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Plans to Relocate Homeless Shelter in Peekskill Under Scrutiny

By Rick Pezzullo

The proposed relocation of the only year-round, 24-hour shelter for homeless adults in northern Westchester in Peekskill faced heavy scrutiny from a room overflowing with residents at City Hall last week.

For more than 90 minutes, the Peekskill Common Council heard an earful, mostly from residents and business owners who live and work near 851 Washington Street where the Jan Peek House Shelter, which has operated on North Water Street near the Hudson River in Peekskill since 1988, is planning to move in late 2019 or early 2020.

The building was purchased by Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) for about \$900,000 and is in dire need of expensive repairs. Besides needing approvals from the city's planning and zoning boards, CHHOP requires a special use permit from the Common Council.

Former Councilman Vincent Vesce, Jr. said he found it "hard to believe" that CHHOP would acquire the building without having received some assurances from city officials that its plans would be okayed.

"This does not add up," Vesce re-

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Mayor Gearity Defeats Trustee Herrera in Primary in Ossining

By Rick Pezzullo

Village of Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity defeated Trustee Omar Herrera in a pivotal Democratic Party primary last Thursday.

Gearity, who is seeking a third two-year term in November, received 1,305 votes (55%) to 1,086 for Herrera (45%) in a spirited campaign.

The two will be squaring off again on November 6 as Herrera as vowed to stay in the race on the Working Families line.

Gearity said voter turnout was high with nearly 40 percent

of eligible Democratic voters turning out at the polls.

"We are a highly engaged community," she said. "With 53 days until the General Election, village residents can expect plenty of lawn signs, postcards and visits at their front doors from campaign volunteers. Fundraising is ramping up, and the outreach will broaden to voters across party lines."

Gearity said she was able to achieve her victory, not with a campaign manager, but with a group of dedicated local volunteers, most of them women,

who manage her campaign.

"I am so grateful to have Ossining residents who believe in our vision for the village and work incredibly hard, not just for me, but for all of us," she said.

Herrera said he was "overwhelmed" by the support he received despite coming up short.

"What a night! What a close race! Ossining Democrats were energized and came together to mobilize and vote for the first time in a long time... maybe even for the first time in

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Mayor Victoria Gearity with one of her two sons on primary day.

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marked. "It's a real serious issue. You have a responsibility to everyone, not just people that support you."

Mayor Andre Rainey said he first heard about the shelter changing addresses recently on Facebook, while Councilwoman Vivian McKenzie adamantly denied the council was in "cahoots," responding, "You have to go through a process. The process hasn't even begun. I don't appreciate the council being accused."

CHHOP Executive Director Cynthia Knox said her organization did an extensive search and settled on 851 Washington Street since it can be renovated to serve its needs and is close to a bus stop.

"We all wish that all homeless shelters and food pantries would disappear. We live in hope that day will come soon," she said. "We look forward to engaging in dialogue with our neighbors and stakeholders as we move forward as a community."

When CHHOP issued a release about moving in August, Knox said the new location will provide enhanced services to its clients, including many veterans. A major attraction of the new facility will be a dedicated space where those in need of emergency services can stay during the day. Currently, those individuals must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most

days because CHHOP does not have space to accommodate them.

In addition, the new site provides for shared rooms by a couple of residents, as well as a kitchen rated for cooking, rather than just warming. Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor space.

Since 2011, Jan Peek House has provided "Emergency Drop-In Services," beds for homeless men and women who are referred by Peekskill health providers, police officers and area houses of worship. In addition to the Jan Peek House, CHHOP runs four other programs, including: Fred's Pantry, a choice food pantry that provides nutritious groceries to more than 400 people each week; Health Care for Homeless Veterans, the first and only program in Westchester County that provides residential, clinical, and treatment services for veterans; Turning Point, a supportive housing program for chronically homeless individuals that includes assessment, life skills training, crisis intervention, and other support services to address the underlying causes of homelessness; and New Start, a rapid rehousing program to help survivors of domestic violence and homeless veterans attain self-sufficiency. This program

includes referrals and linkages to vocational services.

"We try to make these people feel at home because they don't have a home," said John Halleran, a member of CHHOP's executive board. "We want a facility that we as a community can be proud of."

An online petition originated by CHHOP for support has been signed by 120 people as of Monday. Another petition opposing the move, which was created by Brendon Fitzgerald, who resides near 851 Washington Street, has generated 550 responses.

"Everybody in this city has no ill will towards homeless people. We have no ill will towards CHHOP. CHHOP does an amazing job," Fitzgerald said at the meeting last week. "We should be working together to come up with a solution. Let's find the right place in Peekskill for it. It shouldn't be in any residential community."

Andrew Liu, a 30-year resident of Peekskill, said he was concerned residents could be put in harm's way by some of the clients who frequent the shelter.

"The damaging effect on our rights to public safety, property and financial security is immeasurable and could destroy everything our community has

worked for," he said.

Others expressed compassion for individuals who rely on the Jan Peek House.

"We have a responsibility to take care of people who are less able in our community," said Monica Flaherty, a four-year city resident who owns 10 properties in Peekskill. "We should not react in a kneejerk way to fear."

"I don't fear the homeless shelter. What I fear is the future of Peekskill and the gentrification of Peekskill," said Ted Bitter, co-owner of Bean Runner Café in Peekskill. "The Peekskill in this room tonight is not the Peekskill I know."

CHHOP will be hosting an informational meeting on its plans on Thursday, September 27 at 7 p.m. in the Neighborhood Center at 4 Nelson Avenue.

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Former Croton Fire Dept. Chief Pleads Guilty to Stealing

By Rick Pezzullo

A former Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department chief and treasurer pled guilty last Wednesday to stealing more than \$300,000 from the department.

Gerald "Gerry" Munson, 64, who also worked as a Croton police officer in the past, could face more than four years in prison when he is sentenced on October 29 following his plea before Judge Michael Martinelli in Westchester County Court to grand larceny in the second degree as a crime of public corruption.

"Stealing public money is a crime against all of us. It is also a breach of trust that hurts a community and those dedicated to its safety," said Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. "Rooting out corruption takes thorough investigation on the part of many departments. We are proud of this collaboration between our Office, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Police Department, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department, and the New York State Comptroller's Office which was able to shed light on this misuse of public funds."

At the time of his guilty plea, Munson paid \$124,383 in restitution. As fire department treasurer, Munson was responsible for maintaining the Croton-On-Hudson Fire Department bank account and financial records despite having no prior qualifications or background in accounting or financial matters. The felony complaint alleges that he used his position as treasurer to steal and conceal his theft of approximately \$312,925 from the Fire Department, according to the Westchester District Attorney's Office.

The money he stole included portions of the so-called "2 Percent Money" paid annually to the Fire Department by New York State in connection with the state's two percent tax on fire insurance. For years, Munson was able to conceal his ongoing theft by altering and manipulating the department's bank records. Those alterations and manipulations included his underreporting of the amount of "2

Percent Money" received by the department in order to balance the books and hide what he stole for himself.

In February 2018, members of the Fire Department's internal Audit Committee discovered that Munson had provided them with false 2017 bank statements. When confronted by the Audit Committee, Munson admitted he had created the false statements on his home computer; that he had stolen money from the department's account for his own personal use; and that he had used the Fire Department's debit card as if it were his own.



Gerald Munson appeared in Westchester County Court last week.

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Leins Decides to Stay in Peekskill as City Manager

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill City Manager Richard Leins apparently had a change of heart and is staying put.

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey announced Friday that Leins, who submitted his resignation in July and was slated to depart in mid-October, plans to continue his service to the city.

"I am happy the city will continue to benefit from Richard's experience and knowledge. I look forward to continue working together, and to the additional successes ahead, here in Peekskill," Rainey said.

Leins, who has worked for Peekskill for more than three years, did not give any reason why his career plans changed.

"It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with the Mayor, Council and staff and serve the City of Peekskill, a dynamic and diverse community with a very bright future," Leins stated.

Leins, who previously served for more than a decade as village manager in Ossining, was initially brought in as interim



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Richard Leins

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.

Murphy Delivers Grant to Remodel Youth Bureau

By Anna Young

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) presented Peekskill officials with a \$50,000 grant last week to remodel the Peekskill Youth Bureau.

