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Eagle Scout Helps Guiding Eyes

New Eagle Scout Ray Schmidt of BSA Troop 164 recently celebrated his achievement and was congratulated by Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel (right) and scout leaders. Schmidt, who grew up in Yorktown, built three training ramps/stairs for the puppies at Guiding Eyes for the Blind for his Eagle Scout project.

Work Planned to Ease Congestion on 202 Near Lowe's

By Rick Pezzullo

Since the new Lowe's home improvement store opened its doors in Yorktown in early April, traffic congestion on Route 202 near the Taconic State Parkway entrance and exit ramps has been an issue.

However, Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert announced last week several road repairs and improvements are planned during the next few weeks that are expected to help vehicles travel more smoothly and quickly through the area.

"We have all suffered through it," Gilbert said of the extensive delays that have occurred by the choppy state-controlled



Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert

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Buchanan to Continue Offering Police, Sanitation Services



Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker

By Rick Pezzullo

With the Indian Point nuclear power plants shutting down in two years and the \$3 million it pays in property taxes decreasing each year, the Village of Buchanan is exploring every potential funding source and cost savings measure available.

"There's a lot of balls in the air. We're just trying to keep the village viable and thriving," Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said during her recent State of the Village Address.

Knickerbocker, who was reelected to a third two-year term in March, revealed village officials met with Westchester County Police and Peekskill Police to

discuss possibly outsourcing the village's police services, which costs \$1.8 million annually.

However, she said the savings to Buchanan in both cases was minimal, leading the Board of Trustees to decide it was best for the village to keep control of its five-member force.

In addition, the village approached the Town of Cortlandt about taking over the village's sanitation services, and that also proved not to be beneficial from a financial standpoint, plus Buchanan would have lost one regular garbage pickup day that it currently has.

"We're just trying to do what's right for the village. We're just trying to keep the

village affordable," Knickerbocker said.

In January 2017, Entergy, which purchased the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan more than 16 years ago, announced, to the complete surprise of local leaders, its plan for the early and orderly shutdown of the Indian Point Energy Center by April 30, 2021 as part of a settlement with New York State and Riverkeeper.

Knickerbocker said if she was in the room during those negotiations it would not have played out the same way. Instead, ever since, she has been consumed with how best to deal with the loss of 46% of the village's budget.

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roadway and timing of the traffic signals that have only allowed a handful of vehicles to proceed before turning red again. Gilbert said he has had several meetings in recent weeks with state Department of Transportation representatives and consultants, along with contractors and officials from Breslin Realty, which built the 124,000-square-foot Lowe's, and also has plans to construct three other

retail buildings on the 25-acre property: one 9,000 square feet, one 6,300 square feet and one 2,100 square feet with a drive-thru feature. Out of those meetings, Gilbert said a game plan has been established, starting this week, where certain sections of the roadway will be ripped out to allow repairs in certain spots. Next week, for three nights, one of the developer's contractors will mill and repave the road

from Strang Blvd to Old Crompond Road---weather permitting. "I believe a number of our residents are not aware that Route 202 is a state road and the town does not have control over that road," Gilbert explained. After the road is paved, Gilbert said another contractor will install a loop in the road's pavement. This loop is designed to detect traffic and adjust the pre-programmed timing of the lights to accom-

modate the actual flow of traffic. That is expected to take approximately 12 days. He noted one of the main concerns of the Department of Transportation is that traffic not backup on the Taconic State Parkway when cars are attempting to exit the parkway. He added the state does not allow its roadways, including Route 202, to be repaved until the asphalt plants are opened and the temperature reaches a constant 40 degrees.

Buchanan to Continue Offering Police, Sanitation Services

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"The Village of Buchanan is experiencing one of the largest events that we have ever experienced with the closing of Indian Point," she said. "Indian Point to us has a lot of history. We did not make the decision to close the plants. We shouldn't be burnt to a crisp. Nobody is worried about the Village of Buchanan. Nobody cares about us. This is our home. We are the host community." A local Community Unity Task Force, of which Knickerbocker is a prominent member, was established a few years ago and has been meeting regularly to address the property tax implications of Indian Point's departure, along with the

loss of approximately 1,100 jobs and the future use of the 240-acre site in Buchanan. Of those 240 acres, which once housed an amusement park, 60 is considered pristine property, according to Knickerbocker, and would be challenging to develop. "It hasn't been touched probably since the Indians were there," she said. There are several federal and state bills pending regarding the possible taxation of spent fuel rods that will be stored at Indian Point for decades after the plants close. There is also a state cessation fund that has been set up where affected communities can draw money from after the plants close, but that account wasn't funded this year in Albany.

In the meantime, a Community Advisory Panel (CAP), of which Knickerbocker will chair, was announced in late March to serve as a communication vehicle for issues surrounding the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear power plants. The 25-member group also includes Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi serving as vice chairwoman, county executives from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, and state representatives. "We will be the eyes, ears and voices of all the community," Knickerbocker said at the time. "This is a regional issue. This is not a political thing." Knickerbocker said CAP will have its

first meeting in June. "We, the village, need you as we go forward to come to these meetings and voice your opinion," Knickerbocker said to residents during her State of the Village Address. "We need village residents to stand up and yell. We are one community. I don't care if you lived here 100 years or just moved in. This is a great community to fight for."

