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## Trustee Calls for Moratorium on New Development in Village

By Rick Pezzullo

Ossining Village Trustee Omar Herrera is calling for a moratorium on new development within the village.

Herrera's proposal last week came less than a month before he squares off against Mayor Victoria Gearity in a September 13 Democratic primary.

"The Village of Ossining has been largely unable to deal with the growth created by recent projects, and the real effects to our capacity as a municipality and school system, yet we seem to be moving forward at a reckless pace

to approve new projects," Herrera said. "Should we continue on this course, we risk spoiling not only one of the largest undeveloped landscapes on the Eastern shore of the Hudson River, but we also risk adding further stress to our already overburdened school system. Furthermore, we still haven't taken the time to listen to valid concerns that have been raised by village residents, businesses, parents and school senior administration."

Herrera, who plans on submitting a

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Omar Herrera



Victoria Gearity

## Croton Fire Dept. Makes Changes After Ex-Chief Stole Funds

By Rick Pezzullo

The Croton Volunteer Fire Department has announced sweeping changes in the way it conducts business after a former chief was charged in June with stealing more than \$300,000 from the department over a seven-year period.

"Earlier this year, our Fire Council Audit Committee discovered some inconsistencies within our Council's finances. Once we became aware of these issues, we notified the Village Manager, Mayor and Deputy Mayor who then notified the proper authorities. As you can imagine, what has ensued has been rough on us and many of us have felt saddened, angered and left with many questions," Fire Department officials stated in a release Friday.

"Needless to say, it has been a busy several months of us putting together a plan to prevent this type of occurrence from ever happening again. Working with the Village administration, our Chiefs, the Fire Council and our attorney, we have implemented a number of changes," they added.

In February 2018, members of the Fire Department's internal Audit Committee discovered that Gerald Munson, 64, who most recently had served as the Fire Department's treasurer, had provided them with false 2017 bank statements. When confronted by the Audit Committee, Munson, according to State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, admitted he had created the false statements on his home computer, stolen money from the De-

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### Blue Mountain Choir Students Shine

Nine singers represented the Hendrick Hudson School District with a performance at the New York State School Music Association's (NYSSMA) Summer Conference in Albany in August. The student musicians were part of the nomination-only Middle School Honors Choir. This concert is made possible by the New York chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and is open to incoming eighth and ninth graders from all over New York State. Blue Mountain Middle School choral teacher Kimberly Dunkin nominated the following students: Sabrina Antman, Amya Davis, Isabella DeBenedictis, Tony Mills, Hope Minichino, Nish Mistry, Lucy Notrica, Bixby Piccolo-Hill, and Amy Wilkinson. Over the summer, the students learned and prepared their music independently before traveling up to Albany to rehearse with the full choir.

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memorandum on his proposal to the Board of Trustees for discussion at an upcoming work session, is suggesting a joint meeting between the Board of Trustees, Town of Ossining Town Board and the Ossining Board of Education.

"The only way that we can come together as one community and have the conversations that we need to have is to have a discussion on considering a temporary freeze on the process of approving new developments," Herrera said. "When and if we move forward with developments in the near future, it will be as one united community, and that is something we are sorely lacking right now."

Village of Ossining Deputy Mayor John Codman, who is backing Herrera's candidacy, said his fellow trustee's proposal has merit.

"Given the recent public input by village appointed boards and committees and the diverse opinions that resulted, it is clear that our current comprehensive plan requires a review and evaluation before we commit to future development," Codman said. "A moratorium is one of the many tools available for thoughtful and critical analysis to form a clearer picture for the Village of Ossining's economic and cultural future."

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—MAYOR VICTORIA GEARITY

However, Gearity, who is seeking a third two-year term as mayor, reacted strongly to Herrera's statements, maintaining he was trying to "pander to a particular group of voters."

"But regardless of campaign rhetoric, as elected officials, we must exhibit the maturity needed to act responsibly on behalf of the people we serve," Gearity stated. "Moratorium' is a dramatic term that elicits strong reactions. To prospective developers, it can send a clear message that they should look to invest elsewhere. To residents concerned about school funding, it may be perceived as a welcome solution to overcrowded classrooms. A municipality's ability to temporarily suspend a property owner's right to build or obtain development approvals is understandably limited. In reality, it is one strategy that may be beneficial as part of a well-conceived approach to planning and zoning updates."

"Ironically, in recent years, the Town

of Ossining did implement a moratorium. Yet since that ended, Town developments have moved forward that have drawn significant concern from local residents particularly regarding the additional burden on our school district. Most folks aren't aware of whether a given development is happening in the Village, or across an invisible border in the Unincorporated Town of Ossining," she continued. "My opponent's claim that we 'seem to be moving forward at a reckless pace to approve new projects' is either intended to perpetuate misinformation, or demonstrates a lack of knowledge about the Village planning approval process. There are a number of proposals in various stages of the planning process, and most of them have been in the pipeline for years. In fact, if you ask most commercial or residential investors about their experience, they are likely to site frustration over delays and bureaucracy. A number of these delays

are unavoidable and essential parts of the process to protect the community."

Gearity said she was surprised the most by Herrera's "thinly veiled reference" to a potential zoning text amendment for a proposed development known as Snowden Woods.

"If my opponent were merely a resident, this would be a perfectly fine, if somewhat inaccurate, opinion to express. However, as a member of the Village Board, he will be called upon to determine whether or not to approve a zoning text amendment that will directly impact this plot of land. My opponent taking a public position on a SEQRA matter that the Village Board will be required to vote on is, at best, political gamesmanship, and, at worst, undermining the integrity of the legal process," she remarked. "Unlike large developments that we have seen proposed in nearby communities where officials have decided to skip over the environmental review process, in Ossining we go by the book to ensure we are making well informed decisions. On a parallel path, I have advocated for the Village Environmental Advisory Council to undertake an Open Space Inventory which will provide the trustees and me with a clearer picture of the role that this area of land plays in our village-wide landscape."

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# Yorktown to Celebrate 230th Birthday with Daylong Activities

By Rick Pezzullo

The Town of Yorktown is 230 years old, and all residents are invited to celebrate the milestone Sunday with a day of fun-filled activities that will wrap up with a downtown fireworks display.

"This is a party for the town," said Councilwoman Alice Roker. "We're going to have a lot of fun."

## Fireworks, Music at End of Summer Bash in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

Inclement weather may have washed out the Hudson Valley Exposition in Peekskill earlier this month, but the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a replacement event for residents to enjoy.

On Wednesday, August 22, from 4 to 9:30 p.m., the End of the Summer Bash will take place at Peekskill's Riverfront Green, with food from local restaurants and food companies, live music and fireworks. There is no admission charge.

"We wanted to do something positive for the citizens of the city and that's why this fireworks display was customized for the event," Deb Milone, executive director of the chamber, told the Peekskill Common Council last week.

The Entertainment Schedule is: Bates- 4:20-5:25 p.m.; Pluck & Rail- 5:40-6:40 p.m.; Chip Taylor- 6:50-7:55 p.m.; Blue Confusion- 8:10-9 p.m.; Fireworks 9 p.m.; Blue Confusion- 9:20-9:30 p.m.

Food for purchase will be provided by Gaetano's Grille; Octavio's Food Wagon and catering; Hudson Corn & Lemonade; The Hudson Creamery; Touch Of Class Caribbean Fusion Cuisine; Savannah & Company/ Little Sorrento; and G&H Caribbean.

For questions/more information, call 914-737-3600 or email Lauren at lbrady@hvgatewaychamber.com.

The schedule of events kicks off at 9 a.m. with a baseball game at Shrub Oak Park on Sunnyside Street between members of the Town Board and town staff vs local sports club members.

At 11 a.m., town planner John Tegeder will give an historic talk at Railroad Park on Commerce Street called Yorktown & the 'Old Put.' From 1 to 3 p.m., an exterior tour through the Croton Heights area by the Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission will take place, starting at Town Hall.

At 2 p.m., an anniversary parade in

Shrub Oak along East Main Street, from Lakeland High School to the John C. Hart Memorial Library, will be held, followed by music from the Kristina Koller Jazz Trio at 3 p.m. on the front porch of the library.

