angelo, of Pircio Cleaners in Ossining, in 1957. Barbara and Angelo lived in Ossining, raising three children until 1980. They then moved to West Palm Beach, FL and successfully continued in the dry cleaning business, as current owners of Angelo's Jack Sheehan's Cleaners.

Mrs. D'Uva was known to be a grandmother and aunt to all that knew her. She was fondly called GiGi by her greatgrandchildren, G-Unit, Grams, Grandma, Babs, Ma and other loving names that described her high energy and generous personality. She was a Meadow Park Elementary school volunteer, member of the PTA in Ossining NY and West Palm Beach FL, and a cheerleader at every sporting event.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Angelo A. D'Uva; children, Linda D. Attinelly (Kenneth) of Croton on Hudson, Angelo R. (Rosemary) of Danbury, and Robert J.(Wendy) of Palm Beach Gardens, FL.; grandchildren, Jessica J. Redmond (Kevin) of Atlantic Highlands, NJ, Stephanie A. Tengeres (Andrew) of Monroe, CT, Michelle L. D'Uva of San Antonio, TX, Angelo (A.J.) D'Uva (Emily) of Jones Creek, TX, Alexis A. D'Uva of Royal Palm Beach, FL, Samantha R. D'Uva of West Palm Beach, FL, and Brookelyn R. D'Uva of Gainesville, FL; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Hunter and Gavin Redmond, Collin and Skylar Tengeres, Easton D'Uva Hernandez, and Lila D'Uva. She was also an adoptive grandmother to Silvia Rossi (Marco Curti), Giovanni Rossi (Marta) and great-grandmother to Dafne Curti of Pavia, Italy.

### Patricia Garbarini

Patricia Catherine (Elliott) Garbarini, a resident of Ossining, formerly of Croton-on-Hudson, died June 8 at home, surrounded by family. She was 101.

She was born September 12, 1916 in New York City to the late Robert W. and Roberta (Mann) Elliott. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt and was devoted



Patricia Catherine (Elliott) Garbarini

to her family.

She is survived by her beloved children, Karen LeVentis, Lynn Willscher, Jan Garbarini, Craig Garbarini (Blanche), Doug Garbarini (Suzanne); adoring grandchildren, James LeVentis, Becky Shuk (John), Alex Willscher (Jillian), Garth Willscher (Jill), Claire Willscher (Steve Haggerty), Gayle Wheaton (Harrison), Alison Garbarini and Elizabeth Garbarini, 16 greatgrandchildren and her brother, Robert W. Elliott, Jr. (Carol). Pat was predeceased by her husband, John Garbarini in 1981, as well as her granddaughter, Cindy LeVentis and her sister, Dorothy Koehler.

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# **George's Island Park ito Receive \$4M in Upgrades**

By Rick Pezzullo

A 208-acre waterfront park in Montrose will be receiving \$4 million in upgrades after recent approval from the Westchester County Board of Legisla-

Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill) announced the board has unanimously passed a \$3.94 million Bond Act on May 28 ,for major rehabilitation work at George's Island Park in Montrose. The legislation was a amendment to a previous \$210,000 Bond Act that was approved for the design phase of the project.

"George's Island Park is a really wonderful part of Westchester County's park system and I am very happy to see this rehabilitation project coming to fruition," said Testa, a former member of the county's Parks Board. "My family and I have made a lot of memories and had a lot of fun at George's Island over the years, as have many Westchester fami-

The planned rehabilitation at the park, which offers stunning views of the Hudson River, includes design and construction of two playgrounds and picnic areas, which will replace the existing ones. Another major part of the work is the refurbishing of the boat launching docks, which were last renovated about 20 years

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The funding will also pay for the restoration of the peninsula shoreline, drainage work, rebuilt sanitary septic systems and landscaping.

It is estimated the project will take about one year to complete once the bidding and contracts are finalized.

> Existing boat launches at George's Island Park in Montrose.





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## **Husband and Wife Lead Multi-Genre Band to Debut Album**

### **By Anna Young**

After spending more than a decade perfecting their music, local band New Middle Class will take the stage Saturday night at the Putnam Arts Council as they celebrate the release of their second album.

Yorktown residents Mike and Barbara Borok met nearly 40 years ago and fell in love to the sound of music after Barbara happened to sit in on an audition for the bassist in Mike's band. Not long after, Barbara, who had never publicly performed, joined the band as a vocalist.

Soon after, the pair wed and moved to Yorktown where their focus shifted to work, raising their two daughters and the suburban life. But music still ran through their veins, and in 1992 they formed New Middle Class, releasing their first self-titled album.

"I think during that time I was starting to write better songs," said Mike Borok, a songwriter, guitarist and vocalist. "The songs were more interesting and also more emotional."

