

## Peekskill to Search for New City Manager as Leins Resigns

By Rick Pezzullo

The City of Peekskill will be searching for a new city manager after Richard Leins submitted his resignation last week.

Leins, who has worked for Peekskill for more than three years, will officially depart in mid-October after agreeing to help the city transition to a new leader of its government. Leins had previously served for more than a decade as village manager in Ossining.

Mayor Andre Rainey thanked Leins for staying on to welcome the new administrator that's chosen to "ensure the city continues moving forward without missing a beat."

"I can't thank Richard enough for his service to Peekskill, particularly this year as we transitioned to a new mayor and new council. I am grateful for the work that he has done to make this process as smooth as possible and to help move Peekskill in a more positive direction," Rainey said. "With every departure comes new opportunity and I am very excited about the opportunity a new city manager will bring to Peekskill."

Deputy City Manager Kathleen Talbot reacted to the news of Leins' exit, saying, "I was surprised by Richard's resignation but these kind of things are not unusual. We are all getting along

fine and working well together. Everyone likes Richard and he will be definitely be missed. I know I can speak for all of us in wishing Richard the best in all his future endeavors."

Leins was recruited to Peekskill initially as interim city manager by former Mayor Frank Catalina after ex-city manager Anthony Ruggiero, who butted heads with Catalina, left for a job in the City of Beacon.

In his 2016 State of the City Address, Catalina praised Leins, stating, in part, "You have restored a sense of professionalism to your office. You have

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Richard Leins will be departing after three years as city manager.

## Siegel Seeks Ethics Review of Former Supervisor Grace

By Rick Pezzullo

Former Yorktown Supervisor Susan Siegel is seeking an ethics review of the man who unseated her in 2011.

On July 18, Siegel penned a letter to Albert Durante, acting chairman of the town's Ethics Board, issuing a complaint against Former Supervisor Michael Grace for allegedly violating a section of the Ethics Code that frowns upon a former elected official from representing a person or corporation before a town body within one year after leaving office.

Replaced by Ilan Gilbert in January after being rejected by voters last November, Grace, a land use attorney with offices directly across from Yorktown Town Hall, appeared before the town's

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Michael Grace



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steered clear of political conflict by just doing your job. In fact, you have calmed the political nonsense by listening to all sides, but in the end, making your own decision based upon what was in the city's best interest. Most importantly, you have respected the role of the office of the mayor in city government."

On Facebook, Catalina called Leins leaving "a very sad day in Peekskill."

"More so, the reasons, when revealed, will (or should) sicken even the most ardent supporters of The Circus," Catalina wrote.

Rainey and Talbot said finding a city manager will be a top priority of the Common Council during the next few months.

"Finding a new city manager is tops on our to-do list," Talbot said. "Our Charter clearly delineates the specific

criteria for this executive position including three years' experience as a city manager, a requirement to live in or move to Peekskill and educational qualifications."

"As the council works toward identifying a new city manager, we will look for someone who will help to make Peekskill a 21st Century city," Rainey stated. "I will personally be looking for someone with a strong background in

planning and economic development, so that we can weave together our vision for the city, as a vibrant economic hub, with the solid planning the city previously completed. I am also interested in someone who can enhance communications between city management, the council, and the public, and who will work quickly and efficiently to move this city forward in a way that respects the taxpayers."

# Siegel Seeks Ethics Review of Former Supervisor Grace

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Planning Board on July 16 representing Breslin Realty in a disputed issue between the company and several property owners on Old Crompond Road.

During a non-televised portion of the meeting, Grace argued Breslin was not obligated to connect 12 properties on Old Crompond Road to a new sewer line as part of the site plan approval for Lowe's Home Improvement store.

In her letter, Siegel, who served as a councilwoman for a few years while Grace was supervisor and was often a thorn in his side, stated Grace's representation was a "clear 'revolving door' violation" of the Ethics Code's "presumptive conflict of interest" clause.

Meanwhile, Siegel maintained Grace's appearance constituted a second conflict of interest since as supervisor, he voted in favor of creating the Hunterbrook Sewer Extension District that included a provision to provide sewers to 12 properties along Old Crompond Road, and now he's standing on the other side representing Breslin Realty, arguing against what the clear intent of the Town Board resolution was.

Grace did not respond to an email seeking comment on Siegel's complaint. The Planning Board advised Grace to meet with Ann Kutter on behalf of the property owners to try to resolve the matter and report back at its August meeting.



Susan Siegel



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# Settlement Gives Ousted Lakeland Principal Six Months Pay

By Rick Pezzullo

The former principal at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School who was ousted in late February for undisclosed circumstances is receiving full pay and benefits until the end of August per a separation agreement approved by the Board of Education.

According to documents obtained by *The Northern Westchester Examiner*, Robert Bergmann, who worked for the district since 2004, the last four as Copper Beech principal, continues to be paid his \$156,704 salary, and enjoy health insurance benefits under the terms of the Collective Negotiated Agreement between the district and the Association of Lakeland Administrators, until August 30.

As a result of the settlement, Bergmann agreed to officially resign and was placed on administrative leave of absence from February 26 to August 30. The district agreed to provide Bergmann, who according to a district source participated in alleged inappropriate behavior with another district employee, with a neutral letter or reference stating only his name, title, salary and dates of employment.

The settlement was signed by Bergmann and Board of Education President Denise Kness on March 10.

Bergmann has also been the lead singer in the band Unfunded Mandate, comprised of district employees and sponsored by the Lakeland Education Foundation that has been in existence for about the last four years. Other members of the band include Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone, who is the drummer, Lakeland High School Principal Chris Cummings, who plays lead guitar, Chris Ruggiero, director of math, who is on keyboards, and Rick Russo, music teacher at Copper Beech, and Charlie Rhyner, music teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, who play guitar.

It is unclear if Bergmann is still with the band.

Meanwhile, according to a report in *The Journal News*, the Board of Education has also reached a financial agree-

ment with one of its own trustees to reimburse the district after he allegedly violated state law by exceeding a \$750 annual earnings limit while serving on the board.

According to the article, Board Member Steve Rosen, who is also president of the Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), will only have to pay back the district \$3,750 (\$30 a month over 10 years) of the \$22,690 he earned from 2009 to 2016 working by providing either security or operating the scoreboard at sporting events.



Robert Bergmann

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# County Resource Officers to Patrol Local School Hallways

By Rick Pezzullo

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has authorized the Westchester County Police Department to provide additional School Resource Officers to the Lakeland, Somers and Hendrick Hudson school districts.

Under separate contracts for police services, the school districts will pay the cost of the officers' salaries and benefits during the school year, while the county will assume those costs during the summer months.

Latimer said the school districts will be able to enhance school security and student safety during the school year by having five new SROs in their buildings. The county will then benefit when the officers become available to patrol county parks in the summer.

"The school districts will have these officers when they need them, and the county will have these officers when we need them. It's a great fit for everyone involved," Latimer said.

The new SROs for Lakeland, Somers and Hendrick Hudson will begin in the fall, pending approval of the new contracts by the Board of Legislators. Westchester County Police already provide two SROs to Somers and one each in the Lakeland and North Salem school districts under existing contracts. Un-

der the expanded program, the number of SROs will increase from two to four in Somers, and one to two in Lakeland, while Hendrick Hudson will get a county SRO for the first time.

The expanded program comes after school district officials approached county officials following the tragic school shooting in February at Stoneham Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

Latimer noted Westchester always adds additional officers to its parks in the summer at parks, pools and beaches. By having these School Resource Officers available for park patrols when school is out, Latimer said the county will be better able to control its summer overtime costs.

"Through this shared service, we will make students safer, and our parks will be safer at a more efficient cost," Latimer said.

Acting Commissioner Martin J. McGlynn of the Department of Public Safety said SROs can help prevent tragedies by fostering relationships with students and staff, while creating a safer environment within the schools.

"School Resource Officers maintain a visible presence at school buildings and grounds and provide a broad range of services to educators and students,"

McGlynn said. "They work in collaboration with school administrators to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone."

McGlynn said School Resource Officers assist administrators in developing school security and emergency response plans, participate in lockdown drills, monitor hallways and parking areas, help screen visitors, perform security checks on exterior doors, direct traffic when needed and provide security at school and sporting events that draw

large crowds.