The party goes into high gear from 3 to 9 p.m. with the Lions Concert Series: The Best of Yorktown at Jack DeVito Veterans Memorial Park at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center. Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders will perform at 3, Over the Top will take the stage at 5 and Class Action will perform at 7. Fire-

works will begin at 9 from the Yorktown Firehouse.

Many local eateries will be participating, including: Trailside Café, Pappous Greek Kitchen, Okinawa Steakhouse, Furci's Italian Restaurant, Yorktown Grille, Oscar's Italian Restaurant, Lakeland Deli, Stone Rose Steakhouse, Little Sorrento and Savannah & Company.

Local farms slated to be in attendance are: Hilltop Hanover Farm, White Oak Farm, Fable Farm: From Farm to Table, Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm, The Meadows Farm and Hemlock Hill Farm.

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# Rally Held for Ossining Man Detained by ICE Agents

By Anna Young

An Ossining man was taken into U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody last Wednesday morning, but his wife claims the federal agents that came to their home on Pine Avenue took the wrong man.

Marcia Pinos said her husband Carlos Quichimbo was getting ready for work when ICE agents knocked on their door around 6 a.m. with an arrest warrant for a man named Luis. After informing the officers they had the wrong home, she said they continued to ask who lived with her. After explaining she lived with her husband and son, she claimed officers forced their way into the home and arrested Quichimbo, an Ecuadorian immigrant, without a warrant or explanation.

Quichimbo is currently being held at Orange County Correctional Facility.

"I'm very sad and upset right now," Pinos said. "We're looking for a lawyer right now with access to his case."

Pinos also claimed she was handcuffed while her husband was arrested, and said officers got physical with her, leaving her with bruises along her arms and shoulders. Officers released her when she said she had a two-year-old son, she said. Pinos said her family has been seeking legal immigration status since moving to Ossining nearly 20 years ago.



Marcia Pinos with her husband Carlos Quichimbo and son.

Following the arrest, about 100 people rallied outside Ossining Village Hall chanting "no more deportations" and demanding Quichimbo be released.

"Today is a very sad day. A hardworking neighbor was taken from us and this needs to stop," said Hudson Valley Community Coalition activist Luis Yumbla. "A wife in good faith opened the door because they were looking for a man named Luis. It's not right that ICE can come in and terrorize an entire family."

Members of The Hudson Valley Community Coalition swore to support the family and find them legal representation.

They said Quichimbo's arrest was "inhuman injustice at its finest" and claimed he should have never been detained because he's never committed a crime.

While ICE didn't respond for comment, they told NBC News that ICE agents did go to the home specifically looking for Quichimbo, who they said has a previous DUI conviction. They said he would remain in ICE custody pending removal proceedings.

Pinos said she wasn't aware if her husband had ever been arrested before.

Ossining resident Veronica Paute said she continues to live in fear after watching her brother get detained by ICE six months ago and then deported back to Ecuador two weeks ago. Paute, who has lived in Ossining for 17 years, said she feels powerless, hopeless and scared that ICE could knock on her door and take her away too.

"We deserve to be treated fairly. We're not criminals, we're human beings," Paute said. "We want to live in peace and do the right thing. We just need an opportunity. This is my home, I don't know any other place."

Ossining Police Chief Kevin Sylvester explained that the department has no authority to stop ICE from conducting lawful operations. While he would prefer to be notified when a warrant is being exe-

cuted for transparency and safety purposes, he said ICE is not obligated to notify anybody when they enter a community.

Ossining village trustee and mayoral candidate Omar Herrera reassured residents that Ossining is a safe and welcoming community for everyone and officials do not enforce immigration laws that fall under the jurisdiction of ICE. While he encouraged residents to trust in the Ossining Police Department for protection regardless of immigration status, he said the community needs to continue to stand up against the type of fear and terror that has been inflicted by ICE.

"It's a big, big fight but it's very crucial to understand that in Ossining you are safe," he said.

Elected officials are encouraging residents to file a civil rights complaint against ICE if they feel their rights have been violated by a federal agent. Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) applauded those demanding more transparency regarding Quichimbo's arrest, adding that ICE procedures need to be overhauled.

"Such callous treatment of people is not appropriate from federal agents," she said. "We need residents to trust police officers, and tactics such as these damage those relationships."

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Bus Tour of Landmarks & Historic Homes
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# 'American Values, Hometown Roots' Theme of Grange Fair

Its 2018 theme of "American Value, Hometown Roots" describes the down-to-earth, uplifting spirit that infuses the Yorktown Grange Fair. Now in its 94th year, the venerable fair is back in the Town of Yorktown Heights September 7-9.

Each year on the weekend after Labor Day, the Yorktown Grange Association pays tribute to its fertile history. The annual celebration of agrarian life is widely admired for its perennially popular exhibitions of livestock and poultry, nightly live music on the mainstage, variety acts, midway games, hay rides, and a mile-long parade of vintage tractors, trucks and vehicles.

Neighbors and folks from all over the region compete for blue ribbons for best homegrown poultry, livestock, produce, flowers, needlework, photography, baking, Lego designs, and all-media art by those 55 and older. Entry information is in the contest booklet online at [yorktowngrangefair.org](http://yorktowngrangefair.org).

It all adds up to a destination event that offers a cornucopia of carnival rides, midway games, nightly live music on stage, champion farm animals, and a wide assortment of food and beverage. There also are plenty of participation activities guaranteed to put a big smile on youngsters, such as karaoke, pie-eating, watermelon-eating, and balloon-blowing.

As a throwback celebration of the Hudson Valley's deep roots in farm culture, the Yorktown Grange Fair continues to enjoy a unique perch in local lore as Westchester County's most authentic agricultural and country fair.

## Spectators Along Parade Route Salute Classic Farm Vehicles

An iconic spectacle punctuates the Yorktown Grange Fair each year -- the one-mile Tractor Parade at noon on Saturday. The majestic, moving display of antique farm vehicles includes vintage automobiles from 1900-1966 and pre-1973 trucks, in addition to tractors of all types and sizes. Even the junior set gets in the act with miniature replicas of the full-scale beauties. The parade always draws an admiring crowd along the parade route, and the vehicles are greeted enthusiastically entering the Grange fairgrounds.

Those wishing to participate in the Tractor Parade should join the formation starting at 11 a.m. in the field behind the Yorktown Heights firehouse on Commerce Street, using the entrance on Veterans Road.

## Livestock Shows a Lively Family Favorite

The Grange Fair is a rare opportunity for people of all ages to admire close-up in the livestock area various breeds of cows,

horses, goats, and sheep. The perennially popular livestock shows, on Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9, include demonstrations in the Horse Ring of oxen and horse pulling, 4-H riding, and horse showmanship. In the Upper Ring, fairgoers can marvel at cow, goat, and sheep showmanship, as well as a costume class animal parade with all three of those species.

A schedule of the livestock events is on the Yorktown Grange Fair Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/yorktown-grangefair/>). The times also will be posted each day on site in the livestock corral.

## Appetizing Array of Local Food and Beverage Stands

The following local businesses (in alphabetical order) will be at the Yorktown Grange Fair offering a rich variety of food and drink. Additional items may be added to the Fair's menu.

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Empire Concessions: Fresh Greek Gyro, Pita, Sausage & Pepper, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade.

Frankie & Augie'Z Restaurant & Vittoria'Z on the Lake: Pizza, Calzone, Hot Italian Wedges, Mozzarella Sticks.

Grand Central Market: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Nachos, Wedges.

Great Cape Baking: Fresh Cut, Home-made Donuts.

Mister Softee: Fresh Soft Ice Cream, Sundaes, Shakes.

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Sack of Spuds: Fresh Cut French Fries with Lots of Toppings.

Tony's Fresh Assorted Seafoods: Shrimp, Clams, Calamari, Corn on the Cob, Chicken Fingers.

## Fair Facts & Figures

Ticket prices for Yorktown Grange Fair are as follows: General admission -- \$6 in advance, \$8 at gate; adults 62 and over, children 11 and under, and all students with valid school ID -- \$4 in advance, \$5 at gate; children under 2 -- free.

Sold separately inside the Fair are tickets for the midway rides, which can be bought per ride, or as all-day wristbands for unlimited rides, which start at \$25.