With the beloved center on Main Street a haven for children to expand their cultural and educational horizons, Murphy said the effort to rebuild the youth center was stemmed from constant communication between elected officials, the center's executive director Paige McDonald and Reverend Robert E. Young.

"It doesn't happen without an open dialogue and keeping everyone involved so I can get the funds the Youth Bureau needs," Murphy said at a press conference last Thursday. "It's an honor and a privilege to be able to do something like this. I'll always try to help this city in any way I can."

Young, who is Pastor for Mt. Olivet Church, and McDonald touted Murphy for investing in the community and making the youth and their enrichment a priority.

Legislator John Testa (R-Peekskill) stressed the importance of providing a modernized facility for the city and its youth. With the center formally the recreation center for the fire department,



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

State Senator Terrence Murphy at Peekskill Youth Bureau last week.

Testa said the grant will be utilized appropriately to refurbish the center and allow students to enjoy a new building to spend their time.

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey also shared his appreciation for the grant, adding how inspiring it is to be able to provide children with a safe place to play, learn and participate in after school activities.

"These children really come to these programs and build real relationships with these people, these instructors, these teachers and these program directors," Rainey said. "This is an important step forward and this is the direction that I believe the City of Peekskill is going to continue to go."

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Ginsburg Celebrates Opening of Luxury Apartments

By Rick Pezzullo

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC) last week unveiled its latest luxury development in the Hudson Valley in Peekskill that overlooks the Hudson River Highlands---Fort Hill Apartments at The Abbey Inn.

Part of a \$64.5 million mixed-use project, the 178 one, two and three-bedroom rental apartments are situated in three five-story buildings arranged in a quad on the historic property, which was named for a former lookout post of George Washington's army during the Revolutionary War.

"This is important for the future of Peekskill," said Westchester County Legislator John Testa, a retired history teacher at Peekskill High School who noted the television program "Facts of Life" was filmed on the site. "The history

of this project will bring Peekskill to a new level."

Current rents at Fort Hill apartments start at \$2,175 for one bedroom, \$2,850 for two bedrooms and \$3,350 for three bedrooms. Many of the apartments have balconies overlooking the river or wooded grounds, which includes more than 60 acres of hiking trails.

Amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center, club lounge and outdoor pool with sundeck and barbecue pavilion. Indoor garage parking and outdoor reserved spaces are available. There is also a private Mercedes van that will shuttle residents to Peekskill's nearby Metro-North train station.

GDC Principal Martin Ginsburg said his company has developed a reputation for building on mountains and rock and pointed to the building facades that were designed to complement stone and brick structures crafted by prominent architects in the 1800s.

"We're really just trying to bring it to life, so people can enjoy it," Ginsburg said. "GDC's brand promise to our residents is 'Come home to vacation.' At the Abbey at Fort Hill we will offer a luxury apartment lifestyle as part of a unique mountaintop resort. Fort Hill is only an hour from Grand Central but feels a



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

GDC Principal Martin Ginsburg was joined by Peekskill officials in cutting ribbon to Fort Hill luxury apartments.

world away."

A former convent and chapel once used by the Sisters of Saint Mary on the property is currently be transformed by GDC into a 42-room inn with a spa, event hall and restaurant with outdoor dining. That construction is expected to

be completed in the spring.

"Ginsburg has been an asset to the growth of our city, and this project takes us one step further towards being one of the greatest cities on Earth," said Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey.



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Parents Point Fingers for Ossining Schools Being Shortchanged

By Anna Young

A large group of Ossining parents feel shortchanged by Senator David Carlucci's efforts to deliver the Ossining School District its fair share of foundation aid funding as the district continues to remain one of the lowest funded districts in the state.

As parents remain discouraged by the districts lack of funding, parent advocacy group Ossining for Fair Funding asked Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) to speak at a town hall meeting at Theater O in Ossining last month to outline his plan to obtain additional foundation aid for the district.

Throughout the 90-minute forum, Carlucci acknowledged the issues facing Ossining caused by state officials' inability to fix the foundation aid formula. He said he plans to introduce legislation that would make a district eligible for accelerated benefits in foundation aid if they have experienced a 5% enrollment increase annually.

Ossining for Fair Funding co-founder Ben Zebelman was perturbed by his plan stating that he suggested that idea to Carlucci in an email correspondence in 2016. He said Carlucci will often ignore parents or take credit for ideas suggested by the parent advocacy group.

"He's not doing his job well," Zebelman said. "The content of that email was two years ago, that's \$30 million of lost money. Now it's a novel idea because he's up for re-

election. It was a great idea two years ago."

While Carlucci implored parents to educate themselves on the issues facing the district and do more to advocate for funding, Ossining for Fair Funding director Jess Vecchiarelli believes Carlucci wants parents to do the work because he's not willing to.

Vecchiarelli said the parent group has spent several years researching, conducting letter writing campaigns, protesting and advocating in Albany challenging Governor Andrew Cuomo and state officials to fully fund the school district with their intended \$27 million.

While their efforts earlier this year resulted in the district receiving an 8%, or \$884,167 increase, Ossining only received 44% of its allocation of aid, while nearly 275 districts throughout the state received more than 100% to 2,000% of their allocation.

The increase brought the districts 2018-19 total to \$11.9 million resulting in a \$15 million gap of what is owed by the state.

"I know the money that we are owed could be used to support additional things that are needed for the district," Vecchiarelli said. "Year after year we have advocated for our students, our children and our community and we remain the most underfunded school district in New York state, so it's hard to think anything will be different this time around."

The parent group feel the disparity in the

distribution of funds has made it difficult to manage the district's substantial increase in enrollment over the last decade.

Since the foundation aid formula was established in 2008, the district has failed to receive funding to support the school's 24% (963 students) enrollment increase. While most of the more than 700 districts in the state have decreased in enrollment, Ossining is one of 18 districts statewide to experience an increase of more than 500 students.

With more than 4,800 students, Superintendent of School Ray Sanchez noted last Spring that the schools are nearing capacity. He added that the lack of funding has resulted in the district struggling to provide the necessary resources to ensure students receive the best possible education. Programs will have to be eliminated if the district doesn't receive a reasonable amount of state funding, Sanchez said in May.

The district has also experienced a 53% increase in free and reduced lunch applicants, 59% increase in students with extraordinary needs, 70% increase in students living in poverty, and a 31% decrease in the combined wealth ratio, which measures the community's ability to share the burden of educating its students.

Democratic Senate challenger Julie Goldberg, who lost to Carlucci in Thursday's primary, emphasized the schools lack of fund-

ing is a violation of the students' civil rights. She said Carlucci needs to be their ally and represent their needs.

"Senator Carlucci has been disingenuous about Ossining," Goldberg said. "He hasn't made any strong efforts on their behalf but talks a good game to parents, and the parents have tried everything and exhausted every single option. They went far beyond the usual role of constituents petitioning their Senator, they became the policy experts."

While Carlucci touted his efforts to provide the district with numerous grants to improve the districts infrastructure during the forum, Goldberg said school funding should have been his main priority. Parents wouldn't be so angry if he would just try, she said.

"Teachers will teach no matter what, but it's so much easier to do it without one hand tied behind your back," she said. "They've been very creative, but they've been doing so much for so long with so little and that's just not fair."

While Zebelman believes Carlucci has not been an advocate for the district, Vecchiarelli said he has been playing a political game where the children are the victims.

"This is children's education, there's no luxury to it," Zebelman said. "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."



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Harckham Survives Dem Primary; Turns Attention to Murphy

By David Propper and Martin Wilbur

Former Westchester County Legislator Peter Harckham declared victory over first-time candidate Robert Kesten late last Thursday night in a closely contested Democratic primary for the 40th state Senate District seat.

With about 90 percent of the district reporting and ahead with 52 percent of the vote, Harckham quickly turned his attention to his general election opponent, Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy. He blasted Murphy for his support of President Donald Trump and said it was time for voters to select someone who would fight for "Hudson Valley values."

Harckham said the days of "fear and demagoguery" that he believes Murphy pushes are over.

"We're going to be fighting for Hudson Valley values and not Donald Trump values," Harckham said.