SROs also provide student referrals to youth agencies and programs, participate in community-based drug and alcohol prevention programs, prevent or address bullying, and work with teachers to educate students about the dangers of underage drinking, drug abuse, driving while intoxicated, cyber bullying and sexting.

"We have a great partnership with the school districts where we have the privilege of serving as SROs," McGlynn said.



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# Officials Urge Residents to Check Unclaimed Funds Database

By Anna Young

With \$15.5 billion in unclaimed funds lying dormant throughout the state, county officials conducted a search of the state's unclaimed funds database uncovering \$272 million that belongs to Westchester residents and businesses.

Last Thursday, state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli presented County Executive George Latimer with a \$20,280 check in unclaimed funds for Westchester, money that will be used to help close a significant budget deficit.

"Here in Westchester County, the county government itself did a search," Latimer said at the July 19 press conference at the White Plains Public Library. "We have a budget gap that we're trying to close, and we found money."

Auditors from PFK O'Connor Davies released details earlier this month on Westchester County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2017 revealing the county finished last year with a \$32.2 million deficit. The report also showed that Westchester faces a projected \$28.7 million deficit for this year's \$1.2 billion budget.

"We are happy that we were successful, and we want all of you to be successful too," Latimer said.

The searchable online database, [www.osc.state.ny.us](http://www.osc.state.ny.us), listing all unclaimed



State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, center, displays an oversized check for just over \$20,000 for Westchester County that was in the state's unclaimed fund account. There is about \$272 million in unclaimed funds for Westchester residents.

funds owed was set up through DiNapoli's office to help people recover lost money from closed bank accounts, court funds, dividends, insurance payments and other sources. The state holds the unclaimed money in an account until it is returned to its owner, DiNapoli said.

The easily accessible database al-

lows residents to search their name or a deceased relative for free. If it's a simple claim to recover, DiNapoli said the searcher can download and fill out a form and receive a check within days.

After increasing outreach efforts, DiNapoli said his office returned \$460 million statewide last year and continues to

return about \$1.5 million a day to residents.

"The most fun part is returning people's lost money," DiNapoli said. "It is your money. It's not a gift from New York, it is our opportunity to return money that we have held in safe keeping."

There are 471,343 accounts valued at \$272,182,687 for Westchester residents. Yonkers was cited as the top city owed with 25,548 accounts amounting to \$41 million. White Plains is listed second with 11,313 accounts valued at \$27.4 million.

State Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) and Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) both shared personal testimonies using the unclaimed funds database to recover money for their family or constituents. Both encouraged residents to claim their lost funds, stressing that every dollar matters.

"It's still a tough economy for many people in our state," DiNapoli said. "So whatever money you can get back from this program, it's found money. It helps you pay your bills. Maybe it lets you do something special that you wouldn't have been able to do otherwise."

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## Obituary

### Charles Potthast, Sr.

Charles A. Potthast, Sr., a lifelong resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died July 17. He was 88.

He was born to John J. and Conietta (Geppi) Potthast on August 5, 1929 in Baltimore, MD. In August 1965, he married Mary (Ferrara) Potthast. Charles and Mary were married for 43 years until Mary's passing in 2008. He worked as an engineer for New York Central Railroad which later became Penn Central, Conrail, and finally Metro North railroad. Mr. Potthast retired from Metro North in 1992. He volunteered for many years at St. Augustine school in Ossining. He was an avid golfer. He loved to walk and would walk up to eight miles a day.

He is survived by his loving children Charles A. Potthast, Jr., Anne Marie Cunningham (Mike); cherished grandchildren Nicholas, Daniel, Eric, and Lily; and caring brother Robert Potthast. He was predeceased by his wife Mary Potthast, brothers Anthony and John Potthast, and several brother and sister-in-laws.

### Ralph Colella

Ralph W. Colella, a resident of Shrub Oak, died July 17 in Northern Westchester Hospital. He was 83.

He was born September 15, 1934 in the Bronx to William Colella and Catherine Duffy. He attended Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx and married his wife Kathleen Harris at St. Luke's Church on October 26, 1957. He was in active service in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany from 1954-1956. In addition, he was in the Army reserves from 1956-1962. He was an electrician and became a member of Local 3 IBEW in August 1953.

He was predeceased by his wife Kathleen and his sister Kathleen Zambardino. He is survived by his daughters, Donna Kart (Richard), Laura Pemberton (Pep-

py), and Catherine Cellamare (Peter); his son, Ralph Colella (Katie); his sister, Theresa Milici, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. R

Mr. Colella was a hard worker, family man, and a community minded person who was always there to help anyone who needed his assistance. He was a member of VFW Post 3083 and a Post Commander 1981-1982, and Chairmen of the Central Committee of Yonkers War Veterans Organization 1982-1983. He loved the ocean and he and his wife, Kathy, traveled annually to Aruba for more than 25 years. Upon his retirement in 1996, he and Kathy split their time between West Palm Beach Florida and Brightwater Cottage and Trailer Association in Lavallette, NJ. Mr. Colella was the president of both associations for more than decade. As president of Brightwater, he welcomed thousands of families to the shore and became the staple of East Brighton Avenue where everyone asked, "Where's Ralph?" One thing for sure, if you met him, you loved Mr. C!

### Jose Abaladas

Jose Abaladas, a resident of Ossining, died July 18. He was 61.

He was born in Lisbon, Portugal on January 7, 1957 to Julio and Maria Abalada. He was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church and an employee for over 17 years at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Maria Fatima, mother Maria Joaquina, and many in-laws and friends.

### Raymond Morris

Raymond Morris, beloved son of Olga and Walter Morris, died July 18 at home surrounded by his family. He was 76.

He is survived by four children, Tom, Bill, Chris, and Kelly, 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his brother Walter, and sister Marie. He and his wife Jane were known for their generous spirit; their home was regularly oc-

cupied by their relatives and friends who needed respite and counsel. Affectionately known as the Bear, Mr. Morris was slow to anger with infinite patience and unconditional love for his family. He worked tirelessly on the New York harbor in sweltering summer heat and frigid arctic winter. Other than his family and friends, Ray's love was for the Green Bay Packers and the Hen Hud Sailors.

### Billy "Buzzy" Shelton Denny, Sr.

Billy "Buzzy" Shelton Denny, Sr. died April 29 at his home in Ossining. He was 79.

Born on September 14, 1938 in North Wilkesboro, NC, he was the only child of the late Magdalene "Peggy" Denny and Laymon Vecue Waugh, both formerly of North Wilkesboro, NC. A longtime resident of Ossining, he was raised in North Wilkesboro, NC by his grandparents Katie and Walter Denny.

He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Claudette "Shinny" (Kelley) Denny, and two sons, Billy S. Denny Jr. and Stephen C. Denny. He held a special place in his heart for his two grandsons, Masefield A. Denny and Garrison B. Denny; childhood friend and brother-in-law Caldwell Kelley Sr., nieces and nephews; Tom Smith, Sandra Kelley Rhodes, Caldwell Kelley Jr., and Elisa Longuil, and daughter-in-law Traci Gardner (Stephen) Denny. He is remembered fondly by a host of family members from both the Denny and Waugh families, as well as many friends from North Wilkesboro, NC, Wilkes County, NC and Ossining. He was also gifted with very special sisters/friends Maxine Smith, Gale Brown and Suzanne De Chillo, whose friendships brought him immeasurable reassurance and joy over the last several years.

Mr. Denny retired in the early 2000's after more than 40 dedicated years as an equipment installer and supervisor with

telephone companies Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies. A United States Air Force Veteran, he was always fond of aeronautical science, mathematics, engineering, and astrophysics. In his quiet moments he spent time reading complex texts of math formulas, astronomy, and working calculus problems just for the fun of it. His love for music and classic movies introduced his sons to a diversity of art and musical styles that continue to influence them to this day.