The 2018 Yorktown Grange Fair is open 4-11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

Grange Fairgrounds are at 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown. More information is online at [YorktownGrangeFair.org](http://YorktownGrangeFair.org) or by contacting the Fair office at [FairOffice@optonline.net](mailto:FairOffice@optonline.net) or (914) 962-3900.

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# Officials Highlight Increase in Tourism Industry in Westchester

By Anna Young

With a myriad of attractions luring tourists to Westchester County, County Executive George Latimer praised officials in different sectors after a report revealed visitor spending increased to a record \$1.9 billion last year.

During a press conference last Friday at 3 Westerly Bar and Grill in Ossining, Latimer said the travel and tourism industry showed a three percent increase, ranking the county's tourism industry third in the state behind New York City and Long Island. Westchester represents 51 percent of all visitor spending in the Hudson Valley, Latimer said.

"Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in this ever-growing sector of our economy, Westchester County continues to shine as a premier regional destination for business and leisure travelers in New York State," Latimer said. "With the building of new hotels and upgrades being made by existing properties, new restaurants, breweries, and attractions, we are excited to see the tourism industry continue to flourish here in our beautiful county."

Last year, visitor spending directly and indirectly supported 24,527 jobs in Westchester, five percent of all jobs in the county, while also generating \$227 million in tax revenue for state and local municipalities.



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Westchester County Executive George Latimer spoke last week at 3 Westerly Bar and Grill in Ossining.

"From music festivals, to top-notch dining and entertaining, to arts and culture, we always have new attractions and that allows for the repeat visitor and offers an opportunity for memorable experiences," said Natasha Caputo, director of Westchester County Tourism and Film.

Officials said spending in the lodging sector totaled \$424 million, up two percent from 2016. Room demand, as measured by hotel room nights filled, was up four percent to \$1.6 million.

"These numbers are great news for the hotel industry here in Westchester," said

Sean Meade, president of the Westchester Hotel Association. "Features like the Westchester County Airport and our proximity to New York City helps us continue this growth year after year."


Recreation also saw a four percent spike in spending last year to \$178.3 million, while the food and beverage industry increased three percent to \$543.2 million.

Wander DeBrito, general manager of 3 Westerly Bar and Grill, said he has seen an estimated seven percent increase in business over the last year.

"We are very proud of what we've done with this restaurant at this location," DeBrito said. "Supporting local farms and restaurants and breweries and being a part of Westchester, we're very proud to be here."

County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) praised officials for providing so many appealing resources that have continued to attract visitors throughout the years.



"We have a lot of events and recreation that help to bring people into that experience of how people want to be spending their recreation dollars right now," Borgia said. "We are so fortunate that Westchester County is able to capitalize and grow on our resources."



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## Obituary

### Sandra Odell

Sandra Lenore "Sandy" Falco Odell, a longtime resident of Shrub Oak and Peekskill, died August 15 after an extended battle with an illness. She was 79.



Sandra Odell

She was born in the Bronx in 1939 to Edward and Ethel "Nancy" Falco. She was a graduate of the Bellevue School of Nursing in Manhattan in 1957, and became a licensed Registered Nurse. She was previously employed at the Hudson Valley Hospital Center as a maternity nurse in the 1970s and 1980s. She also worked at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla during the 1990s and 2000s where she happily and enthusiastically worked with disabled children.

Her life will forever be cherished by her sons Kenneth Cranna of Shrub Oak and Mark Cranna of Albany, and her daughter Kerry Seidel and her husband John of Brewster, as well as her five grandchildren: Michael Cranna, Kristyn

Cranna, Stephanie Cranna, Emmaleigh Seidel and Gavin Seidel.

### Linda Lupinacci

Linda Jean Lupinacci, a resident of Yorktown, died August 14. She was 68.

She was born in Yonkers on May 20, 1950 to Henry and Clara Venturini. Clara passed away when Linda was nine years old and she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Mildred and Maurice Capobianco. She married Paul Lupinacci on July 17, 1972.

She was an avid bowler and played on a league at Brunswick Bowling Alley. She is survived by her husband Paul, son Joseph Lupinacci (Tammy), daughters Marissa Farda (Valentino), Jill DeMeglio (Carmine), Paula Segarra (Geno), Cara Jackson (Guy) and a cousin Lois Carravone. Also survived by 10 grandchildren Dominique, Geno, Christian, Nikki, Gianna, Joseph, Sophia, Jovani, Sebastian and Stephen. Predeceased by a sister Dolores Prior and a cousin Annette Capobianco Lupinacci.

### Madelina Quast

Madelina Quast, a resident of Ossining, died August 13 at home with her

family. She was 88.

Mrs. Quast worked as a Supervisor for Maryknoll Fathers. She had worked for the Father's for more than 20 years before retiring in 1996. Prior to coming to Ossining, she worked as a seamstress for a designer in New York City.

She was born on August 7, 1930 in Jamaica, Queens to Giambattista and Olympia Lucarelli Azzizzi. She married Walter Quast in Hollis, Queens on September 23, 1962. He died in 1991. Mrs. Quast had been a resident of Ossining since 1962 coming from Queens. Locally she was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church and enjoyed spending time with her family and community.

She is survived by three sons, Walter (Diana), Kenneth (Lisa) and Dennis (Kami), one brother Dominick Azzizzi, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her sister Rose Case and brother Gus Azzizzi.

### Judith DePaola

Judith DePaola, a resident of Yorktown, died peacefully August 15. She was 89.

She was born June 4, 1929 to Anna

(D'Antuono) Serafino DiMaggio in Manhattan. She grew up during the toughest time in American history and was raised as part of the greatest generation, who loved God, family and country. She went on to marry the love of her life Joseph DePaola and they were blessed with a life of love and laughter together.

She is survived by her brother who was her best friend in life, Michael and his wife Pat. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Judith was never able to express her gratitude of the loving care that her niece Dona gave to her. Judith is predeceased by the love of her life her husband Joseph and both her loving parents Anna and Serafino. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A visitation will be held Tuesday August 21 between the hours of 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cargain Funeral Home in Mahopac. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held August 22 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac.



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## Op-Ed

# Pass ETPA to Stabilize Ossining Neighborhoods

By Miguel J. Hernández

The Village of Ossining is in the middle of an affordable housing crisis. According to Kevin Dwarka's Housing Study conducted in 2017, over half of renters in Ossining pay \$1,250-\$2,000 per month on rent. 59.5% of the population in Ossining are considered cost burdened since they pay over a third of their income on rent, while 33.8% of the population in the village are considered severely cost-burdened since they pay over half their income on rent. The Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) is one of the most potent tools the village could use in order to protect homes of long-term residents.

First and foremost, it is important to note ETPA is not the bogeyman falsely portrayed by the real estate lobby. Rather,

it is a moderate form of rent regulation that affords tenants basic protections and rights - such as a guaranteed one or two-year lease, protections against drastic rent increases and added legal protections to ensure basic maintenance and repairs.

The backlash that the act is receiving is not from the "community," but by those opposed to the idea that everyone deserves a stable home. The opposition to ETPA is funded by the Westchester Builders Institute, a large real estate lobby group which represents the interests of large landlords and management companies who don't have the best interests of Ossining families in mind. They have sent mailers out to try to convince homeowners that ETPA is against their interests. They have

gotten faceless PR firms to publish false information about ETPA in our local papers. I, for one, will not be fooled by the corporate real estate lobby.

The Emergency Tenant Protection Act is an established precedent. Since the act's conception in 1974, 19 fellow Westchester communities, including Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow, Port Chester and Dobbs Ferry, have adopted the act. If the Emergency Tenant Protection Act is as destructive as the opposition claims, then why haven't we seen our fellow Westchester communities collapse?

The act is being proposed for the betterment of our community. The words of Kevin Dwarka's Ossining Housing Study have been taken out of context by the opposition. The reality is that Dwarka included ETPA as one of

his top eight policy recommendations to the village and reflected that, "There is no other mechanism available to the Village of Ossining that can come even close to tempering exorbitant rent increases as would adoption of ETPA." The Emergency Tenant Protection Act is an asset for our community that we should fully utilize in the same manner that our neighboring communities have.