He said he wants to expand voting rights, enact stronger gun safety legislation, codify abortion rights and pass the Child Victims Act.

Harckham, who entered the race late after a couple of other Democrats decided against a run, touted his experience as a former Westchester County lawmaker, serving as majority leader for four years, and as a former staffer in Gov. Andrew



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Democratic candidate Pete Harckham declared victory over opponent Robert Kesten last Thursday night in a hotly contested primary for the right to face incumbent Terrence Murphy in November for the 40th senate seat.

Cuomo's administration.

Arguing he had the best chance to beat Murphy in November, Harckham thanked supporters and those who endorsed him, including Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti and former congressman John Hall.

Even with the slate of endorsements and strong name recognition, Harckham said his campaign was still "racing against the clock" against Kesten, who

had been campaigning for more than a year.

"We knew we had a lot of ground to make up and we just wondered if we had enough time," he said. "And we did."

Kesten delayed his concession Thursday night, saying that the margin was close enough to make sure all votes were counted. Kesten said he spoke with Harckham the following morning and planned to support him in the general election.

He announced his candidacy late last summer and for many months was the only Democrat in the race, although at least two others in the district toyed with running. However, in May, Cuomo asked Harckham to enter the race and the complexion of the race changed drastically.

Kesten said there may have been a few things he could have done differently but didn't know whether anything would have changed the results once Cuomo involved himself in the race.

"I think that we could have never eliminated the role the governor played and the impact that his position had eliciting support of other elected officials and the endorsements," he said. "There was almost nothing we could have done to counteract that."

He said it was encouraging to see six of the eight ICD Democrats lose their primaries, but that there needed to be wholesale changes in the system, most notably the outsized role that money plays in campaigns.

With a relatively short turnaround between the primary and Election Day, Harckham said it was time to immediately get back into campaign mode.

"We've got a lot more work to do," Harckham added.

Some of that work includes drawing in Kesten's supporters who are part of several grassroots organizations and are generally further to the left on the political spectrum. Harckham asked for their support and pledged to his voters who might feel disenfranchised by the Democratic Party he would be accountable to them.

"Your message is valid and we do hear you," Harckham said.

Murphy's campaign was quick to send out a statement last Thursday night, acknowledging Harckham as his opponent even before he declared victory.

"After an underwhelming primary Senator Murphy is looking forward to putting his stellar record up against an opponent who spent nearly every nickel to survive Thursday's primary, who's (sic) last known job was Governor Cuomo's bagman," part of the campaign statement read. "If the future of New York State wasn't at stake it would be laughable."

Following his remarks to his supporters, Harckham called Murphy a "buffoon" for allowing his campaign to send out such a statement. From the outset, Harckham said Murphy's campaign has been divisive and that he won't get into the gutter with him, instead focusing on the issues.

"He should be ashamed for putting stuff out like that," Harckham said. "A sitting New York state senator should be ashamed of the crap that comes out of his office and people want a different tone and that's what we're going to be bringing to this race."

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Letters to the Editor

HV Gateway Chamber Supports Public Private Partnership of Airport

To the Editor:

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce representing over 500 businesses and organizations supports the Public Private Partnership of Westchester County Airport.

The facts about the Public Private Partnership for Westchester County Airport have been obscured. The clear facts regarding the proposed Partnership for the County Airport (HPN) are:

1. It will release locked up revenue to benefit beleaguered taxpayers.
2. Improve the airport's infrastructure without any increase in the terminal size or the number of gates.
3. Maintain the County's ownership of the airport.
4. The County government has never operated the airport. Since 1946 it has entered a series of operating agreements with management

companies.

5. Better protects the environment and watershed.

6. Enhances the passenger experience.

7. Maintains County control over any growth, structural changes or the Terminal Use Agreement, which strictly limits the number of passengers per hour.

Let's start with the revenue. For decades federal law required that any revenue generated at a government owned airport could only be used for airport purposes; regardless of how much revenue exceeded expenses. Recognizing the provision as outdated and unfair, President Clinton and Congress passed a reform that would allow (after a FAA process) a municipal airport to become part of a Public Private Partnership. That is what is proposed for HPN. The agreement would have the

private partner (Macquarie) pay \$ 35 million up front to the public partner (Westchester County) for the privilege of leasing and operating HPN. In addition to up front revenue, annual rent would be paid to the County. Remember every dollar in revenue (passenger fees, rental cars fees, parking) collected today at HPN does not go to the County but to the airport operator (who by the way is paid a fee, instead of paying the county – the county pays them).

Flights cannot increase for two simple reasons: the terminal building and the number of gates cannot increase unless the Board of Legislators votes to do so; and, the current Terminal Use Agreement, which limits the number of passengers per hour, will remain in place unless the Board of Legislators modifies it. This is all very clearly stated in the PPP agreement.

Under the PPP Agreement, the private

partner is responsible for making certain infrastructure improvements (again all spelled out in the agreement) in a timely manner totally on their dime plus whatever grant money they may secure.

The County will continue to own the airport. The PPP agreement is a lease, not a sale.

The PPP agreement includes a host of environmental rules and requirements the operator must install and abide by.

The down side? What happens if after a few years the private entity decides they've had enough? Well the airport operation will become the County's responsibility. But all the upfront funding; all the improvements made, and the entire airport remains the county's property

Sincerely,

DEBORAH MILONE
Executive Director

Keep Cable Studio in Peekskill Open

To the Editor:

I wish to commend Public Access Host George Ondek for his warning about the possible elimination of the Cablevision Studio located in Peekskill.

He rightly listed some of the current Local Public Access Programs that utilize it. I would hope that Peekskill Public Officials [Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney] act as the "Linch-pin" to keeps the wheels from

coming off.

I apologize that Yorktown did not do it four or five years ago when they had the chance. I was appointed to their Advisory Committee after that fact. However now is not the time for such talk. Now is the time to review the facts and keep the wheels from coming off,

Some facts:

The studio is not just for Taping"

weekly programs. It is also used to edit taped programs. It is used for classes to train volunteers on use of equipment. It is used to pick up and return off-site equipment. It is a place where volunteers interact with staff for better understanding of programs.

It is doubtful that many volunteers will travel long distances for such utilization or information.

The last very basic fact – the studio not

only serves Peekskill but also: Ossining, Cortlandt Manor, Yorktown, Somers, North Salem, Lewisboro, and perhaps Pound Ridge, as well as some towns in Putnam County.

Please help "keep the wheels on the STUDIO bus."

Respectfully Submitted,

RAY ARNOLD
Yorktown

What Are Michael Grace's True Motives?

To the Editor:

Is Former Yorktown Supervisor Grace continuing to blur the lines between public servant and private

attorney for hire? Mr. Grace (after much self praise and even more denunciation of his Republican rivals) made an impassioned appeal at the September

4th. Town Board meeting to demolish the Highway Department's Garage then sell the property to a benevolent property developer. Mr. Grace recently made a more impassioned appeal (this time while acting as a paid attorney) before Yorktown's Planning Board on behalf of a property developer (his client) whose development project approvals he pushed through while previously serving as Town Supervisor. Mr. Grace continues to have conflict of interest complaints filed against him for what amounts to influence peddling

even after having left office. Is Mr. Grace just a self-purported advocate interested in 'resuscitating' Yorktown? Is Mr. Grace just a recently defeated politician having his personal 'I am Spartacus moment' whose throwing political stones in hopes of launching a potential 2020 re-election bid? Is Mr. Grace just trying to yet again drum up more legal work for himself from another property developer doing business with the Town of Yorktown?

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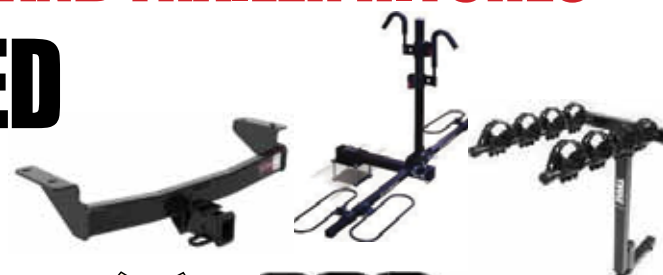
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First Hebrew Programs Address Jewish and Interfaith Needs

Starting in October, First Hebrew is launching two new programs to address the unique challenges that face Jewish and interfaith families in Northern Westchester. Jkids, for ages 2-5 with their grown-ups, and the renowned Chai Mitzvah personalized spiritual journey offer opportunities to connect, learn and grow with no religious requirements, expectations or membership in any synagogue.