He always radiated an aura of strength and confidence which could only be overshadowed by his beaming smile, infectious laugh, and keen sense of humor. A man of reason and logic, he garnered respect reminiscent of men from a time long passed. Beneath his unwavering strength and steely stare, he held a deeply emotional and tender bond with his wife, Claudette, seldom seen between two people anywhere at any time. Their love and devotion to each other through all of life's challenges was for the ages and will live on in the hearts of all who knew him and them as a couple.

A private memorial service will be held at a yet undetermined time and place in the near future.

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## Business of the Week

### By Neal Rentz

Carmel resident Chris Kennedy, director of physical therapy at Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy in Putnam Valley, has had a long career working as a physical therapist in Putnam Valley.

Ivy Rehab is where Kennedy has worked for the past three years but Kennedy said he has actually been working at the Peekskill Hollow Road site for about 15 years. The previous owner sold the business to Ivy Rehab in 2015.

The name Ivy Rehab came about because the two original owners of the corporation graduated from Ivy League universities, Kennedy noted.

"We're one of 124 offices," Kennedy said. While Ivy Rehab currently has offices in the tristate area and the Midwest, the corporation will soon go nationwide, he said.

Aside from his administrative duties Kennedy also does physical therapy at Ivy Rehab. Many services are available at Ivy Rehab, Kennedy noted.

"We do a whole host of different treatments here," he explained. Patients come to Ivy Rehab with a wide variety of issues, including strains, sprains, dizziness, neurologic issues, being out of



(L-R:) Dr. Rick Pezzullo, physical therapist; Chris Kennedy, Director of Rehabilitation; Ellie Stairs, Patient Coordinator; Meagan Gallagher, PT Aide; Brigid Reilly, PT Aide.

shape and feeling fatigued.

Patients are often referred to the business through doctors' prescriptions, Kennedy said. But, he explained, under state regulations for up to 10 visits or one month, a prescription is not required.

The staff at Ivy Rehab can help out of shape clients get into an exercise routine and healthy living, Kennedy said. "You can give them a path," he said.

Treatments are provided based on a patient's conditions, Kennedy said.

Some of the treatments include electrical stimulation, moist heat, hands-on manual therapy, stretching and massage. Patients are also given exercise assignments they will do at home in an effort to prevent recurrences of physical problems that brought them to the facility in the first place, Kennedy said.

In addition, Ivy Rehab provides its patients with "strategies of how to avoid those painful conditions in the future," Kennedy said. Some of the

strategies include showing patients how to correctly lift objects and shovel snow "and strengthen the muscles so it won't happen again," he said.

Kennedy said he decided to become a physical therapist after previously seeking to be a psychologist. "I really enjoy talking to people, I enjoyed listening, I just want to make people feel better," he said.

Kennedy said he decided to change what he wanted to do for a living because "I'd like to see results a little quicker than say a psychiatrist or a psychologist would," he said.

Being a physical therapist "helps someone emotionally, mentally and also physically at the same time," Kennedy said. "I love it."

Other staff members include Dr. Rick Pezzullo, physical therapist; Mia Azcue, physical therapist; Ellie Stairs, patient coordinator; Meagan Gallagher, PT Aide; and Brigid Reilly, PT Aide.

*Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy is located at 21 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Suite 201 in Putnam Valley. For more information, call 845-528-3133 or visit <https://www.ivyrehab.com/location/putnam-valley-ny> or the office's Facebook page.*



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## Letters to the Editor

### An Open Letter to Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert:

#### To the Editor,

I was surprised to see an article in today's Yorktown News headlined "Depot Square Dreams Dashed." I thought that perhaps I had missed a meeting or discussion on this so I called Councilman Diana. He had no knowledge of this either. We were also very surprised to see you quoted as having obtained a project cost of 8 million dollars. No cost estimates have been brought to our attention since Supervisor Grace left office. If you were briefed on the history of this project (which Councilperson Roker was heavily involved) estimates for the project showed that depending on its final scope the project could be completed at little to no cost to the town. I would like to see your estimates and the supporting documentation for same. (This does not include hyperbole from Mr. Ciffone or Mr. Patel). I certainly hope that you are

in possession of competent and responsible proposals. Although Alice Roker believes she owes no one an explanation as to her understanding of the costs of the project, as expressed at the meeting that Supervisor Grace attended, the residents of this town and in particular Tom and I are owed the explanations and the numbers.

I must say that we are dismayed by the abject failure of your professional responsibility as the duly elected supervisor of the town which requires you to bring this matter up for discussion in a public forum. There exists a standing town board resolution to move forward with the project and over a million dollars in grant money has been earmarked for the project.

We are also very disappointed that you ignored my request to go to other light industrial and industrial areas, such as

Charles Point, to see what happens to the growth of those areas when you move forward in revitalizing them. Your summary and unilateral quashing of a proposal that has been the subject of years of discussion and study is contrary to your campaign pledge to listen to others and work together. I have been approached by many constituents that have expressed deep disappointment and concern about your total disregard of the process. A three party, private discussion between yourself, Ms. Roker and Mr. Patel is not the definition of inclusive government.

All the foregoing aside the more serious concern for all Yorktown taxpayers is the outright forfeiture or the 1.2 million in grant money. You have been requested to tour the town's facilities, both Parks and Highway departments. Those facilities are outdated and inadequate for the future needs of the town. Their replace-

ment is a much need and pressing infrastructure need. It is obvious that you do not recognize this concern based upon your statements to the newspaper. Unfortunately, we all remain in the dark as to what you believe are the more pressing priorities for infrastructure improvements and those priorities' financing. Your irresponsible actions will cost the town dearly in the future. To the extent your opinion as to the need and costs for the down town revitalization is to become official town policy same should be discussed, vetted and cross-examined in a publicly aired town board meeting and not in a newspaper interview.

In closing please do not underestimate my and Tom's concern in regard to your handling of this matter.

**ED LACHTERMAN  
AND TOM DIANA  
Councilmen**

## Socialism Doesn't Work

#### To the Editor,

Well here we go again with health care as progressives see it. They are pushing a single payer system. When you ask them how is this going to be paid for, crickets. Someone has to pay, it isn't for free. The plan put forth by the past President was a disaster. Passed behind closed doors with little or no consultation with the other

party. Socialist medicine is NOT the answer. The attack on Senator Terrence Murphy by Richard Fisher is totally unwarranted. He is a compassionate man looking to do the right thing and does not do knee jerk reactions. Unlike his opponent who is willing to say he will give you this and that. Beware of people that don't live in the real world. Free things

are not free.

Now as far as the AARP, weren't they the ones that were really pushing hard for the "Affordable Care Act"? They were not looking out for the seniors, they were looking to make money. If they had looked more carefully at the plan instead of what they could make from it, maybe they would NOT have

backed it.

The last thing you should be aware of is that people who say they are progressives are really socialists in disguise. Show me where in the world socialism has worked.

Respectfully,

**FRANCIS T. MCVETTY,  
Yorktown**

## Cost of Medical Insurance is on the Rise

#### To the Editor,

The cost of medical insurance continues to rise and will get even worse with the Republican attacks on our health care system.

As a senior citizen with Aetna supplemental insurance, my co-pay has tripled from \$10 in 2013 to \$30 in 2016. Aetna's CEO's salary was \$18 million in 2016 – up more than 8% from 2015. His salary is typical. If we can find a doctor to head

up the Center for Disease Control for \$375,000, why are our health insurance executives making tens of millions?

State Senator Murphy and Assemblyman Byrne, what have you done to protect us from excessive executive salaries driving up the cost of health insurance?

The obscenely excessive salaries are just the tip of this iceberg. A father of a family of 4 who lost his job when his employer

declared bankruptcy has only been able to work as an independent contractor. He pays \$20,404 a year for medical insurance plus a \$10 co-pay and \$40 for a specialist; and \$2,849 for dental insurance. This is outrageous! And he is not alone.

Corporations are drastically reducing the number of people to whom they offer medical insurance – the U.S. Census Bureau tells us that only 55.7% had health insurance provided by their employer in 2016. In New York, it is below 50%. The percent of alternate arrangement jobs (e.g. independent contractors and part time workers without health insurance) in the US has increased by 50% from 2005 to 2015.