As a long-time resident in the village of Ossining, I do not want to see the growth of transience and impermanence in our neighborhoods. The Emergency Tenant Protection Act will help provide the stability needed to keep our community strong.

*Miguel J. Hernandez is a former mayor of the Village of Ossining*

## Letters to the Editor

### Represent Residents, Not Corporations

To the Editor:

Terrence Murphy, our state senator running for re-election, has recently received more than \$6,000 from Yorktown JAZ LLC. (According to the Board of Elections: \$2,000 on 8/1/16; \$2,500 on 11/17/17; and \$2,000 on 7/12/18.)

This corporation — now doing business as Retail Store Construction Company, Inc. — is owned by Breslin

Realty, the developer for Lowe's, and formerly for Costco, in Yorktown.

Now there's a dispute about sewer connections to the houses near the gigantic construction site. The Yorktown News reported on Aug. 2 that these connections were promised to the residents as part of the negotiations.

Guess who's Breslin's lawyer?

Michael Grace — former Yorktown

supervisor and Murphy's close colleague and political ally.

When politicians accept large donations from corporations, they obligate themselves to those corporations. The politicians OWE them.

How can we believe Murphy and Grace still have our best interests at heart in this deal?

This is why I support Robert Kesten

for state Senate. 75% of his contributions have come from small-dollar donations and 80% of them are from within the district — meaning he's not relying on corporations to fund his campaign. He's accountable to us, not to them.

Murphy already doesn't represent your interests, as a homeowner in Yorktown. Don't send him back to Albany.

**GWEN GLAZER**

### Guns Put All Our Lives at Risk

To the Editor:

Why, oh why, does Yorktown have to sell guns? I used to enjoy going to the J.V. Mall, but now I will not go next or near it.

Michael Grace has put up our taxes, as we need lots more police in the area. All our lives are at risk, including his.

The Constitution was written in the

time of cowboys and Indians. The militia was meant to be a small group of people. The writers did not mean the country to be saturated with guns.

The U.S. is at war with itself every day of the week and the world.

**MARY AGNES  
Crompond**

### Thanks to Sen. Murphy for Securing Money to Fix Roads

To the Editor:

I wanted to give credit where it's due, even if it's a little late. They say all politics is local, and when it comes to my family's quality of life, nothing could be truer. Very few public servants have had a positive impact on life in my town as Terrence Murphy, our State Senator. I know that he is always out there fighting against the heroin epidemic, and he always has the back of working families and small business owners alike.

On a recent Saturday morning, I was driving around knocking things off my "honey do" list, when I realized how smooth the ride was. It was only a few weeks ago that nearly every road in a 5-mile radius of my home was pocked-marked with potholes and craters, making my routine downright unsafe. To constantly detour around my own neighborhood just to get home is nothing one should have to get used to and is inexcusable.

I only just came to understand that Senator Murphy was responsible for getting hundreds of thousands of dollars

(OUR tax dollars) right back here where it belongs to repair the roads from all the winter plowing.

Imagine that! A politician actually looking out for us! That's all I ask for. I know he's working for my family. I trust him, and that's why I'll be voting for Terrence Murphy in November.

Sincerely,

**MICHAEL MCDONALD  
Carmel**

## Correction

In the Aug. 7-13 edition of The Northern Westchester Examiner, an article stated that Cortlandt's Anthony Cassone was arrested over alleged harassing voicemails left for Lakeland Schools Superintendent Dr. George Stone. In fact, Cassone was served with a criminal summons, not arrested. The Northern Westchester Examiner regrets the error.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Lakeland School Trustee Rosen Should Step Down

### To the Editor:

Formal Demand for Steve Rosen to be removed from LCSD Board of Education, immediately.

I would like to address the following issues, regarding LCSD Board Trustee Steve Rosen:

Under our current standing Code of Ethics policy:

#### III BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

A. "Board members elected or appointed for a term beginning on or after July 1, 2005 shall, within the first year of their term, complete a minimum of six hours of training on fiscal oversight, fiscal and other accountability and fiduciary responsibilities of a school board member from an authorized provider of such training.

D. Each affected Board member must file a certificate of completion of such course or courses issued by the provider with the District Clerk."

"A board member may be removed for failure to complete the minimum six hours of fiscal training."

In an article written by Brian Marschhauser, in Tapinto, dated April, 12, 2017:

Rosen said, "board members have told

him he was supposed to take a financial class when he joined the board. He said he never took the class and was unaware that it existed."

As Rosen admitted, in the Tapinto article, dated April 12, 2017, he had not completed the required 6 hour financial class. By not completing this required class within the first year of his first term, Rosen continued to be in direct violation of our District's Code of Ethics Policy. Therefore, Rosen should be removed from our Board of Education immediately.

Secondly, based on the information obtained by David McKay Wilson, of the LoHud, Mr. Rosen has repeatedly violated our District's Code of Ethics policy, for ten years. It has been reported, Steve Rosen violated Section 802 of New York's General Municipal Law, which limits trustees to \$750 a year in income, violating the NYS Law Fifty-three times.

The February 2017 Settlement agreement signed by Denise Kness, is in direct violation of our Code of Ethics policy. Ms. Kness violated our current standing Code of Ethics policy by allowing Mr. Rosen to keep more than the maximum allowed amount of \$750 per year.

This agreement is in direct violation of

our Code of Ethics and must be deemed invalid. And redrafted in compliance with our current standing Code of Ethics. Deducting the legally allowed \$750 per year, from the total Rosen has received.

Mr. Rosen must step down immediately, as a member of our Board of Education. He has failed to comply with our District's Code of Ethics policy, since becoming a Board member, 10 years ago. This is unacceptable.

This Board of Education is a train

wreck. There is the Rosen settlement, the Bergmann Separation agreement and Ryan Dobson.

No more back door deals. Every settlement, every Separation agreement, needs to be available for the public's review. I feel the Rosen Settlement is just the tip of the iceberg, of really bad decisions being made by our Board of Education, on the public's behalf.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE BROWNE

## Do the Right Thing and Speak Out Against Hate

### To the Editor:

In your issue of August 7-13, 2018, titled "Murphy's Words for Croton Ring Hollow," Mr. Gingold's words hit home... we all must be vigilant as to racism in our midst, as evidenced by the posters put up recently in Croton, and we must all speak out or it will grow and ferment more hate. I witnessed this first hand on August 8, a Wednesday, when coming home from work. I decided to stop by

Food Town, as I normally do, and love the staff there who are always wonderful to me. I have lived in Croton-on-Hudson for 14 years and it has been a nice, quiet, and friendly place to live, especially as a senior citizen like myself.

Anyway, I was at the checkout, with the few items I was purchasing, when this big, hulking guy, over 6'ft., and in his early 30s, just behind me on line, with a

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## Business of the Week

# Mima's Pizzeria Yorktown

### By Neal Rentz

Putnam Valley resident Agron Kryeziu, manager of Mima's Pizzeria in Yorktown, explained last week the origins of the name of the new eatery, which opened in Turco's Plaza four weeks ago.

Mima is another way to say grandma, he said last week. But there is another reason for the name of the restaurant, Kryeziu said. The family that owns Mima's also owns other restaurants with the name Nonna's that are located in Peekskill, Putnam Valley, Buchanan and Wappingers.

And there is a second reason why the name of the pizzeria is Mima's, Kryeziu said. "We couldn't name this Nonna's because there is another Nonna's across the street" in Yorktown, which was sold by the owners of Mima's, he said, noting Mima and Nonna "have the same meaning."

Mima's has a large menu. The pizza is prepared in both gas and brick ovens. The brick oven makes the pizza crust crisp, Kryeziu said. The pizza first goes into a gas oven and is later transferred into a brick oven where the baking it is finished off, Kryeziu said.

Some of the most popular pizzas sold



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Putnam Valley resident Agron Kryeziu, left, is manager of Mima's Pizzeria in Yorktown, which opened four weeks ago. Also shown above is Ardijan Bajramaj of Mohegan Lake, who is an employee.

at Mima's are grandmas, which is square and thin crusted; the Classic Margherita, a thin and crisp pizza, which includes fresh mozzarella and basil; and Buffalo chicken, Kryeziu said. Cold pizzas are also sold. "Everything is homemade"

including the sauces at Mima's, which are prepared daily, he said.