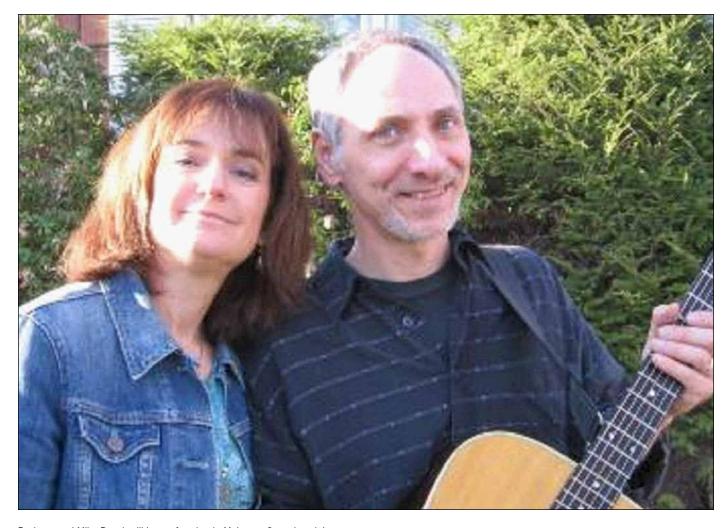
With tracks receiving radio play worldwide and top honors at national and international songwriting contests, the duo continued to release tunes and perform gigs in the midst of their busy lives.

"It's just who we are," said Barbara, who works in the Peekskill City School District. "When we're performing together we're both really listening to each other and it's a really cool experience to just feel that other person when you're singing and when it's going really well we're just really connected."

"When Barbara sings it's beautiful, exciting and moving, and she can really communicate the meaning of the songs," Mike said.

The musical duo will debut their long-awaited second album, "What's That Thing," and treat music lovers to a special two-hour concert this Saturday evening. Also appearing with be special musical guests Dan Pelletier and Wendy Cody.

The album, which was recorded and produced at their home studio, explores



Barbara and Mike Borok will be performing in Mahopac Saturday night.

a range of musical styles and genres that gives each song its own character and unique sound.

"We've been saving up all of our best songs for this album," Mike said. "People listen to the music and then they listen to the song and figure out what's it about. So to me, it's got to sound good, but we were trying to do that the best that we could."

Local music fans might recognize the couple from performances in various coffee shops or local venues, including the John C. Hart Memorial Library and the Putnam County 4-H Fair. They have also performed at national music festi-

vals including the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, the Lake County Folk Festival in Chicago and the South Florida Folk Festival.

While it may have taken more than a decade for the Borok's to create their newest album, with Mike, a former software developer, enjoying retirement and fully dedicating himself to his music, he anticipates their next album, "Arguing with God," will be released this fall.

But it most certainly won't be their last album, the duo assured.

"There are all these other songs we have to get out there because we have a lot of new stuff that's really good," Bar-

bara said. "After we release our third album there has to be another one coming out the following year because they're just really good songs."

New Middle Class will perform their new album "What's That Thing?" at 8 p.m. this Saturday, June 16 at the Putnam Arts Council, located at 521 Kennicut Hill Rd. in Mahopac. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10; reservations are recommended. For more information, call 845-803-8622 or visit www. newmiddleclass.com.

Songs are available for purchase on all major digital distributors, including iTunes and Amazon.







### By Neal Rentz

Ink Injection, owned by Mohegan Lake resident Fred Lounsbury, has been in operation for 14 years in Mohegan Lake providing tattoos and body piercings for its customers from a three-county area.

Benson, who goes by one name, has been the manager for 18 months and has been an employee for three-and-a-half years overall. Benson and Lounsbury also create tattoos in addition to their administrative duties.

Lounsbury said he chose the East Main Street because he lives close by. "I grew up a quarter of a mile from here," he said last week.

Lounsbury began working in the tattoo industry when he was hired to work at Brad's Tattooing in Mohegan Lake in 1982 at the age of 16. "I always liked artwork. It just sprung from there," he said.

Benson said he has been interested in art from an early age. His tattooing career began in an untypical way. He received a tattooing kit from his wife as a joke gift. "I just ran with it," Benson. "Now I can't stop. This is me. If I'm not getting ink, I'm giving ink."

Benson said tattooing is an art form

## **Ink Injection**

### **Mohegan Lake**



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mohegan Lake resident Fred Lounsbury (right) is the owner of Ink Injection in Mohegan Lake. Also shown above is Mahopac resident Benson, who is the manager of the business.

that has "progressed over the years." In the 1960's the cliché was sailors coming back from their military service with a tattoo, he said. Today, tattooing is an art which is intensive and currently changing with new inks, technologies and new ways to deal with skin, he noted. Lounsbury said he likes the new inks, many of which are organic. Many of the inks used for tattooing in the past contained lead, he said.

Tattooing has become a part of mainstream society and "big business," Benson said. "You see everyone with tattoos." Lounsbury agreed. "Now we're tattooing firemen, police officers, doctors, lawyers and so on," Lounsbury said.

Tattoos are often created for people who want to remember a loved one who has passed away, Lounsbury said. "It's like therapy sometimes," Benson said.

Tattoos are also used for cosmetic purposes to cover such things as scars and birth defects, Lounsbury said.

Under New York State law, a person must be 18 to get a tattoo, Lounsbury noted. Tattoo needles are only used once and are discarded as hazardous waste, Lounsbury said. "Now there's a more sterile environment" at tattoo businesses, he said.

Lounsbury said most of his customers come from northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties and Yonkers.

Benson said people easily become hooked on getting tattoos. "Once you have it the first time it is the most addictive things you'll ever do," he said.

Ink Injection is located at 1870 E. Main St. (Route 6) in Mohegan Lake. For more information, call 914328-8287.