Representatives Murphy and Byrne, how are you protecting us from companies not offering jobs with benefits? What have you done about the attack by Trump and the Republicans who have repealed the individual mandate to have health insurance (to take effect in 2019). The Congressional Budget Office tells us premiums in the individual insurance market will go up 10% each year. The number of people with insurance will decrease by 4 million in 2019 and 13 million by 2027.

We need representatives in Albany with the courage of Teddy Roosevelt, a NY Republican who became President in 1901. He brought 43 suits to protect people from corporate greed. He started USDA inspection to protect people from adulterated meat and gave the ICC the power to regulate excessive railroad freight rates hurting consumers.

Where is our Teddy Roosevelt?

**LARRY KILIAN  
Yorktown**

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# Houlihan Lawrence Welcomes New Agents in Yorktown

Zef Camaj, Brokerage Manager, is pleased to welcome Pamela Blecker and Laura Fasciglione to the Houlihan Lawrence team in Yorktown.

Blecker and Fasciglione are full-time real estate agents with 21 years of sales experience between them. In addition, they have both worked for real estate attorneys and in other areas of real estate including working with a luxury home builder and commercial engineering firm.

Blecker earned her SFR designation (Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource), and both Blecker and Fasciglione have worked extensively with individuals involved in complicated "estate" issues, as well as short sales, foreclosures, First-Time Home Buyers, Sellers needing to Up-size or Down-size, as well as investments and flips. They are truly understanding and are compassionate about each real estate transaction's financial and emotional implications. Their clients describe them as knowledgeable, accessible, reliable and fierce negotiators, as well as down-to-earth and approachable. It's clear to see how much they enjoy working together and for their clients... they go above and beyond.

Both Blecker and Fasciglione are licensed Real Estate Salespersons in New York and Connecticut, and can achieve maximum exposure for their client's via three Multiple Listing Systems. They are active members of the Women's Council of Realtors, and are members of the New York State Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors. Blecker is licensed by the State of New York to teach continuing education for Real Estate licensees.

Blecker is married with two children. Fasciglione is married with three children.

"We're excited to have such dedicated and passionate real estate sales professionals join our Yorktown team," said Camaj, the Yorktown branch manager for Houlihan Lawrence. "Pam and Laura provide exceptional service to all their

clients."

Whether you are looking to Sell, Purchase, Flip/Invest or Rent, call/text Blecker at 914-980-2927 and Fasciglione at 914-772-2263 for any of your real estate needs.

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# County Health Dept. Issues Alert About Longhorned Tick

The longhorned tick has arrived in Westchester County. The New York State Departments of Health and Agriculture & Markets confirmed the presence of this tick, whose scientific name is *Haemaphysalis longicornis* tick, in the County. The tick is native to Australia, New Zealand and eastern Asian, but has been found recently in New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas and now New York.

While the longhorned tick has transmitted disease to humans in other parts of the world, more research is needed to determine whether this can happen in the United States. Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, is once again advising Westchester residents to protect themselves, their farm animals and pets against ticks.

"It is always better to prevent tick bites whenever possible and to remove ticks as soon as possible, and the discovery of a new tick in our area gives us one more reason to be vigilant in performing tick checks on ourselves, our children and pets," said Amler. "Farmers and livestock owners should consult with their veterinarians and continue to use the same preventive measures that work for other ticks."

State Health Department research

scientists collaborated with researchers at Fordham University and at the Lyme Disease Diagnostic Center of New York Medical College to identify these ticks. The identifications were confirmed by the Rutgers University Center for Vector Biology and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

This tick is a concern for the agricultural industry because it may pose a threat to livestock. The State and County Health Departments advise farmers to work with their veterinarians to check their animals, particularly cattle, sheep and horses, for exposure to ticks and to ensure their parasite control plans are up to date and working. Symptoms of tick-borne disease in cattle include fever, lack of appetite, dehydration, weakness and labored breathing.

If longhorned ticks are suspected, farmers should consult with their veterinarians and can contact the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 or [dai@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:dai@agriculture.ny.gov) for more information.

Tick prevention and removal tips are available at [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health) and include:

While hiking, working, or spending time in wooded areas:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts to protect against ticks other biting insects.
- Check for ticks often while outdoors and brush off any ticks before they attach.
- Perform a full body check multiple times during the day, as well as at the

end of the day to ensure that no ticks are attached.

- Consider use of repellents containing DEET, picaridin or IR3535, following label instructions.

If you have been bitten by a tick of any kind, contact your health care provider immediately if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms.

## Peekskill Film Festival July 26-28

The Fifth Annual Peekskill Film Festival will be held this week, starting on Thursday, July 26.

Founded in 2015, the Peekskill Film Festival (PFF) screens a first-rate mix of features, shorts, documentaries, and animation, hosts workshops and panels with Emmy-Award winning artists and filmmakers, and holds an entire day dedicated to student film — all centered in the historic Hudson Valley Paramount Theater, a beautifully restored, 1,100 seat, 1930's jewel located in the heart of Peekskill's arts and restaurant district.

New in 2018: On Thursday, July 26,

The PFF presents BLACKOUT, a special collaboration with The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA), and on Saturday, July 28, films will be showcased proudly made by Empire State filmmakers in our "New York State of Mind" block.

Come for a single movie, a day, or the whole program. A portion of ticket sales and all sponsorships benefit the cultural programming of the Field Library, a major information hub for the City of Peekskill.

For more information, visit [www.peekskillfilmfestival.org](http://www.peekskillfilmfestival.org).

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# Protect Yourself from Ticks and Mosquitos

by Dr. Rajesh Gupta,  
Medical Director, AFC Urgent Care  
Yorktown



August brings many opportunities for outdoor activities. From camping and hiking to playing tag in the backyard, kids and adults alike can enjoy the warm weather. Make sure your family takes the following precautions to avoid missing outdoor fun due to mosquito and tick bites.

## Before you go outside:

- Use bug repellent on your skin and clothing.
- The CDC recommends wearing an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains active ingredients such as DEET or picaridin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks to cover your skin.
- Also tuck your pants into your socks to reduce the odds that a tick will crawl up your pant leg.
- If you're going into a brushy area or the woods, wear repellent that contains 20% or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535



on exposed skin.

- Mosquitos breed in stagnant water, so clean up toys and other items outside that may be collecting water.
- Close gaps in your windows, walls, doors and screens to help keep mosquitos from getting into your house.

When you come back indoors:

- Take a bath or shower as soon as you can—this increases the odds that you'll wash off or spot ticks that may be crawling on you.
- Inspect your gear and wash your clothes with hot water, followed by a tumble in a hot dryer is also important according to the CDC.
- Conduct a full body check for ticks,

specifically in the following areas: in and around hair, ears, underarms, inside belly button, between legs and the backs of knees.

If you do find a tick, remove it immediately. The easiest way to remove a tick is by grasping the tick's head. Pull firmly but gently to remove from skin.

Following these guidelines as best as you can will help prevent tick and mosquito bites. It's very important to be aware of any bites you or family receives after being outside.

If you happen to get sick and suspect that a mosquito or tick is the culprit, see your doctor immediately. And remember AFC Urgent Care (in the BJ's Plaza) is open Mon-Fri 8-8 and Sat-Sun 8-5, no appointment is ever, there is always someone available to help.

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## Tuesday, July 24

**Free Medicare Counseling:** Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC. You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center Helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

**Senior Benefits Information:** Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) or [www.hyinhealth.com](http://www.hyinhealth.com).

## Wednesday, July 25

**Teen Summer Reading Challenge:** The Teen Summer Reading Challenge, a Somers Public Library program, is being held through Aug. 29 for tweens and

teens in grade six and up. There will be raffle prizes available for program participants. Please register on our online at <http://www.somerslibrary.org/teensummer.asp> or call the library at 914-232-5717.

**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](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Sisterhood Rummage Sale:** The Sisterhood Rummage Sale will be held at the Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, 31 Glengary Rd., Croton. The sale will be held on July 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; July 27 from 9 to 2 p.m. and on July 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., which is Bag Day. For further information call 914 271-4705.

## Thursday, July 26

**Peekskill Film Festival:** The Peekskill Film Festival will be held from July 26 through 29 at HVCCA, 1701 E. Main St. and Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St. Ticket sales and all sponsorships benefit the cultural programming of the Field Library. Info: <http://www.peekskillfilmfestival.org>.