Though it is called a pizzeria, Mima's also offers a wide variety of other choices, including appetizers, wraps, soups, salads, hot and cold sandwiches, as well

as pastas, chicken, veal and seafood dishes.

Some of the most popular dishes aside from pizza are Penne Ala Vodka, which is an offering the restaurant is known for, and Chicken Sorrentino, which is prepared with prosciutto, eggplant and melted mozzarella in a white wine tomato sauce; which is one of his favorites, Kryeziu said.

Some of his favorite specialty pasta dishes include Penne Rustica, which includes broccoli, sundried tomatoes and chicken cooked with garlic and oil, which is a healthy option, and spaghetti with calamari.

Most of the desserts offered are homemade. The restaurant also has a catering service and many discounts for catered meals and many coupons on its paper menus.

The four-table restaurant is a popular take-out location and it also delivers. "We deliver all day every day," Kryeziu said. "To be the best pizza shop in Yorktown, that is our goal."

Mima's Pizzeria is located at 368 Downing Drive (in Turco's Plaza) in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-352-6777.

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# 10 Dos and Don'ts if You're Pregnant

**By Navid Mootabar, MD, FACOG, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Director at Large of the Institute of Robotic & Minimally Invasive Surgery at Northern Westchester Hospital.**

When it comes to pregnancy, sometimes it's hard to know what's true, and which commonly accepted "facts" are outdated, incorrect, or even harmful. While much traditional wisdom gets handed down within a family, there are facts about fertility, pregnancy, and birth that every expecting mother should know. Read on to learn about the latest pregnancy dos and don'ts for healthy weight gain, skin care, and more.

1. Do take a prenatal vitamin. While it's uncertain whether women who consume a well-balanced diet need prenatal vitamins, they can be beneficial. Look for a prenatal vitamin with the proper folic acid intake of 400-800 micrograms, an iron content of 30 milligrams, 600 IU of vitamin D, and 1,000 milligrams of calcium.

2. Don't overeat. While it's important to eat a well-balanced diet, the expression "eating for two" is misleading. In fact, you only need to increase your calorie intake by 350-450 extra calories a day.

The recommended weight gain for pregnancy is 25-35 pounds (15-20 pounds for overweight women). A healthy diet should include two servings of fish weekly. Choose fish high in DHA and low in mercury; avoid shark, swordfish, mackerel, and tilefish. And good news for sushi lovers: While pregnant women should avoid raw fish, there's no evidence to suggest that sushi prepared in a clean, reputable place poses a risk. So enjoy your tempura and California rolls!

3. Do avoid alcohol. While some studies suggest that a small amount of alcohol may be safe, speak with your physician first.

4. Don't abstain from having sex if you're in the mood. If you feel comfortable having sex while pregnant, there's no reason to wait until after baby arrives. Intercourse won't harm the baby or cause pre-term labor. Can sex induce labor at the end of a pregnancy? While some studies suggest semen contains prostag-

landins that can stimulate labor, there's no clear-cut evidence for this old wives' tale.

5. Do hit the water. Swimming pools are fine for pregnant women as long as the water is below body temperature. However, avoid hot tubs.

6. Don't give up your beauty routine. Nail polish and cosmetics are generally safe during pregnancy. Topical creams containing salicylic acid are unlikely to pose a risk when used sparingly, as very little is absorbed through the skin. As for hair dyes, the amount of dye material that enters the body is small, so hair dye is presumed safe in pregnancy.

7. Do take care of your smile. Poor oral hygiene can lead to pre-term labor, so get a dental cleaning during pregnancy. Pregnant women should continue their routine dental procedures, such as root canals and fillings, and can even undergo X-rays as long as the abdomen and thy-

roid are shielded.

8. Don't give up your daily coffee — but do cut back to safe amounts. Small amounts of caffeine are fine for pregnant women, but limit yourself to two cups a day. There's no evidence that artificial sweeteners increase the risk of birth defects, with the possible exception of saccharin. While there's conflicting data, some research suggests this sweetener may increase the risk of bladder cancer in babies.

9. Don't become easy mosquito prey. Insect repellents such as DEET are safe in pregnancy and should be used in areas at high risk for the Zika virus, which spreads through infected mosquitoes and can cause birth defects. Take precautions against the virus when traveling.

10. Do break that cigarette habit. Smoking can cause pregnancy loss, low birth weight, stillbirth, and other serious problems. What about vaping? Long-term effects of vaping are unknown but no research suggests it's safe during pregnancy. Bottom line: no smoking, vaping, marijuana or nicotine.



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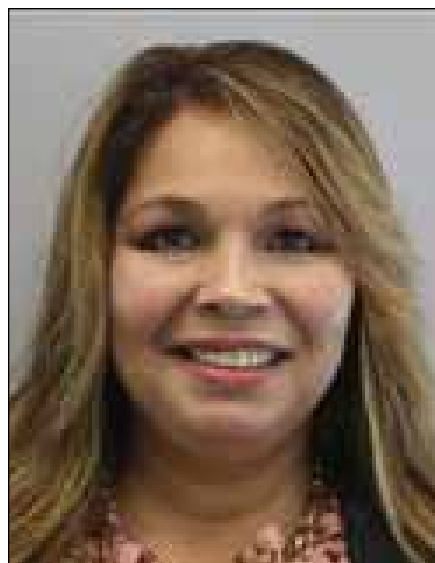
# New Administrators to Lead Peekskill Schools

Three new administrators will be greeting students in the hallways of schools in the Peekskill School District in September.

Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez has been named new principal of Woodside Elementary School. Aviles-Rodriguez previously worked as a principal in the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. In addition, she served in the New York City Department of Education for the past 17 years in the various roles of assistant principal, data analyst and as a first and second grade teacher.

Aviles-Rodriguez embraces her new role and is committed to working with staff and families to ensure that Woodside students have the best possible educational experience. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve this vibrant community and embraces it with enthusiasm and a high level of commitment to public service.

Aviles-Rodriguez holds a bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle. She earned a Masters' of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters' of Science in School Administration and Supervision from Mercy College. She is currently in the writing phase of her doctoral



Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez

dissertation at Concordia University.

At Peekskill High School, William Toro and Dr. Jenna Ferris have been hired as assistant principals.

Toro has more than 11 years of experience in education and comes to Peekskill from the New York City Department of Education in the Bronx and the



William Toro

Brentwood Union Free School District. Throughout his career, he has worked as a High School and Middle School Mathematics teacher in both Brentwood and NYCDOE and as an Assistant Principal in the NYCDOE.

Toro is a life-long learner and holds an Associate's degree in Liberal Studies from Suffolk County Community College, a Bachelor's of Arts in Mathematics from St. Joseph's College, a Masters of Liberal Studies from Stony Brook University, an Advanced Graduate Certificate in School

Leadership from Stony Brook University and is currently enrolled in St. John's University and is working towards his Doctorate (Ed.D) in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Dr. Ferris brings with her more than 16 years of experience in education, all within the Peekskill City School District. She was born and raised in Peekskill, and is a graduate of Peekskill High School. Throughout her tenure at Peekskill, Dr. Ferris has worked in the middle school, high school and most recently at the PHS Summit Academy. She has served on various building and district level committees and has taken on many leadership roles within the programs she has worked in.

Not only is she an active member of the school community, she also supports many youth organizations within the City of Peekskill. The Westchester Business Council recognized her commitment to children, with their prestigious 40 Under 40 award.

Dr. Ferris holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from The College of Mount Saint Vincent, A Masters in Education from Mercy College and obtained her Doctorate in Instructional Leadership from St. John's University in 2012. She is a life-long learner who is proud to begin this new chapter of her education career at her alma mater.

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## Tuesday, Aug. 21

**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, Aug. 22

**Kickoff Breakfast:** Support Connection announces a Kickoff Breakfast for their Annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. The celebration,

hosted by New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. at 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt, in the main lobby of the Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center. The Kickoff Breakfast is free and open to everyone. The Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer will take place on Oct. 7, rain or shine, at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with these diseases. For more info on the Kickoff Celebration Breakfast, contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or [walk@supportconnection.org](mailto:walk@supportconnection.org).