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# **Maloney's Run for Attorney General Raises Questions**

### **By David Propper**

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district represents all of Putnam County and parts of Westchester, confirmed his intention to seek two elected offices at once last week when he announced his bid for New York State Attorney General.

In light of former AG Eric Schneiderman's resignation last month, Maloney and a handful of other Democrats have jumped into the race to be New York's top law enforcement officer. Maloney confirmed in a statement he plans on running for both his congressional seat and state AG leading up to the September primary for the state office. If he loses the AG's race, he would go forward with his congressional campaign, and if he wins that AG's primary, another Democrat would have to come forward to run in the 18th district, which represents all of Putnam an Orange counties and parts of Dutchess and Westchester counties.

"When you've got crooks in the White House, crooks in Albany, and crooks in corporate suites, you need a leader with the passion to fight and the experience to win. That's why I'm running for attorney general," Maloney said in a statement. "I've successfully defended the Constitution and our progressive values against the Trump Administration's attacks

down in Washington -- but now it's time to go on offense."

Maloney ran for state attorney general seat in 2006, but fell short in a Democratic primary. The other Democratic contenders seeking the seat this year are New York City public advocate Letitia James, lobbyist Leecia Eve and former candidate for New York governor Zephyr Teachout. Maloney, if he wins the seat, would be the first openly gay statewide officer holder.

The Republican candidate facing Maloney in the 18th district, Jim O'Donnell, slammed Maloney for seeking two offices at once. He said in a statement that his campaign will evaluate legal remedies to determine if Maloney can run for both offices and called Maloney's plan "illegal" and "unethical."

"It's clear that Sean Maloney has no interest in continuing to serve as our Congressman," O' Donnell stated. "Mr. Maloney's candidacy raises a legal red flag that must be addressed immediately by the appropriate judicial and election authorities – specifically, the question of how a candidate for one office in New York can possibly run for another office at the same time."

Maloney won his seat in 2016 despite President Donald Trump winning the district by two percentage points.

Putnam Democratic committee chairman Jim Borkowski declined comment when contacted by Examiner Media about Maloney's latest maneuver and the process to find a possible replacement candidate. But in a New York-Politico article, he said the possible fill-in for Maloney would have to be similar to Maloney's politics.

"We need to have a candidate who, like Sean Maloney, is a moderate who can appeal to moderate and independent voters to vote for a Democrat," Borkowski told Politico. "Sean won a district that went for Trump. That means a lot of voters went for Donald Trump, but also a gay man with a multiracial family."

Garrison resident Lithgow Osborne, the Democratic chairman in Philipstown, admittedly said Maloney was entering unusual territory by running for two seats, but he fully supported Maloney's desire to run for the AG's office. He said the state and the nation would be well served by Maloney as AG because he's a strong advocate with deep knowledge of state and federal law.

"I can't think of anybody better for that position quite frankly," Osborne said. "Sean would serve his state and country at a higher level to fight against some of

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the really hideous malfeasance coming out of Washington."

While Democrats won't know which seat Maloney would go after in November until the September AG primary, Osborne said Democratic committee members across the district are beginning to seek other possible Democrats in case Maloney goes forward with the AG run. Regardless, Osborne said Maloney would be missed because of his effectiveness in Congress.

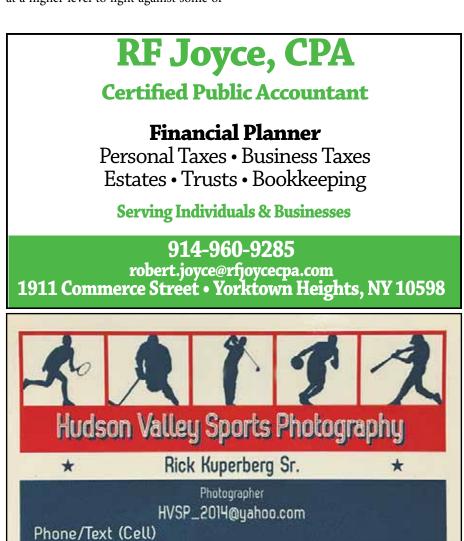
"I don't feel betrayed, I feel like I'm really going to miss the most awesome congressman in the United States representing me in Congress," Osborne said. "We have it so lucky."

Tony Scannapieco, the Putnam GOP committee chairman and county Board of Elections Republican commissioner, believes it's illegal for Maloney to shoot for two elected offices simultaneously. Involved in politics since the 1970s, Scannapieco can never recall a time a politician vied for two different positions.

"I think it's great because he's telling the people now 'I don't want to be your congressman, I want to be attorney general," Scannapieco said. "So are people going to say 'whatever you want to do, we'll vote for you.' I don't think so."

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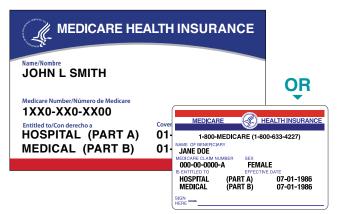




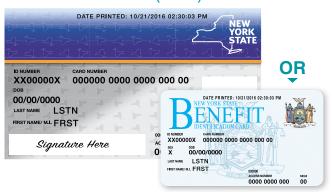


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# Yorktown Resident to Display Art at Solaris Sports Club

A Yorktown High School graduate is returning to his roots for an Art Show on Thursday, June 28 at Solaris Sports Club on Veterans Road.