"In our neck of the woods, Jewish and interfaith families are widely spread out across different school districts and even different synagogues," said First Hebrew's Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz. "There are no predominantly Jewish neighborhoods like there are down county. This makes connections with the Jewish community somewhat of a challenge."

According to Rabbi Dana, as she likes to be called, each program offers a variety of tools from which each individual or family can choose to learn from and incorporate into their life as they see fit. The programs provide the chance to connect with others in the community.

"There's an old saying, that there are more ways to be Jewish than seeds in a pomegranate," said Rabbi Dana. "There is no gold standard. With these First Hebrew programs, each person is free to choose what they learn, how they learn it and if

and how they choose to grow spiritually."

Jkids offers families with preschoolers a way to meet through creative and social activities. Children and their grown-ups will enjoy arts and crafts, games and music which revolve around Jewish holidays such as Hanukkah, Passover and Purim. Families can also discover fun things to do for Shabbat, the weekly Sabbath or day of rest, which occurs on Saturdays in Judaism. Parents will have the opportunity to provide input into activities, what refreshments are served as well as scheduling.

This program meets one Sunday morning each month beginning October 21, and runs through June. Other than an \$18 supply fee for the year, Jkids is free of charge.

Chai Mitzvah is a chance for adults to explore their spirituality, making it more meaningful. Similar to a book club, Chai Mitzvah meets monthly, for one year, to discuss texts and share observations and experiences.

Participants in this program build their own "Jewish bucket-list" whereby they pick something they've always wanted to learn, engage in social action of their choosing and find some way of expressing their deepening spirituality. Each person determines their own goal, and controls how they go through their personal Jewish journey.

"Everyone is entitled to their unique spiritual life," said Rabbi Dana, "and Chai Mitzvah offers a personalized way to discover that identity or re-charge that spiritual life."

For more information about these pro-

grams and the fee structure for Chai Mitzvah visit www.firsthebrew.org, contact First Hebrew at 914-739-0500 or hfc@firsthebrew.org. First Hebrew is located on the border of Cortlandt and Peekskill, at 1821 Main St., Route 6.



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Murphy's Demolished

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SK Eyebrow Peekskill

By Neal Rentz

Those seeking to have facial hair work done without the use of waxes or other chemicals have a business they can go to that recently opened in northern Westchester.

SK Eyebrow is owned by Baldwin Place resident Mohan Karki, who opened the business in April in Peekskill in the Beach Shopping Center.

The manager of SK Eyebrow is Somers resident Sadi Bista, who is also an eyebrow stylist.

Bista said SK stands for the first and last name of her baby son, Shriam Karki.

Bista said the major service BK Eyebrow offers is threading. "It's a very natural process to remove the hair with a help of a thread," she explained. The process produces a nicely shaped hair without the use of chemicals, she said. "It pulls the hair from a very deep root," she said. "Threading is for the full face."

Threading can also be used on the neck and for sideburns, she said, noting the threading process typically takes four to five minutes.

Another service offered by BK is micro blading for eyebrows which is

a three-hour process with the use of very small blades to make it appear the eyebrow has more hair than before the procedure, Bista said. "It looks like you have a fuller eyebrow," she said.

BK offers services for both men and women and children nine and older. Children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult to use BK's services, Bista said.

BK customers mainly live within 40 minutes or less in driving distance from the business, Bista said. Most of the customers come from Putnam and northern Westchester County.

Bista has been in the profession for a decade and said her work provides her with great satisfaction. "I love to do this."

Bista said her goals include upgrading the business and trying "to make customers happy."

SK Eyebrow is located in the Beach Shopping Center at 1877 Main St., Suite 5B in Peekskill. For more information, call 914-930-8356 or send an e-mail to skeyebrow@yahoo.com. It is open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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SK Eyebrow opened in the Beach Shopping Center in Peekskill in April. Shown above are eyebrow stylists Anjana Bhattara of Carmel, left, and Somers resident Sadi Bista, who is also the manager of the business.

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Tuesday, Sept. 18

Jewish Center Yom Kippur: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Yom Kippur services have been scheduled for Sept. 18 at 6:45 p.m. and all day, starting at 9 a.m. on Sept. 19. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Temple Beth Am Yom Kippur: Yom Kippur Services. Come engage the Jewish Day of Atonement with Temple Beth Am. Our spiritually uplifting Kol Nidre Service begins on September at 8 p.m. Yom Kippur morning services, which will include Yizkor, takes place at 10 a.m. on September 19. Both Services are held at The Yorktown Stage. Children's services begin at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. Afternoon and concluding services begin at 3:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. All are invited to come participate in this holiest of days. For ticket information, please call the office at 914-962-7500.

Chabad Yom Kippur Services: Join Chabad of Yorktown, Cortlandt, and Somers for High Holiday Services. Meaningful and uplifting services with Hebrew - English prayer books! There will be an exciting children's program. No charge (donations welcome). No membership or affiliation required. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.

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. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

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.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, Sept. 20

Support Connection Office Hours: Anyone can visit the Support Connection office. 40 Triangle Center, Suite

100 Yorktown to donate to this year's Support-A-Walk, pick up Walk materials and tee-shirts; learn how to form a team or start fundraising. Through Sept. 28, Support Connection will be open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After that, special extended office hours will be in effect as follows: Sat. Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; weekdays Oct. 1 through Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. This year's Support-A-Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 7 (rain or shine) at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people with breast and ovarian cancer and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with these diseases. To learn more, visit the Support Connection Web site, www.supportconnection.org or contact Support Connection: 914-962-6402 or walk@supportconnection.org.

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 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.

Hudson River Lighthouses: The Yorktown Historical Society will present Hudson River Lighthouses at 7:30 p.m. at The John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 Main. St., Shrub Oak. The free program is open to the public. Info: c.radke@computer.org, website: www.yorktown-history.org.

Friday, Sept. 21

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.

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 or Visit www.fordpiano.com for the musical line-up.

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 in the summer at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:30 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Zen Meditation: Authentic Zen meditation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Tesshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 am. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 1 1698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at <http://www.yorktownzen.org> or e-mail us at yorktownzen@gmail.com.

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

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old

Happenings

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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.

Yankee Whale Hunt: O'er the Wide and Tractless Sen: Original Art of the Yankee Whale Hunt will be held at Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kinds Ferry Rd., Montrose. Welcome and refreshments at 10:30 a.m., with a presentation and book signing with author and New Bedford Whaling Museum Curator Michael Dyer at 11 a.m. The program is being provided by the National Maritime Historical Society. Info: 914-7377878 or nmhs@seahistory.org; www.seahistory.org.

Somers Library Programs: Two programs for those planning to attend college are being held at the Somers Library. A free SAT practice exam will be offered by the Princeton Review today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717. The Parents Essential Guide to College Plan-

ning will be held on Sept. 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717.

WCT Fundraiser: From 6 to 10 p.m., Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT)'s Revel on the River, the annual fall fundraiser at the Shattemuc Yacht Club, will feature world-renowned playwright/screenwriter/actor John Pielmeier, best-known as the author of "Agnes of God." Tickets to the gala are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3601122 or at wctheater.org. Attendees to the event will enjoy a beautiful Hudson River sunset at the Shattemuc Yacht Club, 46 Westerly Rd., Ossining.

Fall Festival: A Fall Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Assisted Living Residence (formerly The Seabury at Fieldhome), 2276 Catherine St., Cortlandt. It will be a fun day for all with free admission and parking. There will be live entertainment throughout the day, a classic car show, the Kids' Zone with inflatable rides, a rock climbing wall, pumpkin decorating, face painting and a petting zoo. There will also be pony rides, local vendors, a bake sale, raffle baskets and great food, as well as a food drive to benefit the Yorktown Food Pantry. If you have questions, please contact Molly Greece at 914-737-2255 or ormgreece@yorktownal.com.

Sunday, Sept. 23

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.

Sukkot Dinner: Join Chabad of Yorktown for a dinner under the stars, as we enjoy the Sukkot holiday dinner in the sukkah. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.