**Blood Drive:** A blood drive will be conducted by the American Red Cross from noon to 5 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main, Shrub Oak. To schedule an appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**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:** POUND™ 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.

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## Thursday, Aug. 23

**Korean War Display:** "Korea, a War without End" captures, in displays of images, words, vintage equipment and 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](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

## Friday, Aug. 24

**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 914-2416 Ext. 315.

**Teen Club:** The Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club will hold its final meeting of the summer at the Somers Library 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.

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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](http://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](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

## Sunday, Aug. 26

**Healing Yoga:** Yoga classes for women

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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: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

## Monday, Aug. 27

**Bridge Program:** Bridge at the Somers Library is being held on Mondays throughout 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. These classes are for beginners and players with some experience as well. Learn how to navigate your way around the game from bridge maven Walter Heitner. You will learn bidding and work

on the play of the hand. By working with a group, you will all get better together. Space is limited; register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call the library at 914-232-5717.

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

**Movie Mondays:** Movie Mondays is continuing today at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, at 6:30 p.m. with a screening of "Chappaquiddick." The free screening will be presented on a 100-foot screen at the Field Gallery. Info: 914-737-1212 or [peekskill.org](http://peekskill.org).

## Croton Fire Dept. Makes Changes After Ex-Chief Stole

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partment's account for his own personal use, and used the Fire Department's debit card as if it were his own.

Further investigation and analysis conducted jointly by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Police Department, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and the New York State Comptroller's Office confirmed that between on or about January 2011 and on or about February 2018, Munson stole approximately \$312,925 from the Fire Department. This joint investigation led to Munson's arrest and felony charges.

Some of the changes made by the department include the appointment of a new treasurer by the Fire Council; the termination of all debit and credit cards previously utilized; the elimination of an older savings account, and rolling that balance over to its checking account; the requirement of two signatures on all checks; the Fire Council has hired an external CPA to perform an annual audit of finances; and a detailed, written, Treasurer's Report is now presented each month to the Fire Council, including a copy of the monthly bank statement.

"As we move forward and learn from

this unexpected and dismal event, we can only hope that our loyal supporters know we will always do what we can to provide you with the most open and honest level of dialect that we can - and that you deserve," fire officials stated. "We appreciate the support that we have received during this time from all of you, and we hope that you all understand that this was not something we ever could have envisioned, and we have been working diligently to improve our policies and procedures when it comes to our finances."

"Last, and certainly not least, we must point out that none of this would have been possible without the support and commitment of our incredible membership, whom have weathered this storm and continued to serve without deviation. For this, we are extremely grateful and proud and can take confidence in knowing that we are as strong as we've ever been as your Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Department," they concluded.

Munson, a former police officer, could face a maximum of 25 years in prison if convicted of the Class B felony of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree as a Crime of Public Corruption. He is next due in court on September 12.

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# Do We Decorate for Ourselves or Others?

Borrowing from the age-old question of whether women dress for themselves, for men or other women (it seems that other women is their primarily focus), I pose the question, do we decorate our homes for ourselves or for others?

I remember when I was single, I visited a work associate's apartment and found that except for a sofa, a bed and a kitchen table, his living space was totally devoid of any decoration whatsoever. I asked him if he had just moved in and found that he had been living there for a couple of years. "Do you intend to get around to decorating?" I asked. He looks at me puzzlingly and said, "Why do I want to bother with things to just look at?" I was astonished.

For my wife and me, the question of whether we decorate for ourselves or others is easily answered by the fact that, after more than three years from the time we moved into our new home and decorated, we had invited very few visitors to our home. You might think we had become a cloistered society of some sort, but whatever the social or psychological associations may be, it's just the way things worked out.

Just this week, we visitors to our home who are work associates, but more than

that, they are fond friends.

As they toured our home, we were asked who our decorator was, which we found very flattering. But the fact is, we take great pride and satisfaction in the fact that we have always done our own decorating.

After our friends' visit, I thought about why most people spend so much time and attention decorating their homes. Indeed, is it more for others? Or is it more for their own enjoyment?

Home decoration dates back more than 35,000 years to the cavemen and women who decorated their homes with drawings of animals which were important to them for their survival. It was a way for them to express themselves as well, and some of the paintings included human figures, documenting their day to day activities. Certainly, this first expression in home décor was for self-satisfaction.

Through the ages, it seems that each society has been driven naturally to the decorative arts ... the Egyptians, the Greeks, and the Romans all expressed what they saw around them and incorporated these images into their living environment.

The Renaissance saw great refinement in the decorative arts in Europe and, in



By Bill Primavera



The Home Guru's and Mrs. Guru's living room, whose decoration features custom cabinetry, allowing display of books and collectibles.

early America, itinerant artists, devoid of any classical training, stenciled walls for decoration (a substitution for expensive wallpaper) and painted those great landscapes and wonderful family portraits that preceded photography. Today we consider interior design a way to surround ourselves with things we find either beautiful or nostalgic, while factoring in comfort as well.

My research shows that, probably for the majority of us, the aspect of how our home looks to other people is more important. We want to make a home we can invite guests in to, feel proud of, and at the same time, make them feel comfortable.

Also, decorating is a creative outlet for many people, especially when so many of us are compelled to spend significant time away from home. When we can relax in our own homes, we want it to be as pleasant and comfortable as possible. Interior design helps us accomplish that goal.

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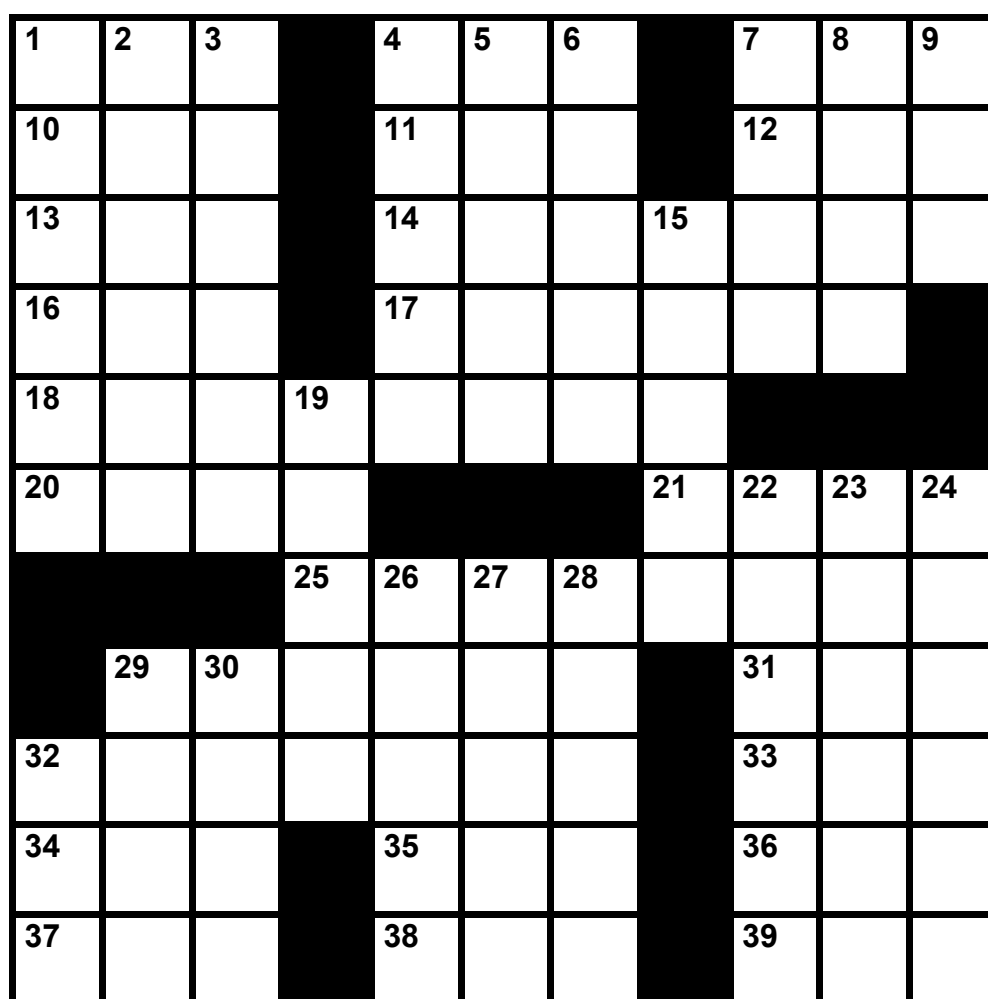
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# Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Musical notes
4. Alias
7. Prime example of stubbornness
10. Accommodating place
11. Trim off
12. Bout enders, for short
13. Int'l aid overseer, often
14. High-spirited horse
16. Small GM car
17. The Dick Van Dyke show, et al.
18. The epitome of fender unbenders in Peekskill, \_\_\_\_ Collision Center
20. Executive helper: Abbr.
21. Notorious fiddler
25. Entranced
29. Big name in fashion
31. "Cool!" in the 80s
32. Open up, as a flower
33. "I am the greatest" boxer
34. "When \_\_\_\_ good time?"
35. Cavity filler's org.
36. Trademarks, abbr.