Andrew Kaminski will be displaying his work at the club on June 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. The artwork will remain at Solaris for the following week. His artwork has been exhibited in Singapore, New York City and throughout the Hudson Valley.

He was born and raised in Yorktown. After graduating from Yorktown High in 2007, Kaminski attended SUNY New Paltz, where he studied painting and drawing and later received his Master's degree in Studio Art at City College in Manhattan.

Kaminski started painting when he was just two years old. He battled deafness as a baby and has said, "My eyes started to compensate where my ears couldn't, which naturally led me to drawing and painting."

# Woman Gets Five Years Probation for Posing as Attorney

The woman who impersonated an attorney last summer in Pleasantville Village Court was sentenced last Thursday to five years probation.

Delilah Torres of Peekskill was sentenced on one count of first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a Class E felony, the Westchester County District Attorney's office stated.

Torres first appeared in Pleasantville Village Court on June 26, 2017, identify-Continued on page 19



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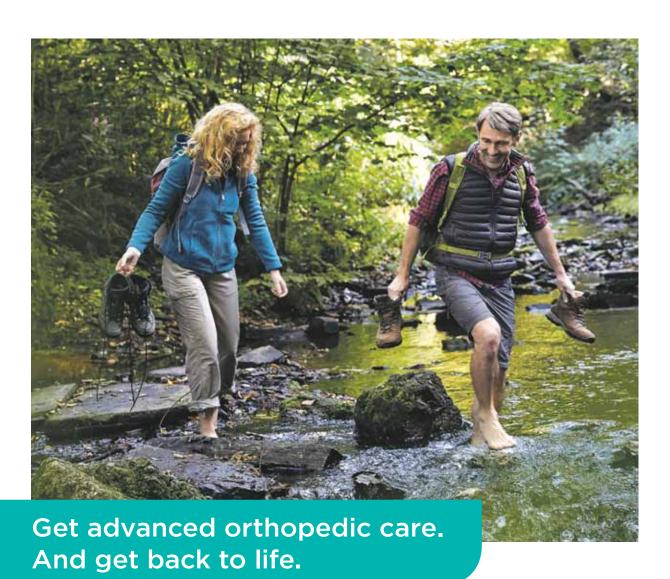
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Yorktown resident Andrew Kaminski





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**Tuesday, June 12** 

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

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

### Wednesday, June 13

Photo Exhibit: The Ground Glass, a Westchester-based association of fine art photographers, is exhibiting a selection of work by 11 members at the Pound Ridge Public Library's Schaffner Gallery. The photography exhibit is taking place through June 23. A reception with the photographers will be held on June 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Pound Ridge Library is located at 271 Westchester Ave. For regular library gallery hours, visit http://www.poundridgelibrary.org/hours--directions--contact.html.

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.

**POUND Program:** POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

**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.

Three By Tennessee: Recovery Rep's production of "Three By Tennessee Williams," which consists of three one act plays penned by one of the greatest playwrights of the 20th Century, will be performed on June 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and on June 16 at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley. Info: http://paramounthudsonvalley.com.

### **Thursday, June 14**

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.

**Author Presentation:** The Ossining Public Library welcomes author Howard Blum. at 7 p.m. Blum will discuss his new book, "We Will Bury You," a non-fiction, Cold-War, spy story. Join us for a book signing afterwards. The free event will take place in the Budarz Theater. Info: 914 -941-2416 Ext. 327 or www.ossininglibrary.org.

Wine With Weiner: Wine with Weiner will be held at 7:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl., Yorktown. Come to Beth Am for an informal conversation with the Jewish community on the issues that affect our lives. With welcoming wine (or other beverages people bring), Rabbi Weiner facilitates a fascinating "laidback" discussion while bringing us closer as a Jewish community. Congregants and non-congregants alike are invited to take this journey with our Rabbi. No previous knowledge is required, and all backgrounds are welcome. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him atrabbiw@optonline.net.

### Friday, June 15

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, handson 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.

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. Preceding the service at 6:15 p.m. the Men's Club will hold a BBQ. Tonight's service will be a musical Shabbat featuring Shir Chutzpah. 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 June 16**

Yoga Project: Start the summer off with a rise and shine yoga class on Saturday, June 16 at 8:30 a.m. with Elisha Simpson of Crossover Yoga Project at Louis Engel Park in Ossining. Please RSVP to Facebook events for these and more offerings at the Town's Facebook Page, https://www.facebook.com/townofossining/. All are welcome, all classes are free, and registration is not required, but RSVP'ing via Facebook is encouraged so the instructors can plan for the number of participants expected. For more information, please visit the Town's Web site at https://www.townofossining. com/cms/projects/mind-body-spirit-ossining or contact the town supervisor's office at 914-762-6001.