Monday, Sept. 24

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.

Free Square Dancing: Friendly Squares Dance Club announces a free square dancing Fun Night from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. For more information, contact Tee at 914-433-2919.

Cancer Webinar: Support Connection announces a free educational Webinar: "Updates on Treatment for Ovarian Cancer," scheduled for 8 to 9 p.m. The program is open to women nationwide who are living with ovarian cancer. The

program is free but pre-registration is required. Those who cannot access the Webinar can participate via toll-free teleconference. To learn more or to register, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Taconic Postcard Club: The Taconic Postcard Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Yorktown Museum, 1874 Commerce St., top floor. Jim Leiner will present Postcards and Politics. The program will trace the history of postcard use during presidential campaigns. You are welcome to bring your own postcards of presidents and presidential campaigns. The free program is open to the public. Info: 914-737-0944.

Audubon Society Program: From 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Saw Mill River Audubon free public program: Wildlife of Ecuador will be held at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Note that the library closes at 6 p.m. this day, so use the back-of-building entrance for the Budarz Theater. Info: 914-666-6503, office@sawmillriveraudubon.org or www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Mayor Gearity Defeats Trustee Herrera in Primary in Ossining

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their lives! We sent a clear message: no more politics as usual," he stated on his Facebook page. "While we didn't win, we showed that even within registered Democrats, there's a huge group that is tired of never having a real choice. But this campaign isn't over! I am honored to have received the endorsement of the Working Families Party, and I will be on the ballot this November on their line. That means that everyone in Ossining, regardless of party affiliation, will be eligible to vote for me!"

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Everything You Need to Know About the Kitchen Sink

When you're at the kitchen sink cleaning lettuce or rinsing dishes in preparation for the dishwasher, do you ever wonder about the origins of this trusty staple in the heart of your home? Or did you ever wonder where the expression "everything but the kitchen sink" originated?

The answer to the latter question has a short history. The idiomatic expression developed at the onset of World War II when everything made of metal was collected, melted down and re-used for the war arsenal. The only objects omitted were porcelain kitchen sinks.

History tells us that the dishwasher was invented by a woman in Illinois in the 1880s, but nobody in my middle-class Philadelphia neighborhood had a dishwasher when I was a kid. Those were the days when children shared the chores of washing dishes over a kitchen sink that somehow seemed higher than necessary.

But then, since I was the youngest of three, I never really had to wash the dishes. I only dried them and my older sister and brother, who were tall enough

to actually reach into the sink, did the washing. Then, of course, my mother probably trusted their coordination better than mine. I prided myself on drying the best dish and best glass, leaving no tell-tale drops or streaks.

My mother never had a dishwasher until she won one at an appliance store when I was nine. I remember the great joy in learning that the new appliance in the house, which significantly diminished the open space in our eat-in kitchen (we had no dining room), both washed and dried the dishes. It was convenient, yes, but the dishwasher's bottom line effect was that my siblings and I probably spent less time together after its arrival.

Kitchen sinks probably have the longest history of all, starting with the Neanderthals. The first sink was simply a large rock that had eroded into a concave shape from centuries of rain. There was not much progress through the ages until the time that households included rooms designated as kitchens. For centuries, most kitchen functions were per-

formed around the cooking hearth or, for wealthier families, in a separate building, to reduce the chance of household fires.

During the early 1800s, our first kitchen sinks involved a process of pumping water from supply tanks or wells and collecting it in bowls, which were placed into dry sinks made of metal troughs and built into wooden cabinets. Copper and nickel silver, an alloy of zinc, copper and nickel, were among the first materials used for butler sinks, usually found only in wealthy homes.

In the 1920s, indoor plumbing created the need for sturdy sinks, made of manganese silicon, carbon and iron, and since World War II, porcelain.

With the convenience of the dishwasher, homeowners spend less time toiling at the kitchen sink today, yet it has greater potential than ever as a decorative element, equal in interest to homeowners and decorators as is the countertop and backsplash.

With less rigorous use, today's bowls come in a wide range of materials from the expected porcelain to the newest kind of granite composite. There is also a return to copper, which I think is the most interesting material of all in that it develops its own patina with age and proper care.

Kitchen sinks are always best installed from below the countertop and at a lower

level so that water and waste materials can be easily scooped from the counter into the bowl. More sinks are now available with the drains strategically placed at the back of the bowl so that there is more front storage space in the cabinet below.

More and more, I am seeing installations of the farmhouse kitchen sink, which features an apron that extends an inch or two from the countertop to show the full depth of the bowl. It is offered in a variety of stones, including granite, soapstone or limestone. They are also manufactured in cast iron, stainless steel, copper or fireclay, which has the finish of china.

Currently, the wisdom of attaching a waste disposal unit to the kitchen sink is being questioned. Sentiment now is that it is not the greenest way to dispose of kitchen waste.

While there are many options for the kitchen sink, there is a general sense about locating it directly under a window, to avoid a claustrophobic feeling and to enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors as we perform our chores.

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1. Atkins diet no-nos

6. Wild West

9. Get harder to climb....

12. PC program

13. In a off the wall manner

14. Where Will Shortz is “the puzzle master”

15. Suffer the consequences

16. Geller, the spoonbender

17. Famous NYC building or Peekskill art gallery

19. City in Italy

22. Barbershop call

23. Sharp chomper

27. Food stat.

28. Narcotic

31. Connections

32. Socrates would probably avoid this

Cortlandt Manor farm, ____ Hill

34. Shoe specification

35. Kind of fair

36. “Danny and the Dinosaur” author Hoff
37. Void of emotion

Down

1. Evidence collectors

2. “____ extra cost!”

3. Raise, as children

4. Charity event

5. Abracadabra

6. Garden feed

7. Close enough

8. On-line journal article

10. “Born Free” lioness

11. Foreign denial

18. It should help you breathe easier

19. Mountaintop homes

20. 2000 Olympics city

21. Razzed

24. Expresses amazement

25. Oil org.

26. Meek

29. Former British Prime Minister, first name

30. Book after Proverbs, abbr.

33. Chief

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The Wrong Way to Protect Your House

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

While your house is generally considered an exempt asset for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, it is not insulated from Medicaid coming after it later. Once granted eligibility, Medicaid can file a lien against your house to preserve their right to recover benefits paid on your behalf once the house is sold. Even if a lien is not filed, another method of recourse is for Medicaid to file a claim against your estate after your death. In my experience, recovery efforts are becoming more aggressive. Thus, planning for your house is a necessity. Planning does NOT mean you should transfer your house to your children, however. Instead, transferring your house to a Medicaid Trust is more appropriate and more protective.

When you make an outright transfer of your house to your children, there are unforeseen pitfalls. For instance, you will not be entitled to the STAR exemption or to deduct the real estate taxes paid on the house. And what happens if your child



dies? Upon your child's death, the house might be lost to an in-law. Often overlooked are the creditor issues. If your child has debts or judgments, they may become liens on the property. One of the biggest creditors of a child is a divorcee spouse. If a divorce proceeding is commenced, it is possible that the house could become the subject of an equitable distribution award.

From a tax perspective, there are adverse capital gains consequences. To illustrate, assume you purchased the house for \$150,000 and made \$100,000 of capital improvements. Your cost basis is \$250,000. If you, as the owner, sell the house for \$750,000, there would be a \$500,000 capital gain. If you meet certain use and ownership requirements, the tax law allows you to exclude all or a portion of that gain.

When you make an outright transfer of the house to your children, your children's basis is the same as your ba-

sis. Using the example above, this means that their basis is the same \$250,000. Unfortunately, your children are likely not entitled to exclude any of the capital gain. Thus, if they sold the house for the same \$750,000, they would recognize a \$500,000 capital gain and pay taxes on that amount.

Another shortsighted planning technique is the life estate deed. So often we see non-elder law attorneys advising their clients to transfer their house to their children while retaining the right to live in the house. While this was a popular planning technique prior to 2005, it is no longer the proper way to protect your house. In 2005, the laws changed, and the irrevocable Medicaid Trust became front and center because of the many benefits it offers as opposed to a life estate deed. The differences between a life estate deed and Medicaid Trust are too technical to discuss in this article, but I am willing to meet with you to further educate you.