37. Negative joiner
  38. Guitarist Paul
  39. Hair color
- Down
1. Tongue
  2. Charlie's group
  3. High-hats
  4. Auto security feature
  5. Divided land
  6. In different locations
  7. Like
  8. In order (to)
  9. Tax form ID abbr.
  15. Good, in Guadalajara
  19. Agenda details
  22. Publisher's addenda
  23. Spheres
  24. Strange
  26. Like some sprays
  27. Cell terminal
  28. Belonging to an Italian grandmother, or new Yorktown Pizzeria
  29. Too
  30. Guffaw
  32. Recycling container



## Identifying and Confronting Non-Physical Elder Abuse

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

The elderly are vulnerable, and as a result, are often soft targets for non-physical abuse. I refer to them as "silent abuses" because they are often difficult to identify, or worse, prove. Examples include undue influence, duress, coercion, mental abuse, and financial exploitation. Generally, a common predicate for most cases begins with a close, confidential relationship with another person, who is usually a relative or friend.



Consider a situation where an elderly parent lives with a child. The two might be living in the family home or perhaps the parent has moved into the household of the child after the death of a spouse. These living arrangements are usually referred to as "mother-daughter" households. In either case, a great deal of reliance is placed on the child by the parent to assist with everyday needs such as shopping, physician appointments, visits to the bank, etc. The child becomes the caretaker child for the parent in many ways and, naturally, the parent's affection for that child might

increase as times goes on. When the parent attends to the preparation of estate planning documents, the parent might designate that all children are to share equally. The caretaker child, however, is usually made the primary agent under a power of attorney and healthcare proxy since they are closest emotionally and physically.

Once the relationship described above is formed, the type of abuse that can occur is depends on the specific circumstances and is fact-driven. Suppose the child is having financial difficulty while also having access to the parent's financial accounts. The child might exploit the love and affection of the parent by asking for money. The parent usually agrees. Having access to the parent's financial accounts, the child might begin to take money without permission. When confronted, they may respond that the parent made a loan or intended to gift money.

Other abuses occur by virtue of evil intentions. Again exploiting the close relationship with the parent, the child begins to brainwash the parent into thinking that

the other children have their own lives and don't care about the parent. Being vulnerable, the parent concurs and begins to disinherit the others, leaving the caretaker child as the sole beneficiary. You of course, are not a party to these discussions.

There are many more examples I can give, but ultimately, the advice is to be proactive. Ask questions. While you may not receive the answers you seek, pay close attention to the responses you are given. If it smells rotten, it's usually rotten. Look for changes in your parent's lifestyle and behavior. It speaks volumes. I cannot identify all the ways in which you might discover signs of abuse, but if you are perceptive, you'll find it.

If you suspect that someone is living in squalor or is being neglected physically or mentally, you might consider contacting Adult Protective Services. They take these matters very seriously and will respond accordingly. Otherwise, we can assist by commencing a guardianship proceeding in Court.

In a guardianship proceeding, you will have the opportunity to present your case to a Court, and if successful, a guardian will be appointed to handle the financial and/or personal affairs of the individual. A guardian can be another family member but if the matter is contentious, an

independent party might be appointed. Once a guardian is appointed, the assets of the individual can no longer be exploited, thereby ensuring that the individual is protected financially. If the individual has been neglected, she will be protected personally as well.

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(Solution to puzzle on page 13)

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black tee shirt, red face, and a big smirk across his face, said to me, "Are you Jewish?" I turned to look at him, and said, "Yes I am." He then said, "I did not know for sure because you are not wearing the (he gestured because he did not know the terms) (tallit prayer shawl) under my suit jacket." I knew what he meant, and he was laughing as he gestured. I said, "I may not be wearing one, but I am Jewish." I then rushed to pay in cash, as I always do, when I heard him say to those on line, and to the cashier, "THEY ARE ALWAYS COUNTING THEIR MONEY!" I regret not confronting him with a good retort, but I did not want to engage him, and start a fight, and left the store...but have been stewing over

this racist incident ever since, and what I should have said and didn't.

As a Jew, I felt as Jews felt in the late 1930s, in Germany, when the govt. encouraged racism against minorities, as we have now in this country, and have since archival film footage of Jews being bullied, pushed, hit, and demeaned in front of others, and nothing being done by the authorities to stop this behavior. If we are not careful and mindful of the changes now occurring in this country, our liberties and protections will vanish! For those who believe it can't happen here, well it can and WILL...so wake up and speak out against hate. Do the right thing!

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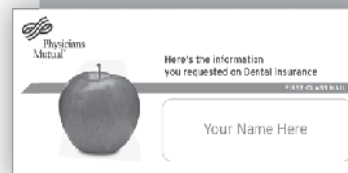
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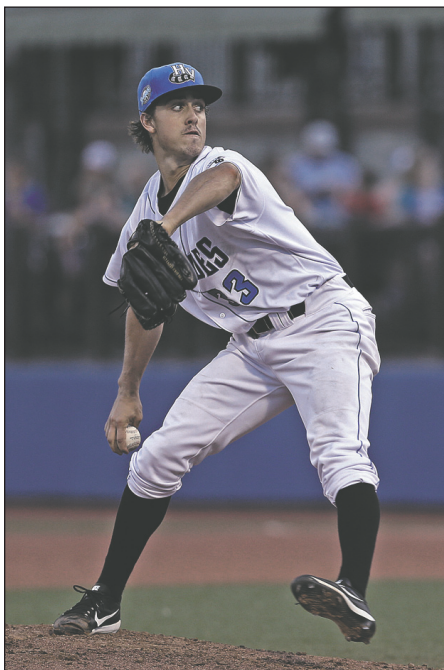
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## Bomber Nation Goes Boom, Wins New York Elite Baseball 16U Title

Members of the Bombers Baseball Club 16U team proudly display their 2018 New York Elite Baseball championship banner after beating the Minisink Falcons for the title and finishing the summer season with just one loss. The top-seeded Bombers won the championship when pitchers Michael Scotto and Jason Green led the way on the mound, combining for 11 strikeouts while Andrew Croce (2 hits, 3 RBI), Michael Hardy (2 hits, 2 RBI), Diego Uretta (2 hits, 2 RBI) and Scotto (3 hits, 1 RBI) led the Bombers' attack. In the semis, the Bombers knocked off the Pacoy Dragons (last years NYEB champs) when Jimmy Murphy pitched a complete game in the 9-2 win. He was supported at the plate by the bats of Michael Hardy, Jason Green, Josh Borowicz (3 RBI), and Sal Ferraro (2 RBI). Members of the championship team include Steven Gerrish (Panas), Diego Uretta (Panas), Andrew Croce (Lakeland), Jason Green (Lakeland), Michael Scotto (Lakeland), Nick Hiltzley (Hendrick Hudson), John Glashoff (Hendrick Hudson), Michael Hardy (Briarcliff), Andrew Russian (O'Neil), Josh Borowicz (O'Neil), Jack Aprilante (O'Neil), Sal Ferraro (Washington), Jimmy Murphy (Valley Central) & Anthony Sodano (Carmel).