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Millwood Man Sentenced in Sex Trafficking of Minors

By Martin Wilbur

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the FBI announced May 3 that a Millwood man was sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison for sex trafficking of minors and child pornography.

Victor Gonzalez, 41, was sentenced on May 2 in federal court in White Plains after pleading guilty to the charges on Jan. 24. U.S. District Judge Cathy Seibel imposed the sentence.

Gonzalez was sentenced to nine years and seven months in jail and will receive 10 years of supervised release. He must also provide restitution to the victims in an amount to be determined at a later date by the court.

"Victor Gonzalez admitted to the reprehensible crimes of trafficking underage girls for his commercial benefit and producing child pornography of one of his victims," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman. "He will now serve over 19 years in prison, where he will not be able to harm any more children."

Authorities said that from at least 2014 to about June 2018, Gonzalez engaged in the sex trafficking of three teenage girls for his commercial benefit. He solicited Victim-1, who was 14 or 15 years old at the time, and Victim-2, who was 15 or 16 years old, for sex in exchange for money.

He met Victim-3, who was 17 years old,

on an online dating website after he misrepresented himself as being in his 20s, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

After establishing a relationship with each of the victims, Gonzalez, using online services and the telephone, posted online advertisements for commercial sex services with the minor victims and arranged for the victims to engage in those services with adult men. He also transported the victims on multiple occasions to meet with those men in New York and Connecticut.

Gonzalez also sexually abused the victims himself. In addition, around Janu-

ary 2016, he produced a video containing child pornography of Victim-1, depicting himself engaged in sexual activity with the victim.

"It is our responsibility as a community to protect the vulnerable and stop people like Mr. Gonzalez from ever harming girls again," said FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. "However, the FBI needs your help and law enforcement cannot do this on our own. We work with dedicated detectives, community activists and charity organizations who do all they can to help these girls get away from these criminals

and rebuild their lives. We also need help from the community."

The FBI asked anyone who knows of young girls or boys in similar trouble, to contact the FBI at 212-384-1000.

Berman noted that outstanding investigative work was performed in this case by the FBI's Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, the Greenburgh Police Department and the New Castle Police Department. He also thanked the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and the White Plains Police Department for their assistance.

Police Blotter

State Police

April 26 - State Police from Hawthorne arrested Derek C. O'Donnell, 40, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Yorktown when he was involved in a three-car personal injury motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

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Six Vie for Three Seats on Hen Hud Board of Education

By Rick Pezzullo

Six candidates are vying for three available seats on the Hendrick Hudson Board of Education on Tuesday, May 21 in the only contested race in the area.

Incumbents seeking new three-year terms in Hendrick Hudson are board Vice President Carol Abraham and trustees Lisa Anderson and William Oricchio.

During a recent forum, Abraham, Anderson and Oricchio predominately mentioned the financial challenges facing the district with the scheduled closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in the Village of Buchanan, which will leave the district with an annual shortfall of \$24 million, 33% of its operating budget.

"The primary challenge will be the change in our revenue stream and how to replace that," said Abraham, who has served seven years as a trustee, the last two as board vice president. "It is a crucial time to have an experienced, knowledgeable team. We will need board members who have proven they can work together."

Anderson said the board and district officials will have to "reassess what's really important to us" with the loss of revenue from Indian Point.

"I think we will be able to do it," said

Anderson, a 12-year resident with three children attending district schools who is seeking a second term.

Oricchio, a 30-year resident of Verplanck and a certified public accountant, has served nine total years on the board and agreed a cohesive board is the most effective.

"I think we should keep continuity, especially with Indian Point moving out of our area," he said. "We will have to make some changes to keep taxes at a reasonable rate."

Running as a slate opposing the incumbents are Robert McCarthy, Kimberly Ryan and Daniel Stewart.

"The Hendrick Hudson School district is entering a very difficult time with the closure of Indian Point, and the financial impact that will be felt throughout. I feel that my experience handling tight budgetary constraints will help me better understand the issues we will face, and find a way to work within the confines the District is presented, to provide the best academic environment for our children without a major impact on our taxpayers," said McCarthy, a water and sewer grade two maintenance technician for Westchester County who has two children in the district.

"Why am I running? The best answer

is we need change. The Board is a three-year term not indefinitely. The status quo becomes an obstacle to improvement," Ryan stated. "When I announced my candidacy, I never thought I would face criticism and negativity. But, I'm ready and I know I will represent you to the best of my ability. As with any Board, the relationship with the Superintendent is important; however, we need to ask serious questions about our financial position, we need to have teachers speak openly about problems with the curriculum, we need to encourage every community member to have a voice in the district, so we need CHANGE."

"I am running for the board for several reasons. I believe I am a problem solver and would be a great asset in helping navigate our district with the changes we are facing," said Stewart, a Hendrick Hudson High School graduate and father of two boys in the district "Over the course of my insurance career I have served on numerous boards and advisory panels. In addition, I feel there is a disconnect with the current board and our community, I would like to try and repair the disconnect and build a trust between the board and the people we serve."

Voters will also be weighing-in on the 2019/2020 proposed \$80 million budget,

which carries an estimated 2.19% tax increase for Cortlandt residents and an estimated 4.11% tax decrease for Peekskill residents. A proposition not to exceed \$417,200 for the purchase of two 72-passenger buses, two 18-passenger vans and an SUV-type vehicle to be shared by security personnel also appears on the ballot.