A Medicaid Trust is the proper vehicle for protecting your house. You can read more about the benefits of a Medicaid Trust at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com.

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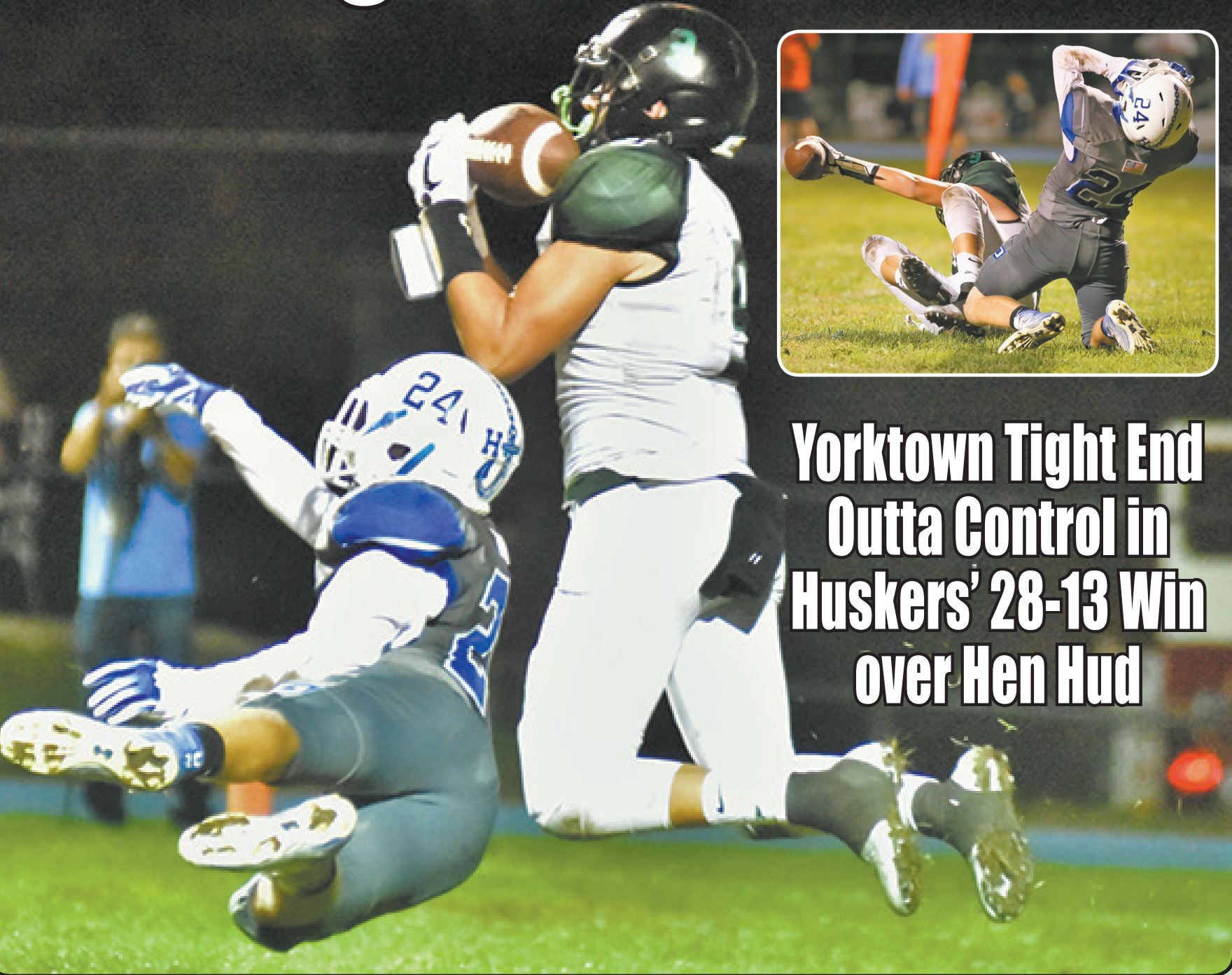
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**Yorktown Tight End
Outta Control in
Huskers' 28-13 Win
over Hen Hud**



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown TE Naim Sinanaj rages against the machine, hauling in one of four touchdown catches he would make in the Huskers' 28-13 win over distraught Hendrick Hudson DB Jordan Grullon (inset, No.28) and the host Sailors last Friday night when the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Huskers improved to 3-0 while the Sailors slid to 0-3... see Grid Notebook

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Grid Notebook

Section 1 Champ Yorktown Beats Hen Hud, Gains Momentum

Brewster Reels off 3rd-Straight Win; Carmel, Mahopac Chalk up Class AA Wins

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Don't look now, but the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Yorktown Cornhuskers (3-0) are starting to take on a look that might land them in the 2018 finals, or semifinals, worst-case scenario: Provided the Huskers clean up their act (they won despite 15 penalties). After scoring 28 first-half points on four TD passes from QB Tommy Weaver to TE Naim Sinanaj, the 2017 NYS runner-up Huskers cruised to a 28-13 win over host Hendrick Hudson (0-3) last Friday night.

What's in a Naim? Here's what... Weaver (11 of 23 for 190 yards) and the 6'4" Sinanaj (128 yards), who signaled for the ball like Randy Moss used to, hit on touchdown strikes of 37, 18, 27 and 20 yards in the first half. The final TD pass came 18 seconds before the half, just a minute after Hen Hud trimmed the Husker lead to 21-7. It was a demoralizing shot to say the least for a Hen Hud team that has faced one of the toughest schedules in the section (opponents are a combined 8-1).

Hen Hud QB Manny Carbone fired a pair of TD passes, including a 26-yard spiral to good looking sophomore TE Rafael Fasolino late in the first half. He spun another 55-yarder to Donte White and had the Sailors in scoring possession again before an INT at the Huskers five by Keith Boyer, the Yorktown sophomore DB/RB, who also rushed for 74 yards.



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER/RICK KUPERBERG/BILL KENNEDY/ADRIENNE KAMALSKY PHOTOS

Emerging Yorktown RB Dylan Smith chugs for big yards in 28-13 win over Hen Hud Friday.

"Naim and Tommy have been long overdue," Husker Coach Mike Rescigno said. "Teams are trying to plug up our run game with aggressive box play. When they do, this what we always hope can happen."

"As far as the penalties," the coach added, "we are entering a part of our schedule that simply will not forgive rookie mistakes. We have a grand total of four seniors at most in our starting line up on either side of the ball at any given time. This is a source of pride for us and

will not be a source for excuses. I have nothing but full confidence that our mistakes can and will be fixed during this practice week. As you saw, when the mistakes happen, they get each other's backs and find a way. I have been amazed week after week by the way new faces are finding their way onto the field. Our kids are hungry. They are fun to coach and we're looking forward to the fireworks ahead!"

They won't have to wait long with neighboring rival Somers on deck this Friday...

SOMERS Coach Tony DeMatteo said prior to the season

that he expected some growing pains as a relatively untested unit took over for a Tusker program that had unmatched Class A success since 2012, winning three sectional titles and losing a fourth to Yorktown last November. The legendary was boss was right, as Somers slithered out to an 0-2 start before opening some eyes last Friday in a 35-0 whipping of host Fox Lane.

Somers FB Jack Kaiser had his coming out party, rushing for 118 yards and two touchdowns while WR Charlie Balancia snagged four balls for 81 yards and a pair of scores. Yes, Somers answered the bell with its playoff hopes hanging in the balance, but the biggest test of the young season will come this Friday when the Tuskers visit Yorktown (7 p.m.).

Neither the Huskers, nor the rival Tuskers, are the team it was last season, but Yorktown needs this non-league victory to keep alive its hopes for an undefeated regular season while Somers can ill-afford to go 1-3.

With the easy portion of its schedule out of the way, **BREWSTER** (3-0) will turn its attention to undefeated John Jay CR with first place in League A-D on the line after the Bears shutout winless **LAKELAND**, 14-0. Charlie Russell and Justin Niles each picked off a pass for the Bears, who pitched a second-straight shutout.

Bears QB Brendan Fox and RB Mike Martinez each found paydirt for Brewster.

Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill knows there's work to do, but 3-0 is 3-0 and he seems pretty proud of this young unit.



Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver (5) and TE Naim Sinanaj celebrate one of four TDs the duo would hook up for in 28-13 win over Hen Hud last Friday.

"It's a great start for us and we're very excited about it," Mulvihill said. "We had many question marks going into this season, having graduated 10 starters on defense, four offensive lineman and all of the running backs. Our young kids have been a pleasant surprise. We still have a long way to go, but they are picking things up quickly and allowing us to put in some more scheme as the season goes forward."

"Offensively, our line has performed well and is improving," the coach added. "We've had good play from our QB and the RB's have been the real surprise for our offense. They run very hard and are quick out of their cuts. Our next three games are against some highly-ranked teams, so we will need to improve quickly in order to grab a win but we are on the right path."

OT/DT Jason Green led Lakeland with eight tackles and has kept the pressure at a minimum on the blind side all season.

WALTER PANAS (1-2) found the win column for the first time this season when RB David Louis plowed for a pair of scores. Sean Laukatitis and Lucas Feliciano each scored a TD for the winners, who visit mighty state-ranked (No.14) Lourdes in Week 4.

CLASS AA

CARMEL certainly got back into the thick of the Class AA North/West league title chase with a convincing 31-0 win



Hen Hud QB Manny Carbone did all he could in Sailors' 28-13 loss to Yorktown, having a hand in both Hen Hud scores.

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over host RCK. Rams QB Peyton Cayea hit on 4-5 passing for 106 yard and a scoring strike to Joe Pellegrino (3 grabs for 89 yards and 1 TD). Cayea also rushed five times for 59 yards and a score.

Carmel's Andrew Nunez (7-yard TD run) and HB Sam Duke (19 rushes, 95) yards rounded out a multi-pronged rushing attack. Ram Andrew Bumgarner added a 30-yard touchdown with 8:38 to play. Chris Jordan had an interception to set up the game's first score, and K Christian Hutra booted a 21-yd field goal. The Rams, who have allowed just 10 points in three games, are hoping to get versatile RB/DB Alex Beauchesne back healthy next week for a monster tilt when Carmel (2-1) will host North Rockland in its homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 22.

"We played a lot better than last week," Carmel Coach Todd Cayea admitted. "I think the loss to Arlington was a good wake-up call, but there's so much work to be done. We came out relatively healthy; just some bumps and bruises. We're in the meat grinder in this league. North

Rockland next, so one day at a time."

That approach has kept Carmel relevant year in and year out...

MAHOPAC saved its season with a 27-6 win over host Suffern, doing so behind a signature game from senior QB Anthony Corrado, who rushed for three TDs and 67 yards on 10 totes. Senior HB Tim Cegielski was a workhorse back, going for 155 yards on just 15 carries. Corrado (7 of 14 passing for 73 yards) also found WR Rheal Allen open four times for 57 yards, including a score.

OSSINING (3-0) went old school on Poughkeepsie



Mahopac RB Tim Cegielski rushed for more than 150 yards in Indians' win over Suffern last Friday.

Carravone (4 tackles and a sack) lead the way.

"The game was an absolute battle on both sides of the ball," PV Coach Ryan Elsasser said. "It was a fun game to be a part of, each team was coming up with big plays and big stops when they needed them. It was definitely exciting. We still have some things to clean up, but things are starting to come together for us and the kids are starting to play well together. I was very proud of the fight and determination that was displayed during the game."

Next week is going to be a huge challenge against an Ardsley team that defeated reigning NYS Class B champion Pleasantville in Week 1.

CLASS D

HALDANE (1-1) saw senior RB Sammy "The Bull" Giachinta score the Blue Devils' first two scores on rushes on a pair of 66-yard jaunts before punctuating a 38-12 win over Croton with a 42-yard TD catch from QB Daniel Santos, who fired his first TD strike to WR Matt Champlin. Giachinta finished with 188 yards on just



Yorktown TE Naim Sinanaj hauls in one of four TDs he would snag in 28-13 win over Hen hud.

in a 55-6 rout, doing its damage on the ground. Josh Manning (12 carries, 140 yards), Z'air Fields (9 carries, 128 yards), Izaiah Steen (8 carries 108 yards, 2 TDs, blocked punt), JT Turnquist (8 carries, 58 yards, 2 TDs, 45-yard TD grab), Xavier Morris (2 carries 46 yards, TD), Terence Williams (3-yard TD), Chris Sanchez (2 carries for 15 yards), Isaiah Beltran (45 yard TD pass)

and Salman Bhatti (TD on blocked punt) were all part of a 499-yard rushing attack and 544 total yards.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY (1-2) was desperate for a win after starting out 0-2, so it turned on the jets in a 20-14 win over host Bronxville last Saturday and got a necessary, well-rounded effort. QB Quin Strang connected on 7 of 17 passes for 178 yards and two touchdown passes, and another on the ground. He also picked off a Bronco pass to end the game in what was, without question, his best game of his career.

Tiger RB John Listwan had 18 rushes for 92 yards and a 2-point conversion, plus five tackles.

The receiving corps was special. Put Valley WR/LB Darnell Shillingford had three catches for 70 yards and 30-yard touchdown snatch, plus seven tackles and a sack on D. Freshman WR Cole Duroucher had his coming out party with a dazzling 40-yard TD catch off a madcap scramble (keep an eye on this Duroucher chap).

The defense saw DT Christopher Cottrell (5 tackles, 1 for a loss, sack, two hurries and a fumble recovery), LB Jake Listwan (6 tackles, sack, 1 caused fumble), Matthew Aviles (2 fumble recoveries on special teams) and DL Matthew



Croton RB Mike Mamone is stopped by Haldane's Andrew Aiston and Sabastian Iacobucci in Tigers' loss to Blue Devils last Saturday.

13 carries while Sanots had 79 yards on a mere four totes.

CHSAA

KENNEDY CATHOLIC (2-0) routed visiting Nazareth, 28-0. Gaels RB Myles Proctor had 12 huge carries 140 yards and a TD. Kennedy 6'5" 225-pound TE Eric Volpi hauled in an 80-yard TD reception from QB Ryan Johnson, who fired three TD passes, including two to RB Brandon Gibson (3 catches, 65 yards). LB Cole Esposito forced a fumble, notched two sacks and dictated the defensive tempo for the Gaels (2-0).



Carmel LB Chris Jordan makes shoestring stop in Rams' 31-0 win over host RCK last Friday.

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Soccer Notebook

Don't Sleep on Class AA Ossining or Class A Brewster

By Ray Gallagher
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It's been a while since Class A Brewster and Class AA Ossining were completely relevant on the Section 1 soccer scene. Sure, both have had some nice players and some decent clubs, but neither were really talked about as potential Section 1 title contenders for quite some time.

We told you in this space last week not to sleep on **OSSINING** and we mean that more than ever after the Pride improved to 4-0-1 after a 2-2 draw with Scarsdale Saturday and a 5-1 win over RCK earlier in the week.

Last year, Mateo Marra was the star for the Pride, and while he's still quite studly, the rest of the unit has picked it up this season. When all 11 players are clicking on their new, widened field the Pride can challenge anyone. Nolan Lenaghan scored both goals for the Pride against Scarsdale, the first coming off a Mateo Marra assist and the second from Eric Monges.

A stout defense, which has allowed just three goals this season, invigorates the transition game, and the Pride will know exactly where they stand come Monday night when they take on an Arlington program that has been the upper crust of Section 1 for much of the past decade.

BREWSTER is led defensively by sweeper Anthony Ferrandino, who added a pair of goals in the Bears' 4-0 win over Peekskill on Saturday. Feisty Patrick Feehan got the Bears rolling 17 minutes in to the fray and Valentin Markaj

added another.

"We worked quite a bit on defensive fundamentals in August and as we started to play games, we began to work more on team defense every day in all phases of the game," Brewster Coach Scott Potusek said. "We have developed some confidence and we feel good about how we have improved so far, but there is a lot of work to do. We had a tough start to the season with the death of our teammate and friend, Oscar Gonzalez. Through all of that, what stands out to me most is how incredibly lucky I am to be able to coach this team. We have a lot of tough, tough games to play in a very short period of time. However, what has helped us kick off our season so well is what will carry us to the end. It's the egoless, thoughtful, upbeat attitude our team possesses. We have fun, work hard, and we are one."