Renegades starter pitcher Joe Ryan rears back to fire a pitch in Thursday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.

## *focus on* **NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE** **Hudson Valley Renegades** **vs. Staten Island Yankees**



Hudson Valley Renegades players watch from the dugout steps during last Thursday's 3-2 extra-inning loss to the Staten Island Yankees at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley's Tyler Frank is caught stealing in the first inning against the Staten Island Yankees.



Tanner Dodson of the Renegades tries to beat out a ground ball in the sixth inning of Thursday's game.



Staten Island third baseman Andres Chaparro watches a hard ground ball go foul down the line in last Thursday night's 3-2 Yankee win over the host Renegades.



Southpaw Nick Sprengel pitches in relief for the Renegades during Thursday evening's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Jackson McGowan is on the move toward second base during the Hudson Valley Renegades' home game on Thursday.



Staten Island's Alex Junior sends a fly ball to left field in the sixth inning of the Yankees' 3-2 win over the Hudson Valley Renegades.



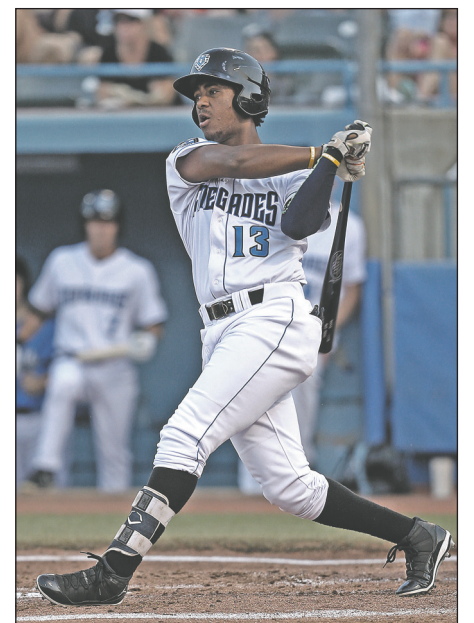
Yankees starting pitcher Harold Cortijo struck out six and walked just one in his five innings of work against the Renegades on Thursday night.



Eric Wagaman of the Staten Island Yankees swings for the fences as he leads off the top of the fifth inning against the Renegades last week.



Staten Island Yankee shortstop Eduardo Torrealba dashes to his right to field a grounder during Thursday's game vs. Hudson Valley at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley third baseman Adrian Rondon swings through a pitch in the bottom of the fifth inning vs. the visiting Staten Island Yankees.

# Sports

## As Camps Open, Championship Hopes Are as High as Ever



By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports  
Editor

Camps got underway in all major varsity sports last week, bringing us just two weeks away from the start of the regular season in football, soccer, volleyball and field hockey. Thirty years later, I still get giddy for the start of a new season; just as I did when I covered my first game for the now-defunct North County News back in December of 1989 (Kennedy hoops vs. Carmel).

While that game lacked the luster of a sectional championship, something tells me the local student athletes from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County

'Sars' has won more Section 1 titles than she's lost. Think about that: Most coaches are happy to admit they've won more regular season games than they've lost, let alone Section 1 championships.

"We win together and we lose together," Sarsen says, though Lakeland's second win this season will be the 1,000th of her coaching career (field hockey and girls lax combined). That should come on September 4th at home against Arlington. I reckon I should clear my schedule...

Likewise, something tells me I'll be sniffing around the Somers soccer trail as the 2016 NYS Class A champion Tuskers

club storm the field this fall, beginning on Friday the 31st at scrappy Sleepy Hollow. Then, in the Yorktown Tournament the following week, the potential exists for an explosive Somers vs. Yorktown tourney championship, pitting the 2016 state champion Tuskers against the 2017 NYS Class AA runner-up Huskers, who drop down to Class A this season and return a slew of talent that hopes to be at Middletown High on November 10th (home of the state finals).

Yorktown returns dudes like CM Timmy O'Callahan, F Sergio Spiniello and G James Dalesio, who takes over in goal for departed Section 1 Player of the Year Mauricio Arango, so it's easy to see why the Huskers would be stoked to repeat as champs.

Boys' soccer is as competitive as we've ever seen in the NWE/Putnam region, and the hope is that we can sustain a run similar to what they've had over at Byram Hills, one of the state's premier programs. There are 29 Class A teams vying for one crown. That could be the most in Section 1 history, and it's going to make for a lot of unhappy coaches/players in late October as the best of the best pluck each other off from the opening round on down. There are easily 10 teams in serious contention, including Somers, Tappan Zee, Nyack, Byram Hills, Horace Greeley, Pearl River, Yorktown, Beacon, Keio and, get this, Brewster! The Bears are said to be legit, what with CM Anthony Fernandinho leading the charge.

"There are a lot of good teams in our class we have to play every game like it's our last, but I think if we stay healthy we can make a deep run into sectionals," Fecci said of the Tuskers. "Not gonna, though lie: We all want another ring."

**#CuriousToSee:** If the Mahopac girls' soccer program can take the next step, what with all the Indians (11-6-1 last year) return and last year's run to the Section 1 Class AA semis where they were shutout by Clarkstown South, the eventual runner-up to Arlington...

The situation on the Carmel gridiron, which is very interesting given the family dynamic between Coach Todd Cayea and senior QB Peyton Cayea, the coach's son and third-year signal caller for the Rams... Dan Ricci's last season as Ossining football coach after three decades as a player and coach for the Indians/Pride; yeah, Ossining used to be the Indians during their football heyday... Yorktown's transition into the post-Brett Makar era as life goes on for the Cornhuskers minus one of the greatest student athletes in Yorktown history (good news is there's another Makar en route in sophomore Evan)... If Hen Hud's front line can get the job done for the compilation of skill players Sailors' grid Coach Mike Lynch has at his disposal... How two-time reigning NYS champion Walter Panas reacts to life after Yvette Burcescu, the two-time All-American volleyball star and driving force behind the Panthers' only two state championships in school history (any and all sports).

Lot's more to touch on in the days ahead, good luck, y'all!



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Lakeland senior captain Julianna Cappello and the Hornets will reload and hope to continue current tear of 169-2-3 since 2010.

region will have their hands on several championship plaques later this fall.

There are several strong favorites among the clubs along the local circuit, none stronger than the Lakeland field hockey dynasty, which is seeking a 10th consecutive Section 1 and NYS Class B title; totally unprecedented stuff. Like it did for the 2000 NY Yankees, the 1966 Boston Celtics and the 1983 NY Islanders, all dynasties must eventually end at some point in time, but unless Rye or John Jay CR has something up its sleeve, one would expect to see Coach Sharon Sarsen's Hornets hoisting the 19th Section 1 title in school history and giving chase to its 13th NYS title overall this November. In her record-setting 37th season at the helm,

embark on their 2nd Section 1 boys' title in three years with a marquee lineup that includes four of the best players in the section: F Lucas Fecci, F Andrew Lasher and middies Jon Riina and Alex Maher. After losing to Nyack on PKs and having their reign as state champs come to a crashing halt in last year's sectional quarterfinals, Somers has embraced the notion of that upset and uses it as motivation for the upcoming season. A day doesn't go by when they don't remind one another of the painful sting of that setback.

Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta enter his third season with a bullseye on the back of his Tuskers because everyone knows that the loss to Nyack was unexpected. One would suspect to see a motivated Somers



It'll be interesting to see how Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver and reigning Section 1 champion Huskers handle the post-Brett Makar era.



Somers M Jon Riina will have something to say about the 29 teams competing for the Section 1 Class A title this fall.

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## Carmel Coach, QB Son to Lead Rams on Gridiron

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea, entering his 24th season with the Rams, and third-year senior signal caller Peyton Cayea, the son of the coach, will be just two of a slew of terrific football players featured next week in the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner 2018 Gridiron Preview edition, which will hit newsstands next Tuesday afternoon and highlight Section 1 teams from Yorktown, Somers, Ossining, Lakeland, Panas, Croton-Harmon and Hen Hud, in addition to the five Putnam-based schools, including Brewster, Carmel, Haldane, Mahopac and Putnam Valley. All coaches have been notified of deadline well in advance, and their respective teams will appear accordingly.

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