The Board of Education and budget vote will take place Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School.

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School Budgets, Propositions, Board Candidates at a Glance

By Rick Pezzullo

Budgets, propositions and uncontested Board of Education races will be on the ballot when residents in six local school districts go to the polls on Tuesday, May 21

Lakeland

In the Lakeland School District, voters will be presented with a \$174.8 million budget, which includes enhanced security features and funding for school resource officers. A \$1.5 million proposition for the purchase of six large buses, four 30-passenger buses, six 20-passenger buses, two wheelchair-able vans and other vehicles is also on the ballot.

Property owners in Yorktown (-0.3%), Carmel (-1.5%) and Philipstown (-1.7%) are estimated to receive tax decreases, while residents in Cortlandt (1.5%), Somers (2.2%) and Putnam Valley (2.7%) are estimated to see slight tax hikes.

The Board of Education will have two new members as longtime trustees Steve Korn and Steve Rosen have opted not to run for reelection.

The lone incumbent in this year's race for three seats is Robert Mayes. Joining him on the ballot and, subsequently, on the Board of Education in July will be Becky Burfeind and Adam Kaufman.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to

9 p.m. at Van Cortlandtville Elementary School on Route 6.

Yorktown

In the Yorktown School District, residents will vote on a \$98.1 million budget. The budget calls for a 0.67% tax increase (\$6.54) for town residents, 2.42% increase (\$33) in Cortlandt and a 0.85% (-\$1.04) decrease in New Castle.

The Board of Education in Yorktown will remain the same as incumbents Reshmi Bose, Cheryl Reynolds and Lisa Rolle are the only candidates running.

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Mohansic Elementary School on Locksley Road.

Somers

In the Somers School District, voters will weigh-in on a \$93.6 million budget with a districtwide 2.65% tax increase.

Three seats are up for grabs on the Board of Education in Somers and one of those seats will be filled by a newcomer as board President Donna Rosenblum is not seeking a new term. Incumbent trustees Joseph Marra (vice president) and Ifay Chang will be returning, while Chadwick Olsen will replace Rosenblum.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Somers Middle School on Route

202.

Peekskill

In the Peekskill School District, the proposed \$96.69 million spending plan carries a 2% districtwide tax increase.

Three incumbents are running unopposed on the Board of Election for new three-year terms: President Michael Simpkins, Vice President Maria Pereira and Trustee Jillian Villon.

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Peekskill High School.

Ossining

A \$134 million budget is being proposed in the Ossining School District.

The Ossining Board of Education will have two members this summer as incumbents Lisa Murray (president) and Bill Kress are not seeking reelection. They will be replaced by Melissa Banta and Aaron Spring, both of whom ran unsuccessfully in 2018.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Ossining High School in the small gym.

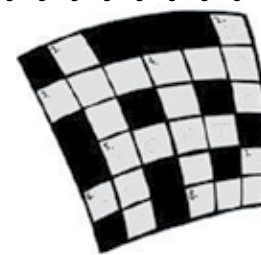
Croton

A \$48.5 million budget is being proposed in the Croton-Harmon School District. Estimated tax increases are

2.54% for Cortlandt residents and 0.74% for Yorktown residents. There will also be a proposition on the ballot not to exceed \$295,000 for the purchase of one 66-passenger bus, two eight-passenger caravans and one facilities truck.

There will be no suspense in the Croton-Harmon School District as board President Iris Bugliosi and Trustee Joshua Diamond are the only two candidates running for two available seats.

Voting will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Croton-Harmon High School.



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Business of the Week

By Neal Rentz

Yorktown resident Dr. Tawfiq Rahman is president of DOCTR Derma Care, which is located in Peekskill Central Market.

Rahman explained last week what derma care is. "Basically, it's skin care rejuvenation," he said. Skin care rejuvenation is provided in a variety of ways at DOCTR Derma Care.

Microdermabrasion and chemical peels, two of the procedures offered at DOCTR Derma Care, take off the top layer of the skin, Rahman said. "We're exposing the newer, healthier skin at the bottom," he noted. "We shed our skin every 20 to 30 days normally, so we're just speeding up that process and it is healthier and younger."

In microdermabrasion the skin is cleaned and cleansed then is peeled, Rahman said. "You're physically taking off the top layer," he said. "We add a serum on top of that to really go deep inside. And then after that we clear that off and then we have a diamond tipped machine that uses suction. It's painless."

The procedure takes between 20 and 30 minutes, he said. His competitors make take up to 90 minutes to perform



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Yorktown resident Dr. Tawfiq Rahman is president of DOCTR Derma Care in Peekskill.

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The products used in his procedures are approved by the FDA, Rahman said. "Anyone can open up a shop and say they're doing skin care," he said. "But we don't really know what's inside what they're using."

Other skincare providers can say they are using extracts and oils in their chemical peels, but his products have been tested through clinical trials, Rahman said. Chemical peels differ from microdermabrasion because there is little more downtime for patients who have

the procedure, he said. "The skin actually literally starts peeling off," he explained, adding the treatment is not painful.