**Behind Prison Walls:** The Images from Behind Prison Walls Art Exhibit of more than 60 pieces of artwork from men and women incarcerated in five New York State maximum and medium security prisons on display in the Ossining Public Library Art Gallery throughout July. The Ossining Public Library is located at 53 Croton Ave. And is open Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.,

Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays 1 to 9 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org) or call 914-941-2416 Ext. 327 or 317. For more information on RTA, visit [www.rta-arts.org](http://www.rta-arts.org), e-mail to [info@rta-arts.org](mailto:info@rta-arts.org) or call 914-232-7566.

## Friday, July 27

**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.

**Teen Club:** The Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club will meet at the Somers Library on Fridays 8/3, 8/17 & 8/24 from 3 to 5 p.m. Join us play Dungeons & Dragons this summer. Familiarity with Dungeons and Dragons is encouraged. The Club is for youths in grades six and up. No registration is required

**Free Concert Series:** Enjoy this year-long free concert series featuring different genres of music including blues, soul, rock, reggae, jazz and more. Host John Ford, of Ford Piano, will bring together various local musicians every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come upstairs to the food court at the Jefferson Valley Mall, 650 Lee Blvd., Yorktown Heights, NY. Feel free to stop by Ford Piano on the lower level of the mall. For more information, call 914-739-1224 or e-mail [john@fordpiano.com](mailto:john@fordpiano.com) or Visit [www.fordpiano.com](http://www.fordpiano.com) for the musical line-up.

**Music In The Park:** The "Music in the Park" summer series is continuing at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Route 35, Somers. General admission tickets to the Friday evening series are \$10 per person at the door for all ages. Pay by cash, check or credit card. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concerts are held from 7 to 9 p.m. Concert-goers should plan on lawn seating and bring their own blankets or lawn chairs. The Fork in the Road food truck will offer a selection of home-cooked foods. Beer and wine will be sold in a tiki bar setting.

The Shop at Lasdon will be open during concerts. Limited select seating is available via online sale only at \$25 per person; go to [LasdonPark.org](http://LasdonPark.org) or call 914-864-7268. Upcoming shows in the series are: J July 27 - Chamomile & Whiskey, performing southern rock/country Events will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For Westchester County Parks information go to [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**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](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

## Saturday July 28

**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](mailto:yorktownzen@gmail.com).

**Repair Café:** Beloved broken items can be fixed at the Repair Café Hudson Valley, which will be held today and on Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3830 Gomer St., Yorktown. For more information about items to bring or if you would like to volunteer as a repair coach, contact Sarah Wilson at [sadw@optonline.net](mailto:sadw@optonline.net). The event's co-sponsors are the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group and the Grace Lutheran Church "Green Team."

**ACT Practice Exam:** An ACT practice exam will be given from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Somers Library. Please bring graphing calculator, pens, pencils, and water and a snack bar (optional). Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call us at 914-232-5717.

**Korean War Display:** "Korea, a War without End" captures, in displays of images, words, vintage equipment and



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weapons, 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 Labor Day; open only on weekends the rest of the year 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 Westchester County parks go to parks.westchestergov.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.

**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.

**Yoga Program:** Support Connection announces a free program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday through the end of July from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological

cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Putnam County Spelling Bee:** The Yorktown Stage, 1974 Commerce St., is presenting the Tony Award and Drama Desk Award winning "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on July 28 at 1 and 7:30 p.m. and on July 29 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$25. Info: 914-962-0606, barryysproducer@gmail.com or https://www.yorktownstage.org/25th-annual-putnam-county-spelling-bee.

**Gerry Malkin Collective:** The Gerry Malkin Collective will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Westchester Collaborative Theater, 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased online at wctheater.org (limited seating is available; advance purchase is strongly recommended).

## Sunday, July 29

**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

## Monday, July 30

**Bridge Program:** Bridge at the Som-

ers 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.

**Acrylic Painting:** An acrylic painting program will be held at the Somers Library on Mondays, 7/30, 8/6, 13, and 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. When you want endless opportunities, acrylic painting is it. Photos will be brought in for creative ideas or you may bring your own. Music will be played for your inspiration. Suggested supplies list: canvas or canvas board, water cup, soft brush, slanted brush, broad/wide brush, pencil, eraser, and acrylic paints. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 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.

## Yorktown Chamber Holds Scholarship Dinner

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce held its Scholarship Dinner, benefitting the college education of students from Yorktown, on Monday, July 16 at Little Sorrento Restaurant. Chamber officials believe strongly that this program, supporting the education of young people from our community, is foremost among the initiatives conducted annually by the Chamber. And, this worthy effort could not be possible without the support of our members and sponsors who believe as we do that the vitality of our community and our very future depends on young people who seek to gain knowledge.

Scholarship winners were (from left) Paul DiPaterio, Pat Hallinan, Sheryl Saidel, Marc Saidel, Julianna Christopoulos, Timothy Callery, Jhoelly Duque, Hunter Embury, Caitlin O'Donnell, Clancy Schwartz, Brielle Furci, Carson Furci, and Dylan Coleman (not pictured: Victoria Tataranowicz).

A huge thank you goes to Scholarship Program Co-Chairs and sponsors Marc and Sheryl Saidel of Saidel and Saidel, PC, Gina and Paul Dipaterio of Little Sorrento Restaurant and Doug Petri. The Chamber also expressed thanks to Burger King, Furci's Restaurant, Little Sorrento Restaurant and Savannah and Co. for their "Dine to Donate" program benefitting the scholarship fund and many donors listed below:



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# Yorktown Author Takes On New Challenge in Latest Novel

By Kelly Haberstroh

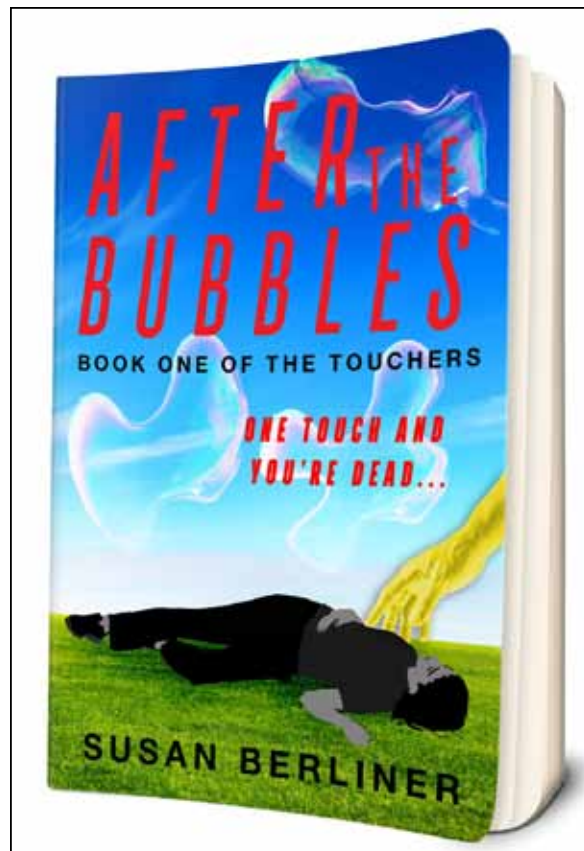
While the most commonly known 'end of the world' novels end with natural disease, meteorites, zombies or aliens, Yorktown author Susan Berliner wanted her apocalyptic book to end with something non-violent and gentle: bubbles.

"After the Bubbles" follows 15-year-old Erin Fredericks, along with her family and neighbors, as they find themselves trapped in their houses to avoid in order to survive. The bubbles themselves don't directly kill people, rather when someone is touched by a bubble, they become infected and evolve into creatures Erin calls 'touchers.' Once a toucher touches someone, that person dies a gentle death.

With billions of people dying and these creatures who are seemingly invincible, Erin and Walnut Lane have to figure out how to survive. Published on July 9, "After the Bubbles" is the first in a two-part series that can be found in both in stores at Barnes and Noble and online at Amazon or her website, [www.susanberliner.com](http://www.susanberliner.com) as paperback or e-book.