Korean War Display: "Korea, a War

without End" captures, in displays of images, words, vintage equipment and weapons, in the "police action" that began in June, 1950 when North Korea invaded Western South Korea at Lasdon Park. The exhibit will be open until September. The museum is closed Mondays, except holidays, through for free. Labor Day; open only on weekends the rest of the year. It is also open on July 4 and Veterans Day. Lasdon Park, Arboretum, and Veterans Memorial, a Westchester County Park, is located on Route 35 in Somers. For more information on Lasdon and all

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

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

**Student Music Recital:** Susan Cody's Students Music Recital will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Somers Library. Not just a piano and vocal recital given by various students ages 7 to 15, the show is also a mystery play. This year's mystery is titled "The Mystery of the Missing Music." Space is limited and there will be first come, first seated seating. Info: 914 232 5717 or som-

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Low Lilly Performances: Westchester Collaborative Theater will host an exclusive area appearance of the Vermont-based American roots band Low Lily, a two-time New England Music Awards nominee that has had two #1 songs on international folk radio and was voted #1 Most Wanted at the annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival (NY). Low Lily will play sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. General admission is \$20. A cash bar and

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### **Sunday, June 17**

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# Woman Gets Five Years Probation

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ing herself as a lawyer for a client in a civil matter. After receiving instructions from the court clerk on how to proceed, Torres faxed a series of documents to the court, resulting in the matter being scheduled for a hearing the following day.

When Torres arrived in court on June 27, she provided a notice of appearance and a notice of motion to the court. In both notices, she claimed to be an attorney.

The matter was adjourned to June 29, where Torres appeared again. After she was questioned by the court about her credentials, Torres stated that she had graduated from Columbia Law School on May 18, 2017, but had not yet taken the bar exam.

She was ordered to return on July 3 with proof she was admitted to practice and that she attended Columbia Law School. Torres never appeared.

Records from the Office of Court Administration, the New York State Board of Law Examiners, and Columbia University confirmed Torres never attended or graduated from Columbia Law School, never took the New York State Bar Exam and had never been admitted to practice law in the state.



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## Household Scents, Good and Bad, from Hmmm to Pee-Yeu!

When it comes time to sell a house, there are many issues to be addressed to make it attractive to prospective buyers, from curb appeal to functionality of all systems, and realtors are eager to provide advice to guide sellers through the process of "getting ready."

But probably the most sensitive issue to address is unpleasant odor in the house.

Every home has a particular smell. Sometimes it's good and sometimes not. When it's good, we might want to savor it and remember it, but when it's bad, both we and a prospective buyer want to escape it.

When I rented my first apartment, the air quality was very different. I lived in the basement of a private home which was only slightly above grade and faced the north side of the house. It had a musty smell caused by

the moisture in the air that was so thick that the walls would sometimes weep from it. Being a proactive tenant, even as an 18-year-old college student, I petitioned the landlady to buy a de-humidifier for me, and I kept it running day and night to make the air quality acceptable.

The next time I was keenly aware of

apartment of a very senior woman who had invited me, as an antiques dealer at the time, to buy some of her things. When I entered her apartment, located in an old former hotel in Brooklyn, I was hit with a smell that was very unpleasant and very hard to describe.

The windows were all shrouded in heavy curtains and shades, and the furniture was all deeply tufted. I'm embar-

> rassed to admit that I thought the smell was coming from what I had heard was called "old people smell," but that was a wrong assumption. I was told by the owner of an air quality control service that there is no such thing. Rather, he said, it's the circumstances of the old person's environment. There may be closed windows and no air flow; it could be their personal habits, how often they bathe and clean their clothes, and the odors just don't have an

opportunity to dissipate with circulation.

I learned that the three most common causes of house odor are smoking, pets and mold. Usually no one does anything about the first two - smoking and pets because people are not aware of those odors when they live with them. They are very aware of mold, however, either because of the smell or allergic reaction,

and that is something they want to do something about. Toxic mold produces a chemical called mycotoxins which can cause serious illnesses that can be fatal.

Pet smell and the odor from smoking may not raise a danger signal as much as toxic mold, but when you think about it, the source of the smoking smell can be very harmful to the one who smokes and the one who breathes in second hand smoke, according to the Surgeon General, and pets can be anathema to those with severe allergies to them. Both smells can be addressed with home remedies when the source moves on, but toxic mold, which is reputed to have hastened the death of Ed McMahon, television personality associated with Johnny Carson, should best be handled by a professional remediation service. There is just too much at stake, especially in the remediation process, to approach on one's

If a house is being readied for sale and the owner is advised to eliminate the smell of smoking or pets, the best cure is good ventilation. The process can be expedited with baking soda, that old standby that we know from our mothers' placing a box in the refrigerator. Baking soda can be sprinkled on furniture and carpeting that has absorbed smoking or pet odors, and after it sits for several

The worst thing to do about household odors, in my opinion, is to try to mask them with candles, incense, or other odor combating products. The layered smells can be worse than the original offending odor.

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# Pondering the Essence of Life – and Your Glass of Wine

I frequently ponder, and then expound upon in this column, the wonders of winemaking. Elemental, and always vitally essential, to the success of winemakers worldwide is the essence of the power and influence of Mother Nature.

This week, my mental wanderings brought me to the subject matter of an earlier column, which is partially reprised herein: that most fragile of earthly elements - water.

It is the essence of life, yet it is in increasingly short supply as human population explodes and agricultural production accelerates to meet its needs. As I jumped from the macro and micro aspects of water's dominance in our lives, my mind naturally (for me) came full circle to the glass of

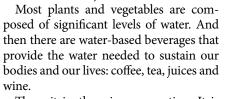
wine in my hand.