Microdermabrasion, which takes between 20 and 30 minutes is helpful for those who have acne, Rahman said. "Acne is probably one of the main reasons" for people seeking is services, particularly those in their 20s and early 30s, he said. After four or five treatments improvements can be seen in his patients, Rahman said.

What his business offers are much lower prices than his competitors, Rahman said. "Other people are ripping you off," he said. "I'm just taking less of the profit and giving it back to the people."

"Skin care is very important. It's the largest organ of the body," Rahman said. "Skin care is actually the most diagnosed cancer in America." By caring for your skin, "you're taking precautionary measures for overall health," he said.

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Obituaries

Stanley Graham

Stanley Graham, a resident of Putnam Valley, died May 7. He was 98.

He was born October 7, 1920 in Pittsburgh PA. Mr. Graham was a scenic artist who worked in the film industry for 35 years. His most notable work was the street scenes in *The Godfather*. He was adventurous and loved to travel. He took and studied supplements that enabled him to enjoy good health.

He is survived by his traveling companion of 23 years, Marie Zarcone, daughter Lynn Phillips (Chris), grandchildren John Boniello (Andrea), Jason Boniello (Jill), CPL Shawn Phillips U.S. Army and Amanda Phillips Mesli (Réda), and great-grandchildren Gina

and Vincent. He was predeceased by his wife René.

George P. Dahlke

George P. Dahlke, a resident of Ossining, died May 5 at Phelps Memorial Hospital following a long illness. He was 84.

He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Shirley (Pearson) Dahlke, his son, Lawrence T. Dahlke and his wife, Susan (Faiella) Dahlke, his daughter, Mary E. Foley and son, David J. Dahlke and his partner, Barbara Palombo, and his grandson, Thomas Dahlke as well as a niece and three nephews.

Born in Verplanck, he was raised in Ossining by his parents, George J. Dahlke and Elizabeth (Leggett) Dahlke.

In his early years he worked for the

railroad at Croton-Harmon. He was also a member of the National Guard serving from 1953 to 1962. He worked at County Asphalt in Tarrytown before becoming an engineer and working for New York Telephone until his retirement.

Mr. Dahlke was an avid golfer, enjoying many rounds with family and friends. He was a die-hard Mets fan for 57 years.

Mariano Nappi

Mariano John Nappi "Mud," a resident of Somers, died May 7 at his home. He was 87.

He was born December 12, 1931 in Mount Kisco to the late Francesco and Michela Nappi. Mr. Nappi was a Korean War veteran and received the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service

Medal, the Bronze Service Star and the United Nations Service Medal. He graduated from Mount Kisco High School and worked for Reader's Digest for 39 years before retiring in 1989 as Direct Mail Marketing Manager.

He was the beloved husband of Anne (nee Corsi) and the loving and devoted father of John (Karin) of Wingdale, NY, Ivana (Brendan) Kellaher of White Plains, and Carla (Brian) Whitley of Virginia Beach, VA. He was the devoted grandfather of Kristy (Justin) Quinn, Taylor, Danielle and Augustin Francis and one great-grandson, Jax Ryan Quinn.

He was predeceased by 12 other brothers and sisters and is survived by his brother, Michael Nappi of Somers, and several nieces and nephews.

Celebrating 50th years of Turkey Mountain Nature Preserve

The Yorktown Land Trust is proud to announce the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Turkey Mountain Nature Preserve in 2019.

The iconic park has been enjoyed by thousands of citizens seeking nature study, hiking opportunities and unsurpassed views from its 831-foot summit, the highest in Yorktown. The summit's 360-degree panorama extends south across the Croton Reservoir as far as the skyscrapers of New York City, west over the Hudson River to the hills of Har-

riman State Park, north beyond Storm King to the Catskill Mountains, and east to the hills of Connecticut.

The Land Trust was formed in 1986 as a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Turkey Mountain and other open spaces in Yorktown. This year the Land Trust is joining with the Yorktown Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate the nature preserve with a series of events throughout the year. The highlight will be the anniversary on June 1, 2019, which is also National Trails Day.

On that day the Land Trust will be dedicating a trail and a plaque to the memory of David Klotzle, the town's longtime naturalist.

The Land Trust is also writing a series of articles about Turkey Mountain covering topics such as its history, nature facts, zoning and land use, important people and events and its role in the community.

This celebration will be a year-long event with announcements on important dates and events as they unfold. Working with the Land Trust are organiza-

tions such as the Westchester Land Trust, which purchased 22 acres on the east side of the mountain to promote the expansion of trails and hiking opportunities.

The Yorktown Land Trust is also working with the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference as they expand and maintain all the trails in Yorktown. The Land Trust's work with the Yorktown Trails Town Committee will provide additional publicity and through that a boost to the Yorktown economy which is their mission.

Somers Town Board Approves Bamboo Legislation

By Neal Rentz

Following months of discussion, the Somers Town Board voted unanimously on May 9 to approve legislation to regulate bamboo.

"This was a long and arduous endeavor," Supervisor Rick Morrissey said at last week's meeting.

"The planting and/or growing of certain varieties of bamboo, a plant not indigenous to the Town of Somers, presents the potential for adverse impacts to the natural environment, including indigenous flora, may significantly increase the cost of maintenance in public and private right-of-ways, impedes the use of, and is destructive to the structures and other improvements, and aggressively spreads across property lines where it is likely to adversely affect the reasonable enjoyment of adjoining and neighboring properties," the legislation stated.