"I don't have any reviews yet," Berliner said. "I'm looking forward to the first reviews and seeing how people like it."

The writing process for "After the Bubbles" had been both harder and easier for Berliner, as it's the first book she wrote with a first-person narrator.



"It's easier because you're never going away from Erin, but at the same time, it's hard because you know something's happening over somewhere else, it has to

be brought to her attention," she explained.

Despite the challenge, she found it was better to stick to one character for her point of view. In addition to Erin, all of Berliner's novels have women protagonists, almost all of them being strong teen girls, targeting her teen demographic, but also grabbing the interest of adult readers. At book signings, kids 13 and up have told her they love her books and that they use her books for book reports and term papers.

Berliner also described how she doesn't know the ending to her stories any more than a reader would. In her experience, the characters take over and have their own dialogue and take their own action. "I was amazed that happened. I thought it was the strangest thing I'd ever seen."

"I found that a majority of fiction writers write that way, not knowing what's going to happen and your

scene gets written," she said. "It's entertaining because you don't know what's going to happen either. You're reading along with the reader and finding out with happened."

Just like all the readers, Berliner was equally as surprised to find out Erin's conflict didn't end after one book.

"And then, when I finally ended this book, I thought the whole thing was over," she said. "But a character at the end of the book when he was asked if it's over, he said, 'No, it's just the beginning.'"

Berliner said she told herself, "Oh my God, I have to write another book."

Then she started writing her sequel, "Soldier Girl" because she said that while the story ended, the situation didn't.

Berliner wanted to start the sequel while the first book was still fresh in her mind, but it still ended up being a longer writing process than the first.

"I had to finish second book before I published the first and I just started going through editing process," she said. "I thought, 'How am I finally going to kill these touchers?' It took me forever, but I did."

She anticipates the publication of "Soldier Girl," book two of the touchers series, to be in 2019.

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ACROSS

1. Improvised

6. Cafeteria food

10. Like some rebates

12. River to the Rhine

13. European mountain range or Mahopac home improvement company

14. Pancake maker

15. In a state of readiness

17. As I see it, in texts

20. Science of body structure

24. Crosswise, on deck

26. Notorious hamlet of Vietnam

27. Peekskill funeral home

29. Foreseeing skill, for short

30. Witch's place

32. Factory

35. 2009 James Cameron blockbuster

39. Assist in crime

40. Organic compound

41. Soccer \_\_\_\_

42. Made over

Down

1. GP grp.
2. Indian cuisine

3. Style-conscious

4. Hodgepodge

5. Common spice

6. High spirits

7. "Well \_\_\_\_-di-dah . . ."

8. Sierra Madre treasure

9. Oomph

11. Düsseldorf denial

16. Stopped by

17. Bond creator, first name

18. Business degree

19. Across, in verse

21. Bullring cheer

22. Spanish for more

23. Peke squeak

25. Pros

28. Bismarck's state, abbr.

31. Clip

32. Favorite uncle

33. Cable TV network

34. Original manufactured item

36. Strauss's "\_\_\_\_ und Verklärung"

37. Comes before a J

38. Word with flag or alert

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## My 500th Column as The Home Guru

Welcome to the 500th column written by The Home Guru for The Examiner over a 10-year period. Actually the Guru gestated more than a 15 years ago, first for the former North County News, as a way to promote the start-up business of a fledgling real estate agent. You may find it of interest to reminisce with me about what has transpired for all of us as homeowners during that time and for me as a realtor sharing my observations of the housing industry with you.

It was the tragedy of 9/11 that prompted me to take on a second job as a realtor as an adjunct to my public relations business. As a specialist in fine restaurant promotion, my business had taken a hit as had upscale restaurants at that time. Also, not knowing how safe travel would be after the terrorist attacks, my wife and I made a conscious decision that I should stay home for a while, rather than keep up the coast-to-coast travel schedule that I had maintained for some years.

That decision signaled panic time for me, a stranger in my own town where I spent maybe only 20 percent of my time. In switching gears to make a living locally, I relied on two basic skills I utilized in public relations: salesmanship and writing. I decided to get into real estate because I had always had an interest in it and because I could arrange my time

around my PR gigs. I got my real estate license and, at the same time, to promote my practice, I asked the North County News if I could start writing personalized articles about real estate, which I found no one else was doing.

And, over the years, The Home Guru developed a life of its own.

Four years ago when I collected an anthology of my columns from this paper into my book, "Musings of the Home Guru: Armchair Observations and Advice about Buying, Selling and Fixing Homes, both Practical and Absurd," Adam Stone, the Publisher of Examiner Media, flatteringly wrote in his forward, "When Examiner Media launched The Home Guru column I remember feeling somewhat skeptical that a real estate column could remain vibrant in a community newspaper week after week. Boy was I wrong."

I had every advantage in keeping my columns vibrant week after week, when one considers that my subject matter involves where we are born, where we grow up, discover our sexuality, fall in love, marry, raise our children, experience great joy and sorrow, grow old and finally die. It is the very setting for our life's experience, all the while filling one of our basic needs, that of shelter. How can it not be a vibrant component of our lives each and every day?

And, especially during the past dozen years, our life's major investment has engaged us like never before. If you are old enough like me to have purchased a home, let's say, 30 or even 40 years ago, you experienced some normal ups and downs in the market and the value of your home, but what you saw in the giddy years of the Great Bubble (2002 to 2007) and the Great Recession (2007 to 2009), and the steady climb since that time, gave you a roller-coaster ride that your parents and grandparents had never experienced since the Great Depression. Most of us weathered it through together, and I had the opportunity to report on those years, both exultant and desperate, always writing from my personal perspective.

Today, the market is a bit slow, owing to the fact that homeowners seem reluctant to list their homes and, as I was sharing at dinner just this week with another realtor, I can't figure out why. My friend shared that his current experience is that those homeowners who decide to list do so not so much to upgrade, thereby creating a second sale, but rather, to move south, resulting in just one local sale.

During these working years, I witnessed great joy, great sadness, challenge, opportunity, and yes, even prejudice and discrimination, despite all the federal, state and local laws we have in place to protect us against it.

On the joyful side, I have most enjoyed

working in the field with young couples buying their first homes. On the sad side, I've gone through the deaths of spouses, helping widows and widowers downsize their homes and possessions, trying not to shed tears with them in the process, sometimes failing.

Time and again, I've shared with my readers that I'm no expert as a handyman in providing maintenance tips around that house, but only a communicator of other artisans' skills, and through my work, I've met scores of them who are some of the greatest and most resourceful men and women on the planet, and they've become my good friends.

And from an ego satisfying kind of thing, I love it when I'm in town, in a drugstore or in a restaurant, and someone I don't know approaches me and tells me that they love my columns. I respond that the pleasure is all mine. But my wife always reminds me to share that my primary job is as a realtor and to ask if I can be of service to them when it comes time to sell their home! So here we go: If you're thinking of buying or selling a home, let me be of service!

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By Bill Primavera

## Medal of Honor Recipients Get Their Day in Inaugural Parade

By Anna Young

Hundreds of military veterans and service members were greeted with rapturous applause as they marched along the shores of Lake Gleneida in Carmel last Saturday during the state's inaugural Medal of Honor Parade.

Those who attended were filled with pride celebrating the military's finest members as veterans from all five military branches were represented. Marching bands, vintage cars and various fire departments joined the roughly .8-mile parade route.

Following the ceremony, elected officials gathered on the steps of the Putnam County Courthouse to honor those who have served.

"To have the first ever Medal of Honor parade here is absolutely incredible," said Rita Cosby, founder of the New York State Medal of Honor Committee. "The real heroes are the men standing among us right now and their comrades and the ones who are still living and the ones (who) have passed on. Their stories are important not just for this generation but for your children."

Cosby also implored attendees to en-



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Medal of Honor recipients Paul Bucha (L) and Robert E. O'Malley (R) with Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell last Saturday.

courage Gov. Andrew Cuomo to sign a bill making July 25 New York State Medal of Honor Day.