In the oceans, on land, in soil, in plants and in our bodies, water is at the very core of existence. We are taught that 71 percent of the earth's surface is water. But do you remember that 96.5 percent of the earth's total volume of water is undrinkable? Only 3.5 percent is fresh water, which must sustain the millions of fresh waterdependent species that inhabit our planet, including its 7.3 billion humans.

How is it possible that humans can sustain themselves on such a seemingly meager proportion of fresh water? This fresh water is not readily available to us. Nearly 70 percent is in the form of polar

> ice caps and glaciers. The remainder, sourced primarily from rivers, lakes, aquifers and runoff, represents less than 1 percent of all the water on earth.

> Let's move from the global view to the perspective of the human body, of which 60 percent is composed of water. To sustain this level of water, and optimal health, we rely on several sources. Certainly, the 1 percent of earth's fresh water readily available to us is the major source.



There it is: the wine connection. It is critical to sustaining the health of our bodies. Over 85 percent of a glass of wine is water.

If wine is predominantly water, what

makes so many wines distinctive from each other? Why is one wine appealing to us while another is off-putting? What influences the taste and aroma in each bottle

It is the other 15 percent of a glass of wine that entices and sustains us. These components are influenced by many factors, from a) the composition of vineyard soil, carried by the water absorbed by plants, to b) the characteristics embedded in evolving grapes. Each element influences the harvested grape juice and ultimately the end product.

Let's look into each major element.

The 85 percent of water in a bottle of wine has a significant influence on its taste and aroma. As a grapevine matures and subsists over a growing season, it absorbs the minerals and nutrients in soil as its roots penetrate the strata and substrata of soil created over millennia of earth's heaving and seismic activity. One example: in parts of France, especially the Chablis region, the wines have the distinct taste of the minerality of seashells, yet the vineyards are landlocked. In prehistoric times, the Chablis area was a seabed; today seashells and marine skeletons abound in the soil. The essence of this detritus, absorbed by developing grapes, is evident in each

glass of the wine.

The 15 percent of matter in a bottle of wine influences the personality of a particular wine in a manner similar to human physiology. It just takes a few strands of DNA to make each wine distinct and unique. Each strand of DNA determines the essence of a wine. The chemical composition includes differing levels of tannins, acid and flavor.

There is much to appreciate and be in awe of in Mother Nature and, tangentially, modern wines. They provide for the continuing health of our water-based physiology and enhance our ethereal appreciation of the finer qualities embedded in their essential juice.

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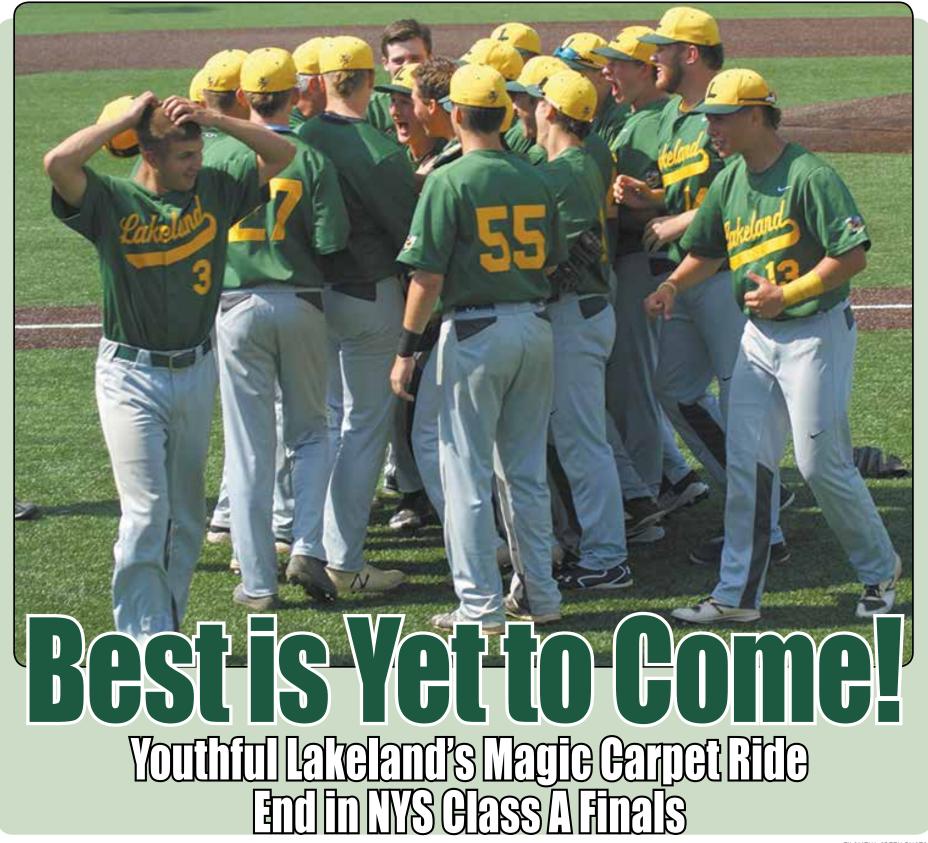


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# **Brewster's Run for 1st NYS Title Fall Short in Semis**

# Didio: "This is a tough one to accept, very emotional"

### **By Tony Pinciaro**

The realization of what happened hit Brewster Coach Sara DiDio following her team's narrow 10-9 loss to Section 5's Honeoye Falls-Lima in the New York State Class C Girls' Lacrosse Championship semifinal

"We were all very emotional after the game, but we were proud of ourselves for how far we got," DiDio said. "We were all talking then, the realization came down that we will never play together, again, as a team and that is a tough one to accept."