The legislation bans the planting of run-

ning bamboo and owners of property with bamboo will be required to confine bamboo to their own land.



Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey at the May 9 Town Board meeting.

Violators of the proposed law will be required to remove bamboo that violates the law within 30 days of receiving a notice from the town. Those who do not comply will be required to pay the cost of removal or remediation plus will pay an additional 25 percent of the removal or remediation costs as an administrative fee.

Violators of the new law will also be fined between \$250 and \$350 for the first convicted offense and between \$350 and \$700 for subsequent offenses and/or imprisonment of up to six months for the second convicted violations. Subsequent offenses will carry fines of between \$700 and \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to six months.



Last month, Peekskill Police Officers Henry, Long, Jones and Colluci participated in the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This event is a countywide effort in which several law enforcement agencies participate in. The race started on Riverdale Avenue near the Yonkers Police 3rd Precinct and ended in Peekskill. Officers and Special Olympics athletes run across the state carrying what's called the Torch of Hope for the run. Every time a group of runners cross into a different city, village or town, they pass the torch and officers from that jurisdiction take over. That torch will eventually be used to light the cauldron at the New York Special Olympics Games.

Letters to the Editor

Coverage of Hen Hud Forum Deserved More Investigation

To the Editor:

I would like to take exception to the article "Only Incumbents Show at Hen Hud School Board Forum".

The title in and of itself would lead an uninformed voter to believe that the incumbents are more committed than the challengers. The Examiner should find the story here not make the story.

The story that should have been investigated is, why the challengers were absent and why the organizers would hold the event knowing beforehand that the challengers were not going to be present?

If the organizers of the event truly wanted to a dialogue between everyone running, to help inform the voters,

shouldn't they have coordinated a time that worked for all? Or did the organizers see this as an opportunity to promote the establishment candidates and diminish a challenge to their status quo. From my understanding, speaking to one of the challengers, the organizers of the forum didn't ask them for a time that works for them. Instead, they invited the

candidates with little advanced notice. This article speaks volumes to the way the present Hen Hud school board works. As is the fact that we have three candidates challenging them. Voters should consider this when they go to the polls on May 21st.

ADAM MACNEIL
Montrose

The Promise of Early Voting

To the Editor:

The sweeping program of voting reforms passed into law at the beginning of the 2019 legislative session in New York is a promise. The promise is access to polls for all citizens whose obligations prevent election day participation. The result, we hope, will be greater participation in the political process by citizens, resulting in a more fully representative government.

Voters in New York will now join those

in 37 other states who, like those other 21st century citizens, are allowed to vote at more than one place on more than one day. The law guarantees that every New York voter will be able to cast a ballot during some weekend hours during the two weekends before an election as well as some daytime and evening hours during the week before election day. No longer will so many need to go through the cumbersome process of absentee ballots because obligations keep them

from their polling place the second Tuesday of November. Or not vote at all.

Implementation is extremely demanding, requiring identification of polling places, staffing with trained staff and ensuring security for polling places, as well as purchase of new machinery. These responsibilities fall on the county Boards of Elections. The State Budget offers reimbursement for much of the expense, but the workload is huge.

Last week Senator Carlucci met with

constituents in Ossining to discuss how we all can work together to help fulfill the promise of early voting. We are eager to work with the Westchester Board of Elections at any point in the process of implementing early voting, especially regarding publicizing this great new opportunity for voters to participate in our democracy.

CATHERINE RAY
Ossining

Cash Bail Should Be Eliminated in NY State

To the Editor:

This week, New York took a major step toward creating a more fair and equitable justice system by reforming our pretrial laws. Starting in January 2020, most misdemeanors and low-level felonies will no longer be eligible for cash bail. This will mean pre-trial liberty for thousands of New Yorkers.

I applaud our legislators who moved us forward to address a system of pre-trial imprisonment and coerced or misguided plea deals. This system presumed guilt in violation of the rights guaranteed

by the 14th Amendment — resulting in the poor and people of color being disproportionately victimized.

As we celebrate these important gains, we recognize our work is not done until we fully eliminate cash bail and include robust due process protections in our pre-trial system.

I implore state senator Pete Harckham to work toward these goals with the Legislature and Governor who promised to end money bail.

RENEE FOGARTY,
Yorktown Heights

Councilman Post Reveals a Contempt for Women

To the Editor:

Councilman Tom Diana's Facebook post reveals a latent contempt for women, as well as an astonishing ignorance about the Reproductive Health Care Act.

He posts: "Democrats once they get you to accept killing babies...the next step is - killing the elderly and the useless..." This deliberate falsification of this law is another Republican stunt to confuse voters and to malign women and

their doctors whose sworn Hippocratic Oath is to "do no harm." One can only hope this is the end of the Republican campaign to promote fake science and start attending to town business.

In his veiled allusion to the Holocaust he makes another shameful example of a candidate's obfuscation of truth by appropriating the horrors of genocide at a time of rising anti-Semitism.