While the parade honored all veterans, active service members and the 666 Medal of Honor recipients accredited to New York, Medal of Honor recipients Robert O'Malley and Paul Bucha, who also served as the parades grand marshals, were recognized for their courageous service during the Vietnam War.

O'Malley, a U.S. Marine, received his Medal of Honor in 1966 for his actions as a corporal on Aug. 18, 1965, during Operation Starlite, the first major offensive regimental action during the Vietnam War. Bucha, a former Army captain, received his medal in 1970 for a reconnaissance-in-force mission against enemy forces near Phuoc Vinh.

Bucha, who was a foreign policy adviser to former President Barack Obama's

2008 campaign, encouraged attendees to not only thank a service member but provide their support and empathy whenever they can.

"Young men and women who wear the uniform of this great country are entitled to all we can do for them," Bucha said. "It's up to us to volunteer."

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell honored both veterans by adding two American flags in their names to the county's Row of Honor along Lake Gleneida.

"Today we honor our nation's first responders," said Odell, who also signed an executive order to keep the Row of Honor in place through November in honor of those who served.

Parade Co-chair Karl Rohde said it was a pleasure seeing veterans appreciated during Saturday's event. He said the parade and festivities gave people a chance to talk to a veteran and thank them.

"This honors all veterans," Rohde said. "Every veteran that served could have done something that earned them a congressional Medal of Honor. It's a team and we're all part of it. You're honoring the Medal of Honor recipients and you're honoring us all."



(Solution to puzzle on page 15)

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# Are Your Wine Preferences Static or in Flux?

Here's a quick poll to determine your drinking patterns and preferences compared to the nation as a whole.

1. Which beverages do you prefer?
2. Are you drinking more or less than five years ago?
3. Have your preferences evolved over those five years?
4. Are you spending the same on a bottle of wine as in the past?
5. Are you drinking the same wine as in the past?
6. Have your sources of wine purchases changed recently?

In researching the data supporting the consensus answers to these questions, I discovered a number of statistics and trends that I'd like to share with you. Measure this data against your responses to the above poll questions.

To place the wine industry and economy in perspective, consider this data:

Wine sales were 341 million cases last year, an increase of 2.7 percent. While this set a record, it represents a decline in growth from the trend of the last 10 years. This seems counterintuitive. After all, the United States is the leading consumer of wine in the world. Annual wine sales over the last decade have steadily increased at a reasonable pace. Why the

shift in growth?

There is a sea change underfoot in the demographic composition of the United States. The Baby Boomer generation is reaching Social Security-eligible age at the rate of 10,000 per day. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Millennials are reaching legal drinking age at a rapid pace.



By Nick Antonaccio

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

As Baby Boomers age, they are consuming less wine and purchasing lower price-point bottles. As Millennials mature, their disposable income isn't growing and they prefer lower price-point wines. These trends do not portend well for the future overall health of the wine industry.

The telling statistic: in 2017, per capita consumption declined for the seventh straight year.

Who is supplying your grape juice fix? There were 9,762 wineries in the United States as of last month. California overwhelmingly leads the pack with 4,425 (45 percent), followed by Washington, Oregon and New York (collectively 20 percent). California is the perennial leader in production as well with 284 million cases, representing 83 percent of United States wine volume. Again, Washington, Oregon and New York are left in the dust

with an aggregate of 31 million cases (10 percent).

The polarization of producers is clear. Just 2 percent of the wineries in the United States produce a whopping 84 percent of the wine. Seen from the opposite perspective, 7,818 wineries each produce less than 5,000 cases per year, including 4,105 producing less than 1,000 cases each.

What are Americans drinking? Wines priced below \$10 sustained overall sales growth for years. This is no longer the case. These wines declined 1.7 percent in 2017. Wines priced above \$10 increased 5.7 percent in the same period.

Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay still lead the pack in consumer popularity. Trending upward are Pinot Noir and red blends. And then there are rosé wines. Seemingly from every wine region. Produced from an ever-increasing number of grape varieties. Sales increased 48 percent last year. Have you been increasing your wine budget for sparkling wines? I have. Sales increased 32 percent last year.

A growing trend in sales is the Direct to Consumer channel. Fully 10 percent of retail wine sales are now sourced through consumer purchases of offerings shipped directly from wineries. This represents a 15 percent year-over-year growth rate, as consumers increasingly bypass tradi-

tional brick and mortar shops. The average price of the 5.8 million cases shipped last year was \$39, significantly higher than the overall average.

Just as the United States economy is experiencing radical change as it evolves in the 21st century, so too the consumer wine economy. Change is moving forward, albeit at a slow pace. But this change is inexorable, fueled by deeply imbedded tectonic shifts in American demographic and wealth profiles.

Where do you sit on the broad wine spectrum as it evolves? Are you stuck in your safe choices or are you stepping outside your comfort zone into the new wine culture? Send me your answers.

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Patterson C Hunter Johnson slaps a tag on Somers IF Andrew Kapica in the Pirates' 3-2 loss to the Red Storm last Wednesday at Peckham Park where Somers' 11-U team improved to 16-2 and clinched first place for the regular season A-Division title of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League. The host Pirates fell to 10-1 in a closely contested game and remain firmly in the mix of contenders for the B-Division title. GHVBL playoffs are set to begin next week on diamonds all across the Hudson Valley, lower Westchester and CT.



Sports



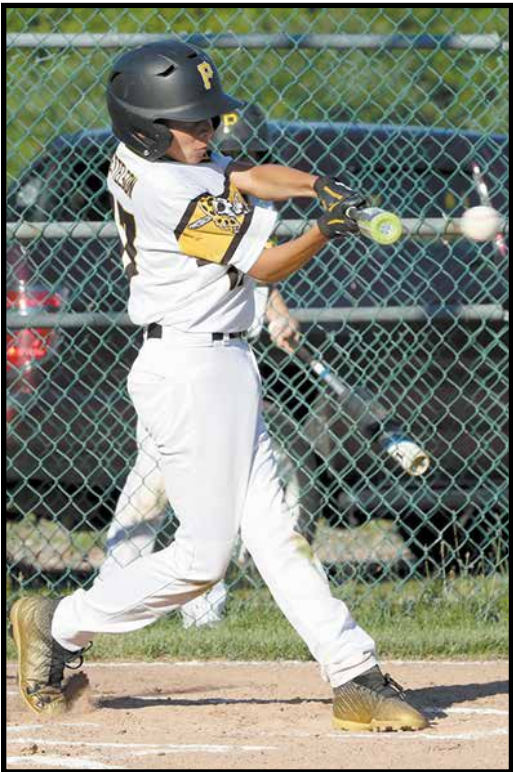
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Somers 3B P. Carino readies to drop tag on Patterson's AJ Quesnel in Red Storm's 3-2 GHVBL 11-U win over Pirates.

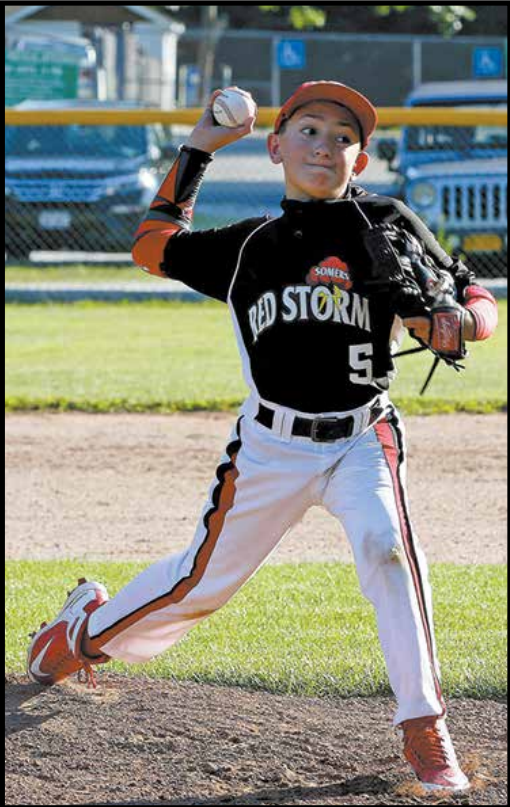


Somers' Patrick Bracelin is chased down by Patterson's Michael Paretta in Red Storm's 3-2 win over Pirates last Thursday in GHVBL 11-U action where the Storm improved to 16-2 in the A-Division.