The Bears are living by the mantra "Sweep the Sheds", meaning: Never be too big to do the small things that need to be done, and they will need to live by that when they face Lakeland, Nyack and Somers in succession from September 21-25...

SOMERS had a big bounce-back win in a 2-0 triumph of Union City (NJ). Lucas Fecci, the section's leading scorer, and Bennett Leitner scored for the Tuskers. Drew Lasher, one of the section's premier playmakers, added two more assists.

Fecci feels the team is ready to get on a run.

"It was a tough loss to Yorktown but with Connor (O'Donoghue) back in net and

BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS



Mahopac's Grace DiVincenzo continued her stellar two-way play in the Indians' 4-0 win over Sleepy Hollow last week.



Mahopac's Hailey Pereira shows teammate Mia Klammer (6) some love after one of two goals she would net in 4-0 win over Sleepy.

everyone playing the way we should play it looks like we're back on track," Fecci said.

All the talk coming out of this region has been about Somers and state-ranked (No.3) **YORKTOWN** contending for the Class A title, but the reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers were knocked off for the first time this season in a 2-0 loss to state-ranked (No.18) Rockland power Tappan Zee, who certainly cannot be written off as a potential title contender in a cluster-flub of high-end Class A squads.

"We had the better of the play, more possession," Yorktown Assistant Coach Justin Huff said.

"They packed it in after their goal and caught us on a mistake on the second. They had two players of quality. I'll give them credit on capitalizing on our defensive mistakes, but I would love to play them again in sectionals."

Good chance of that happening, coach...
GIRLS SOCCER

MAHOPAC sophomore Mia Klammer (2G) is coming in to her own along the wing, and that was fairly evident in the unbeaten Indians' 3-0 win over visiting Mamaroneck last Saturday. Colgate-bound junior M Carly Steinberg followed up a three-goal effort against Scarsdale (a 3-0 win) with one more against Mamor. Indian G Isabel Omboni, who has been

incredible in goal all season, posted two more shutouts for an Indian team that could and should roll out a top 10-15 NYS ranking when state pollsters release their poll this week...

PUTNAM VALLEY got back on track with a 2-1 win over Briarcliff in double OT when Natalie Mazza scored her first goal ever and the game-winning goal with 48 seconds left from Lindsey Cohen. Dannia Jadan also tickled twine for the Tigers (2-1), who hadn't come roaring out of the gate as expected after reaching the sectional semifinals a year ago (a 4-1 loss to Rye Neck caught some by surprise). PV was set to be tested on Monday against a Valhalla team they beat by PK's in last year's playoffs, so this should be a pretty good barometer as to where they stand in Class B...

Dahlia Pepe had one goal and two assists in a 4-2 **SOMERS** win over Harrison. I can only imagine how good Coach Paul Saia's Somers team might be if it hadn't been crushed by academy players opting for the "greener pastures" of club soccer.

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Field Hockey Notebook

Coaching Tree Extends for Sarsen, Westchester Hall of Famer

By Tony Pinciario

Once Shannon Scavelli graduated from the University of Michigan, where she played field hockey, the former Lakeland great was sure of one thing when she returned home.

"While I was in Michigan, I was coaching youth field hockey for several years and I knew when I came back to New York, I wanted to stay involved in the game," said Scavelli, who has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Masters in Social Work, both from Michigan.

Scavelli received a great opportunity for her first coaching position in New York and could not turn it down. Scavelli, who played on three state Class B champion teams, 2009-11, is the Lakeland varsity field hockey assistant coach alongside legendary varsity coach, Sharon Sarsen, who, after more than 620 wins in 36 years, will be inducted in to the Westchester County Hall of Fame on October 18th.

"Sars asked me if I wanted to coach at Lakeland and I was honored to be asked to be part of her coaching staff," said Scavelli, who is a Social Worker.

Scavelli rejoined the Lakeland field hockey coaching family. Former Lakeland great and co-captain of the 2003 state Class A champion, Danielle Fiore, is the junior varsity coach and fellow Lakeland great and co-captain of the 2003 state-title team, Andi (Coiro) Geraghty, is the modified coach. Fiore



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Mahopac sophomore April Heady gives chase in Indians' 4-0 loss to visiting Clarks town South last Thursday.

and Geraghty were the lone seniors on the 2003 championship team which featured four freshmen, including former U.S. National/Olympic team captain, Melissa Gonzalez.

The Sarsen coaching tree is not confined to Lakeland. Megan Bozek is an assistant coach at her alma mater, the University of New Hampshire and Gonzalez is now an assistant at Wake Forest. Samantha (Carr) Fahey is a Columbia assistant and Renae (Rutigliano) Cimillo is the Arlington varsity assistant coach and head of the Dutchess Field Hockey Club. Recent New Hampshire graduate Gianna Bensaia is coaching at a Rhode Island high school and Amy Voelkel, a four-year varsity player and member of the 2003 and '06 state-title teams, is the Pearl River modified coach.

Many of Sarsen's former players have since retired from coaching and they include,

Colleen Carney (Somers), Kelly Cronin (Sleepy Hollow) and Sara Gonzalez (Harrison), just to name a few. And, Bari (Malan) Martinelli was Sarsen's JV coach for 10 years.

"I love when my players stay involved in the game," Sarsen said. "It shows how much the game has meant to them."

Geraghty, who was the defensive leader on the '03 championship team, is a Social Worker at Copper Beech Middle School. Geraghty said once she told Sarsen about the position, she quickly added another job to her resume.

"Sars said, 'Great, you can be my modified coach,'" said Coiro, who played at Sacred Heart. "I love being around the game and teaching a new generation of girls to love the game as well as what it means to be part of a team. That's really what I focus on at the modified level."

"Playing field hockey has always been a huge part of my life and being a part of the Lakeland field hockey community is fun and I'm glad I'm able to give back to the community I grew up in."

Scavelli pointed out that during her playing days she began considering coaching, because of Sarsen.

"Sars taught me so much about the game of field hockey and she prepared me for field hockey at the college level, and life in general," Scavelli said. "Sars also instilled her passion for the game of field hockey and the art of coaching. I am grateful that I had the experience to play for and now coach with Sars."

Sarsen is happy to be reunited with her former players.

"I love that Shannon, Danielle and Andi are coaching with me," Sarsen said. "They know the game and they know the 'Lakeland way.' Nothing else needs to be taught. And, they get me. That's the toughest part!"

Lakeland improved to 5-0 this season with victories over Pearl River, 9-0, and Bronxville, 7-0. Lakeland has yet to allow a goal this season.

Keirra Ettere and Julianna Cappello each had two goals against Pearl River. Julia Cummings added one goal and two assists and Gianna Scialdone and Jenna McCrudden each had one goal and one assist.

Cummings had a hat trick and two assists against Bronxville. Emily Kness and Emma Halderman each had two goals and one assist.

Hen Hud split a pair of games, dropping a 4-0 verdict to Byram Hills in heavy rain, but rebounded with a 2-0 victory over Our Lady of Lourdes.

Olivia Freitas and Kiely Beltran, her first of the season, scored against Lourdes with assists going to Sydney Muranaka and Taeghan Dapson. Goalie Olivia Doorley made 10 saves.

"Teamwork and tenacity were the recipe for our victory over Lourdes," Hen Hud coach Melissa Locatelli said.

Following a scoreless first half, North Salem scored twice in the second half in a win over PUTNAM VALLEY, last Thursday.

"It was a great defensive effort by all, especially for our new goalie, junior Isabel Healy, who in her second game ever made four saves," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "It was a great showing by defenders, Lauren Seiler and Angelica Ordonez, and midfielder, Danielle Cunningham. We have plenty of practices to improve our skills and grow from playing against a talented North Salem team."

YORKTOWN had one game – a 4-1 loss to Harrison – as Izzy Cicinelli scored, assisted by Kelsey McDonnell.

Yorktown coach Bernadette Gannon said goalie Adeline Araneo had an amazing day with 18 saves.

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Putnam Valley junior D Lauren Seiler clears her zone in Tigers' 2-0 loss to host North Salem last Thursday.

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