GRACE CAPORINO

Yorktown Voters Deserve a Choice Based on Substance

To the Editor:

The letter in the May 7th issue from Derek Defeo, "Slater Wants To Change The Conversation for Yorktown", is full of nothing but platitudes and has no reference to issues that will separate Matt Slater from Town Supervisor Ilan Gilbert. He writes "Matt Slater has the vision to move Yorktown into the 21st Century but he also exhibits the values that Yorktown stands for. He believes in our community and recognizes the potential for what could be" -- and it continues like this. Is he saying that Gilbert does not believe in

our community or does not exhibit the values that Yorktown stands for?

I want to see policy differences to determine which candidate's views most closely align with mine. This letter merely takes up space. I would, by the way, have the same objection if the letter were written by a Gilbert supporter and had similar non-attention to issues. Yorktown voters deserve a choice based on substance.

Yours truly,

JOHN MCMULLEN
Poet Laureate, Town of Yorktown

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Guest Commentary

Why Water Usage Rates are Being Increased in Yorktown

By Susan Siegel

The Yorktown Water District is in trouble. Money trouble. It doesn't have the money it needs to maintain an aging water distribution system. It's a problem that started in 2013.

Between 2013-2016, the district experienced a staggering operating deficit to the tune of \$3.6 million. To fill the gap, previous town boards:

- Tabled scheduled infrastructure projects and repeatedly transferred the money budgeted for those projects to other budget lines that were in a deficit.

- Used the district's once healthy fund balance, aka its rainy day fund, to cover the remaining deficit instead of using the fund balance to finance infrastructure projects that would have resulted in long term benefits for the district. Between 2013-2016, just over half the fund balance, 59% or \$3.6 million, was taken from the fund balance to cover the deficit.

By the time a previous Town Board acknowledged the district's financial

problems in 2016 and raised water usage rates, the increase turned out not to be sufficient to cover the district's structural financial problems AND finance the postponed infrastructure projects that had already been put on hold two or three times.

The district even had to borrow \$1.1 million in 2017 for an unexpected capital expense that couldn't be postponed; the borrowing added a \$65,750 debt service expense to subsequent budgets.

How and why did this financial crisis happen? Could it/should it have been avoided?

The water district has two sources of revenue: the water tax that shows up on our April town tax bill and is based on the assessment value of our property, and the water usage charge reflected in our water bill and which is based on our actual water consumption.

In late 2012 when the new Town Board was preparing its first budget — the 2013 budget — it used the little understood 2% tax cap to perpetrate a tax shell

game on Yorktown taxpayers, a game it continued to play for the next six years. The game was called lowering some tax rates while raising others.

The 2013 budget reduced the water tax, paid by only some taxpayers, by an unprecedented 40%, while it increased the town tax, paid by all taxpayers, by 4.38% — the largest town tax increase in 16 years.

The 40% decrease in the water tax immediately created a \$900,000 shortfall in revenue while the expenditure side of the budget remained the same. And although the tax was increased by a few pennies in subsequent years, the increase was never enough to cover increasing expenditures. The result: repeated deficits.

With operating deficits continuing to grow and the fund balance shrinking, the members of the 2016 Town Board finally acknowledged what they had done; in March, they voted to increase the water usage rate by 25%. At the time, former Supervisor Grace publicly acknowledged that he had probably made a "mistake" in 2013 when he failed to increase the

usage rates at the same time he reduced the water tax.

While the 2016 increase in usage rates stopped the hemorrhaging, the increase can't generate enough revenue to cover basic recurring expenses AND fund the infrastructure projects that need to be done.

Which brings us to the May 21st hearing on the proposed increase in the usage rates.

No one likes seeing their taxes or user fees increased. But if we want dependable safe water when we turn on the faucet, there's really no choice. The water district needs more revenue and the fairest way to raise that revenue is by increasing the usage rate with water customers paying for the water they use.

On the bright side, because as homeowners we control the amount of water we use, we can also control over water bill. The less water we use, the more money we can save. Thank about that when a running toilet is ignored.

Susan Siegel is a former supervisor and councilwoman in the Town of Yorktown

Letters to the Editor

Who's Responsible for the Sewer Delays in Yorktown?

To the Editor:

Like Mr. Defeo, I've been hearing about the possibility sewer connections for years. I live on one of the high priority streets that is supposed to be sewered.

The former Supervisor Grace, Councilmen Lachterman and Diana, and former Councilman Bernard could have started planning for the new sewer extension district in 2015 when new sewer connections became a possibility for the first time in almost 30 years. It was mishandled from the beginning. When the press announced the possibility of new connections, I telephoned town hall

to be put on the list but was incorrectly told my street was not being considered.

Mr. Grace and his colleagues were great when it came to talk and promises, but less so when it came to action. Or results.

I know some of the 450 affected homeowners. There were meetings held where only a few entirely random houses on my street were notified, and many of us would hear about when it was too late to attend. We received a two-page letter from Mr. Grace that gave no cost details but did include a reply postcard soliciting potential interest in a sewer

plan. I hand delivered the card to Mr. Grace's secretary but never heard another word. We were given the impression Mr. Grace would personally be involved in communicating with us, but no one ever called, wrote or came by our house.

It took Messrs. Grace, Diana and Lachterman until 2017 to finally unveil a plan for how a new sewer extension district would be financed. There was only one problem. The plan was illegal. So, when Supervisor Gilbert took office in 2018, he had to go back to the beginning and develop a new financing plan. He also explored several options for

reducing the cost the homeowners.