Somers Red Storm 11-U Team Nips Patterson, 3-2, Clinches 1st Place in GHVBL



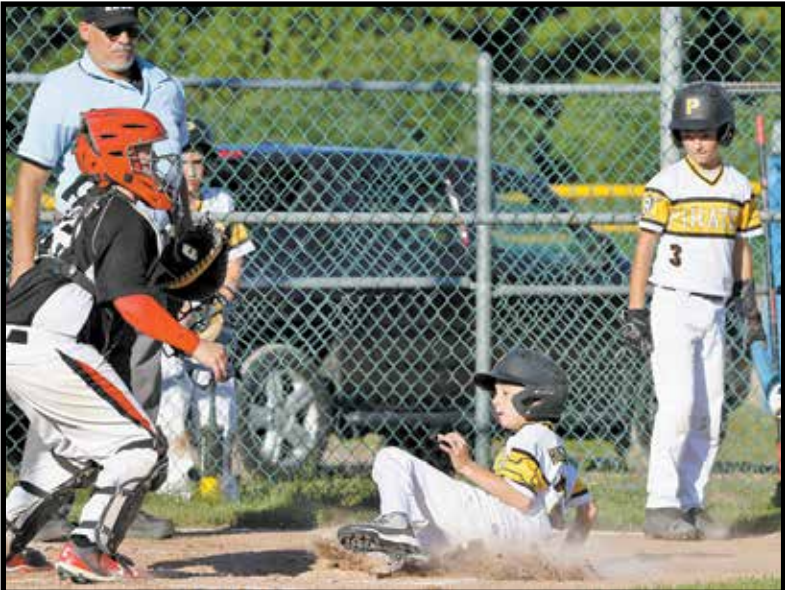
Patterson's Noah Jettelson smacks shot in Pirates' 3-2 loss to Somers in 11U GHVBL action last Wednesday at Peckham Park.



Somers P Patrick Bracelin fired a gem in Red Storm's 3-2 win over Patterson in GHVBL 11-U action last Wednesday.



Somers SS Andrew Kapica slaps tag on Patterson's JT Ercole in Red Storm's 3-2 over Pirates in 11-U GHVBL action last Wednesday.



Somers catcher CJ Griggs awaits throw as Patterson's Hunter Johnson slides in safely in Red Storm's 3-2 GHVBL win over Pirates.



# Sports

## Week 2 Section 1 Grid Season Could be Wild Ride



By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports  
Editor

So we took a quick look at the upcoming Section 1 football season and wonder how I'm going to clone myself in Week 2 to be in no less than four places at once. After a solid Week 1 slate of games, which includes an intriguing border battle between NYS Class A runner-up Yorktown and visiting Walter Panas, plus a statement game for host Mahopac against John Jay EF, the business of Section 1 football really ramps up in Week 2.

In Class AA, Carmel will host Arlington in a mega-battle for early-season leverage in League AA-North between two of the likely frontrunners, should they be able to build upon their 2017 successes. Mahopac, coming off its best season in several years under Coach Dom DeMatteo, will visit the same North Rockland team that ended the Indians 2017 season in the Class AA playoffs and will have to once again contend with bruising RB Jayden Cook, who might be the best back in the section. Good luck with that again!

In Class A, Fox Lane at John Jay CR is a titillating League D matchup in that the Foxes are back in Class A for the first time in many years and the two are big-time rivals in many sports, but I'll be curious to see if the Indians can mend the multitude of losses up front and whether or not they can stop Fox RB Andrew Brown, among the best in the section. The coaching matchup between Jay's Jimmy Clark and

Fox boss Bill Broggy is a fascinating chess match,, too.

Somers will host Rye and nothing need be said when these two perennial powers hook up with their coaching giants – Tusker Tony DeMatteo and Garnet guru Dino Garr – in tow for a non-league doozy between two of Section 1's premier programs.

Lakeland will host Section 1 Class A champion Yorktown in a border battle that could either be very good or very bad for Lakeland, depending on whether they can remotely hang with the League B favorite Huskers. Lourdes will host high-

flying Hen Hud in a Class A League B clash, and the Sailor brass have been saying that the 2018 season is one they have been looking forward to since 2014, so we'll know early on if the build-up is as legit as we suspect the QB Manny Carbone to TE Mike Fasolino/RB Jordan Grullon connection to be. All questions about the Sailors will be asked and answered by Week 3 after challenges from Spring Valley, Lourdes and Yorktown.

Runner-up Haldane also hosts reigning champion Tuckahoe in a likely prelude to the Section 1 Class D title tilt, a rematch of epic proportions. Gosh, Week 2 is gonna be a whale of a week...

**Back in the day**, when he was slinging for the Mahopac Indians, southpaw Chris Erker used to irk the hell out of opposing hitters, dishing high-octane heat and a

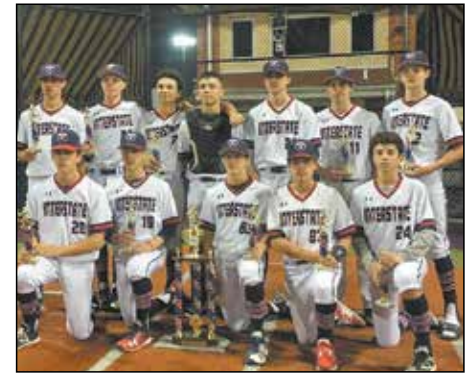
tantalizing deuce that resulted in a sterling All-Section career from 2008-10, including a 7-2 senior campaign with a tidy 0.69 ERA and 78 whiffs over 61 innings pitched. His two losses that year were both 1-0 setbacks, so factor that in when you consider the prospects of sending potential prospects in Erker's direction.

Erker is in the business of developing talent now, serving as a primary leader of the Interstate Baseball program, which is a five-team program ranging from ages 13U to 17U primarily based in Westchester and Putnam County. Interstate is strictly a tournament-based program with the primary goal to play the best competition in the northeast under the guidance of Chris and John Erker.

"For our older teams – the 15-16U's -- the primary goal is to play in front of as many college coaches as possible," Erker admitted, "with the ultimate goal of getting an offer to play college baseball. This year alone we played in front of over 100 college coaches."

Some of the prime destinations this season include, the University of Maryland College Park, Rider University, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Diamond Nation Super 16, Diamond Nation BlueChip Prospects and Rutgers University.

Interstate will also be opening up tryouts this year 10U-12U age groups. Its tryouts will be held at Hudson Valley Stadium in late October for the 2019 season. For



Members of the Interstate Baseball program pose with one of six tournament trophies they've won this summer under guidance of Chris and John Erker.

more information please follow Interstate on Instagram @interstate\_baseball, email them at info@interstatebaseball.com or visit the soon-to-be-installed website at www.Interstatebaseball.com.

I run in to Erker regularly in my men's softball league I run in Putnam Valley, and the guy is just as determined to grow the game now as he was in his heyday...

**The NY Mets** have taken the 'state of dysfunction' to all-time levels: Between OF Yoenis Cespedes' bizarre one-day return to the lineup; the coddling methods of Manager Mickey Callaway; the bag-of-balls return on reliever Jeurys Familia and P Noah Syndergaard's microcosmic "hand, foot & mouth" disease, the Mets and their brass raised the level of raggedness in one weekend to stages that would take most teams a year to do. Sorry, but the Wilpon ownership needs to end and the organization needs a full-blown enema.

## Shrub Oak Blue Storm Splits 10U Double-Dip

The Shrub Oak Blue Storm 10U team split a pair of games with the Mount Pleasant Wildcats last Saturday at Volunteer Field in Hawthorne where the two teams staged an epic day of baseball in an effort to hold on to second place in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League 10-U B-Division. SOAC won 14-9 before falling 4-3 in the nightcap and sits in second place at 14-2 in the super-competitive division.

—Ray Gallagher



Shrub Oak's Grady McGee makes put-out on Nolan Gurney in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.



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Shrub Oak P Nick Santobello fires pitch in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.



Shrub Oak's Steph Cross chugs home in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.







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