DiDio and her girls stressed togetherness and family and the result was the most successful season in program history.

Brewster won the first sectional title in program history, beating Hen Hud in the final. The Bears proved winning the Class C championship was not a one-hit wonder. Brewster followed up with resounding victories over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Section 2) and Goshen (Section 9), outscoring both, 37-14.

The Bears had a program-best 10-game

With everything that Brewster accomplished as a team and individually, it is still difficult for DiDio and the team to accept not playing together. DiDio introduced the girls to lacrosse in the girls' youth program and she witnessed the maturation of the girls as individuals and players.

Ironically, Craft was a softball player before trading in her glove and bat for a lacrosse stick in third grade. Once Craft began playing for DiDio in her youth program, softball became a distant memory.

"Coach DiDio pulled me aside and we joke around saying she pulled me to the dark side, but as soon as I picked up stick, I loved it," Craft said. "And Coach Delzio is a great family friend."

Craft was referring to Brewster varsity softball coach, Lisa Delzio. Craft immediately took to DiDio and a bond was formed with the current senior and junior classes. It would lead to the family approach.

"Coach DiDio always made it fun,"

Craft recalled.
"That was really important for us.
We were all young and coach was young, so we all grew up together, with her."

The girls were fortunate enough to have DiDio coach the junior varsity before she stepped up to varsity in 2017, replacing veteran legendary and coach, Gerry Walsh. DiDio Having come up the varsity enabled the girls to be reunited with their first coach.

"It was awesome because for many years she was the JV coach and when she moved up, we all knew everything she wanted and she was going to continue to

help our program grow," Craft said. "It was also awesome because where we started, we were able to finish. It's like a fairy tale. Coach DiDio came in and raised the bar again these last two years."

Brewster's seniors -- Tara Regan, Julianna Rienzi, Grace Pastore, Leah Frey, Michelle Feighan and Craft -receive their diplomas in two weeks.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster junior Marina Souza had two goals in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal loss to Honeoye Falls-

They leave as sectional champions and state semifinalists, two memorable accomplishments. They also graduate from a team with a deep, talented returning nucleus.

"My freshman year we won only four games and before the postseason, we had only lost four games this year," Craft said. "This year united our community. We worked so hard in making history by winning the section final and continuing all the way to the state final four. We are proud and in awe of what we accomplished.

"I'm upset that this fun experience had to end, but I'm excited for the team because the juniors are a great class."

One that expects to lead the Bears back to the Section 1 title game next year.



Brewster junior Megan Beal scored twice and dished three assists in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal loss to Honeoye Falls-Lima.

winning streak along with the program's first triumph over Lakeland/Panas as the Bears finished with a 17-5 record.

Senior Lauren Craft registered her 200th varsity goal this season and finished her outstanding four-year varsity career with more than 300 points. Craft will attend Penn State in September and continue with lacrosse.



Brewster senior M Lauren Craft notched a hat trick and dished assist in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal Honeoye Falls-Lima.

### **Sports**

# Lakeland's Improbable Run to State Finals Falls Short



By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor

This particular group of Lakeland players and parents had been on many road trips prior to last weekend's NYSPHSAA Baseball championships in Binghamton. And win or lose, this close-knit unit would often return with a title of some sort; whether it was within the Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), or the seven

New York Elite Baseball championships under youth coaches Mike Scotto and Mike Croce, or the three Baseball Heaven championships, the numerous other tournament championships or that undefeated (10U) WPBA season that gave us all a hint of what would come. For a nucleus of players that has one-to-two years of varsity ball still ahead of them, the best is yet to come.

So there were no tears when this improbable run for the roses came up short last Saturday when the Hornets (16-10) allowed five two-out runs to be plated n their 5-1 NYSPHSAA Class A championship setback to Section 2 champion Queensbury at NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton; one day after rallying for a 5-3, eight-inning semifinal win over reigning three-time Section 8 champion Wantagh.

"It didn't end how we hoped but it was one hell of a ride and we enjoyed it all," Lakeland P/1B Joe Vetrano said. "Going as far as we did was a dream and doing it with this team was so much fun, and next year we are going to work harder to finish it out. But we can't forget all we accomplished this year, winning the section and the regional final was amazing and one hell of an experience."

A two-out three-run triple by Queensbury's Brendan Scott was the crippling shot, breaking open a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning and handing the Spartans (19-4) their first state title while denying Lakeland its first such moment.

And there's no denying that Lakeland coach Billy Casey, among the finest men in Section 1 these days, took a youthful 12th-seeded Section 1 champion where few thought they could go, and there's also very little doubt that an encore is in the works for a club that loses just three seniors.

Casey had best clear his schedule well into June next year. The coach from the Bainbridge section of the Bronx -- the one that became a heroic firefighter and 9/11 first responder -- understands better than most what this incredible run has meant to the boys, their families and the Lakeland baseball program in general.