I'm told that in the coming weeks affected homeowners will be receiving information about the sewer extension project. I still don't know if my street or Mr. Defeo's street will end up in the final sewer plan, and ultimately it will be up to a majority of the homeowners on each street to decide if they want sewers. I look forward to basing my decision on useful information. We are getting there. Finally.

MARJORIE WATSON LEY
Yorktown Heights

Slater Will Bring a New Perspective to Yorktown

To the Editor:

I grew up Yorktown Heights, and I just recently moved back here from White Plains with my wife. I was very excited to hear Matt Slater was running for Town Supervisor, as he grew up here and has a vested interest in seeing the town succeed. I've been frustrated about the direction the town has been going. I'm enthusiastic about Matt's pro-

business ideas and plans to modernize the town.

We need new leadership with a plan to protect the town I grew up in, and to make sure myself and my family can afford to stay here. Matt and his team will bring a new perspective to the town, and encourage young families to move in.

VINCENT & KELLY GALLO
Yorktown

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Preakness Stakes 2019...Oh, What a Tangled Web!

By Charles Palombini

So here we go again, onto the fabled second jewel of horse racing's Triple Crown in the city they call Baltimore. By now anyone who has ever followed my reviews of the Triple Crown races knows that I am no fan of Pimlico Racetrack. The primary reason is because it is located in Baltimore. That's right...Baltimore. This is a city that sits right up there with Detroit and Camden as the most pathetic big cities in America. What other conclusion can you draw about a 300-year-old city that is best known for National Bohemian Beer, a junior college that beat number one ranked Virginia in the 2018 NCAA basketball tournament, and a third baseman named Brooks. Really? That's all you have to show after 300 years? They have completely missed the Cultural Revolution, yet get to host one of sport's most fashionable events of the year. For all of the pageantry surrounding the Triple Crown, Baltimore does its best to tarnish their third of this great experience. In Kentucky (at Churchill Downs) on Derby day you are surrounded by dignitaries, business leaders, movie stars, and a variety of America's best...all sporting their Derby day hats and sipping on Kentucky's best bourbon or nursing a mint julep, the iconic Derby Day drink. Come to New York for the Belmont Stakes and watch the Empire State put its best foot forward. Fifth Avenue fashion is on display and France's best Champagne and Napa's finest sparkling wines are the order of the day. Then there's Baltimore, whose claim to fame is how many beer barrels they can tap in one afternoon. Yes...that's my take on Baltimore and its contribution to the Triple Crown. But it does host the Preakness Stakes, the only feather in the cap of Maryland racing. And the race still draws the top three-year-olds in the country looking to be a part of racing history. It is especially important because it sets the stage for the Derby winner to win the Triple Crown if he can come away with a win in the Preakness. Not so this year, as the Kentucky Derby produced nothing but controversy and chaos. So, let's take a closer look.

If you read my Derby article I handicapped a horse named War of Will to win the Derby, and as they straightened out for the stretch run I prematurely congratulated myself as War of Will was making a huge move that would have surely put him in the winner's circle. Just as he moved up on Maximum Security, the jockey (Louis Saez) decided to drift right and cut off War of Will, forcing the latter to check out of the race. Don't get me wrong, Saez is not a dirty rider, but he sure as hell is a tough rider that will do anything to win. Drifting out in the path of an on-coming foe is just tough riding...but if you do it late it's dangerous



riding. Saez did it late, and was rewarded with a disqualification. The funny part is that the regular jockey for the horse who was placed first (Country House) is (you guessed it) one Louis Saez. Saez actually gave up the mount on Country House to climb aboard Maximum Security. Oh, what a twisted web we weave!!!

So now it's done...and the official winner of the Kentucky Derby is Country House. And the first thing Country House did is announce he is not running in the Preakness. What??? No Derby winner in the Preakness??? Well it doesn't stop there. In fact, only four of the 20 horses that ran in the Kentucky Derby will line up in the starting gate in Baltimore and neither Country House nor Maximum Security will be one of them. Oh boy...Baltimore has another reason to tap even more beer barrels than ever before...because no one will be watching the race. National Bohemian, crank up the brewery! It is guaranteed that there will be more Port-a-Potties at Pimlico than in the parking lot of Giants Stadium before a Jets or Giants game.

So, with all this confusion how the heck do you handicap the actual race? Truth is you don't. If you are intent on making a bet, you are better off betting the over/under on the number of kegs that will be tapped! Bound to be a record. But since the editor of this paper is insistent on my analyzing the race, we will

do so asking you to understand that once again we are handicapping before the actual entries are made. So, we will analyze the horses that we are fairly certain will be in the starting gate.

Improbable odds: 3-1 – 4th Kentucky Derby – Improbable left the gates as the Kentucky Derby favorite. He established a nice early position, ran into traffic in the stretch and finished with a mild rally, 3 1/4 lengths behind. He's likely to be the favorite again and a big field will not be an issue this time. Some will say that he's had trip problems this year and others might feel that this Bob Baffert runner is piling up excuses. He'll get Mike Smith in the saddle which means that he should be fairly close to the lead. Likely favorite.