"I'm in absolute awe of what this group did," said Casey. "This run has been

something that I couldn't even dream about. It was so much fun to be a part of. Some of the players have been texting me stuff about how they will never forget this year and how awesome the experience was. The parents were there every step of the way and their support was just amazing. And the support we received from everyone including alumni was just the best."

The run to the state finals sends a very strong signal that Lakeland baseball is alive and well again, set to thrive for years to come. Casey knows from the SOAC on up just how pivotal baseball is in Shrub Oak and the surrounding Lakeland communities. has always been a baseball town, and these boys more than fit the bill and represented well as Section 1 champs, something we predicted (in print!) for this unit five years ago.

"As far as the Lakeland program this run means the world," Casey said. "I agree that this town has been a baseball town with great clubs like SOAC around. I also know that this has been a baseball town because of what Coach Den & Coach Mike (Robinson) did around here for so many years. With their hard

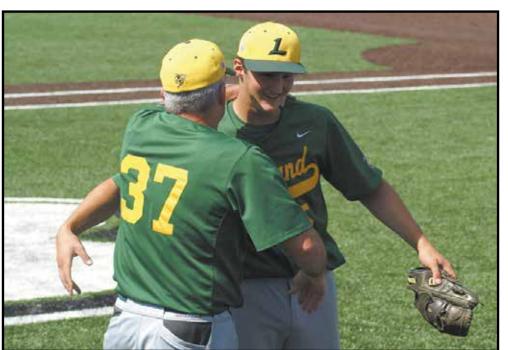
work and dedication they put Lakeland Baseball on the map."

The three seniors – quarterfinal hero Matt Schenck, semifinal hero Eric Portella and Andrew Baffuto – set a fine example for all

and will pass the torch to sophomore ace Joe Vetrano, the next-level stud and B.C. commit with all the makings of an all-time great. His 'stuff'was on display all post season. Vetrano fired 22 playoff innings and allowed just five earned runs, including a one-hit shutout of Section 9 champion Cornwall, a three-hit, nine-K semifinal win over Wantagh and a Section 1 title-clinching 3-2 triumph of Byram Hills; all complete games. Vetrano could be every bit as good as the best hurlers in Lakeland history, and that list is filthy good.

But he was far from alone during this historical run. In the state semis at Binghamton University, Portella mashed a two-out, game-tying single to left field to force extra innings, and in the eighth, junior Jace DeIulio would come of age, much like the rest of these virtual rookies did during this wondrous run.

"This group of players were so much fun to be around," Casey said. "I know the sophomores received a lot of recognition, and rightfully so, but



FILOMENA GREEN PHOTO

Lakeland Coach Bill Casey congratulates ace Joey Vetrano after beating Wantagh in extra innings in the NYS Class A semis.

everyone contributed. Eric Portella gets the big hit on Friday to keep us alive. Jace DeIulio gets the game-winning hit. Zach Lerman was so solid behind the plate and throwing out base runners throughout the playoffs. Matt Schenck with big hit after big hit. Leo Cummings was also solid

at shortstop and at the plate to keep this going. This was a team effort. I thanked all 19 of them on Saturday for allowing us coaches to come along for this great ride. I told them what I am most proud of is the way they conducted themselves. In

victory and in that final game in defeat they respected each other and their opponent. Unfortunately it all came to an end and I don't get to see these kids every day. I am already sad that we don't have practice today."

Delulio — facing two outs and two strikes — stroked a two-run single in the top of the eighth to give Lakeland a 5-3 win and clinch a trip to the first state championship game in program history, a program with three previous Section 1 titles under longtime coaches Dennis and Mike Robinson, whom they should still name their home field after (something sharp BOE President Denise Kness and sagacious BOE member Steve Rosen should rightfully champion: Robinson Stadium has a nice ring to it).

That aside, this scribe has been on the Northern Westchester/Putnam County sports beat for 30 years and can't ever recall such an improbable run to the state finals, given their seed in Section 1 (No.12), their youth (just two seniors start), their record going in (10-9) and knowing that baseball

is the most unpredictable team sport there is. Congrats on a job well done, boys...

Have you ever heard a story about a town and said, 'Boy, I wished I lived there'? Well, after hearing that roughly 1,000 folks from Pleasantville participated in Sunday's pre-dawn "Into the Light" walk, on the heels of winning the first NYS lacrosse championships in school history, I woke up this morning wishing I lived in Pleasantville.

This remarkable event, sponsored by the Break the Hold Foundation, honoring the memory of Brian Halloran, the P'Ville teen who took his own life in January, raised awareness for mental health and youth wellness, something we sorely need more of in this country; that, and antibullying campaigns like the one that ran recently in Thornwood.

There were tons of Pleasantville teens there, too, many of whom had just hoisted the state lacrosse plaque hours earlier, some of the same kids who just six months earlier won the first NYS football title in school history. Imagine that, state titles in football and lacrosse in the same school year: Pleasantville is the first Section 1 school to ever do so. Seems like Pleasantville has its priorities in order, on and off the field. Well done, gang.

You could say similarly nice things about Mahopac and Yorktown recently, as each town raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in their respective Relay for Life events, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Mahopac's Tracey Walsh and her crew raised a quarter-million dollars for the cause, so I reckon I'm pretty happy where I am, too, once the Indians start to regain their championship footing #HaveAtIt.

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