War of Will odds: 7-2 – 7th Kentucky Derby – Remember, this was the horse that I picked to win the Derby. According to the Kentucky Derby's official chart, War of Will was "forced out and had to check at the 5/16ths pole." For much of the early going, War of Will was under strong restraint from his rider without room to run along the inside. He did come up a bit empty in deep stretch, but given his trip that was understandable. In a smaller field, he should be able to run the kind of race we saw in the Risen Star (G2) and the

Lecomte (G3) unless the rigors of his 2019 campaign catch up to him. Derby horses do hold the advantage in the Preakness. That being said I will also note that in my experience most horses coming off a rough trip rarely run well next time out. So, whilst I'm convinced this horse would have won the Kentucky Derby save for the interference in the stretch, I will pass on him to win the Preakness. May be 2nd or 3rd.

Alwaysmining odds: 5-1 – 1st Federico Tesio – This is the ultimate Maryland horse having been bred in state as a son of Stay Thirsty. He is stabled and at the Fair Hill Training Center by Kelly Rubley. The speedy colt has won six races in a row at Laurel Park while gradually increasing his distance from seven furlongs to his most recent victory going 1 1/8 miles in the Federico Tesio. In the Tesio, he was able to rate and stalk the early pace, but the results were the same as in his front-running wins with yet another open-lengths victory. His last five wins came in stakes races, but he has yet to try graded company. Preakness history is against him, but his talent is undeniable. Win Contender.

Bourbon War odds: 6-1 – 4th Florida Derby – This bay son of Tapit flashed his talent on the Derby trail at Gulfstream Park. He took advantage of the favorable pace setup in the Fountain of Youth (G2) and was closing fastest of all to finish less than a length behind Code of Honor who went on to run second in the Kentucky Derby. In the Florida Derby (G1), Bourbon War did not get the same fast pace and could not muster a big rally. There appears to be plenty of speed signed on in here. He should benefit from the time off and continue to improve. Probably 2nd or 3rd.

Owendale odds 6-1 – 1st Lexington – Into Mischief – Owendale burst onto the scene when he made a big closing move to win the Lexington (G3) in the last stop on the Derby trail. The 20 points were not enough to get him into the Derby, but his victory over the favorite Anothertwistafate was noteworthy. He is one of several late runners in the Preakness who should get a favorable pace to lead into their closing move. Good, but I don't believe good enough.

Anothertwistafate odds: 10-1 – 2nd Lexington – Scat Daddy – The son of Scat Daddy was a bit of a buzz horse on the Kentucky Derby trail after his win in the El Camino Real Derby. He took that victory to the Sunland Derby (G3), where he sat behind the early

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pace in his dirt debut and rallied to just miss the top spot by a neck. His final attempt to make the Derby field came up short when he was again second after a troubled trip in the Lexington. He should not be overlooked in here because of his combination of speed and the ability to rate off the leaders. Win contender.

Win Win Win odds: 10-1 – 9th Kentucky Derby – Except for the Kentucky Derby, he has hit the board in all of his starts. In the Blue Grass (G2), he ran against the bias to finish second and was sent off at 16-1 in the Derby. There, he did very little running, but connections have cited his distaste for the sloppy track. Win Win Win is another one of the late runners looking for that favorable pace. Win Contender.

Signalman odds: 15-1 – 3rd Blue Grass- Signalman may be the horse that gets overlooked in this field and provides some value. In the Blue Grass, he was asked to stay in contention on that day because the track was playing to the speed horses. That worked against his preferred running style to make one closing move. The Preakness will mark his third start of the year and he should be at his best. Live longshot.

Laughing Fox odds: 20-1 – 1st Oaklawn Park Invitational – Laughing Fox won a spot in the Preakness field with his victory in the new Oaklawn Invitational. The Asmussen barn is red-hot lately, and this guy got his win after a wide, late closing move and against a speed bias. On the Derby trail at Oaklawn he was seventh in the Rebel (G2) and then fourth in the Arkansas Derby (G1). He'll need to take another step up to contend at this level. Toss.

Warrior's Charge odds: 20-1 – 1st Allowance – The ownership group of Warrior's Charge is putting up \$150,000 in supplemental fees given this colt wasn't Triple Crown nominated. I'm not sure what that tells us except that it will be tough for them to make any money with a horse that has only an allowance win after needing four tries to break his maiden. Granted, he has run better at longer distances. Mainly, his impact on the Preakness is early speed that should ensure a strong pace. Pretender.

Bodexpress odds: 30-1 – 13th Kentucky Derby – Here is the maiden who is Grade 1-placed with earnings surpassing \$200,000. In the Kentucky Derby, he hit the wire 14th after starting from way outside and running into typical Derby traffic. He's likely to remain a maiden after the Preakness, too. Toss.

Whilst there are a few more sched-

uled to run on Saturday we'll pass on the evaluation as I see them as nothing more than also rans.

My picks: Win Win Win and Always Mining on top of War of Will, Another Twist of Faith, and Improbable.

So, pop yourself a can of National Bohemian and prepare yourselves for the 2019 Preakness. Remember, the winner of the Derby gets covered in Roses. At the Preakness the winner is covered in Black Eyed Susan's. Black Eyed! Let me ask you, could anything be more appropriate for this race?

Charles Palombini is resident of Cortlandt and an owner of thoroughbred horses.

Police Blotter

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State Police from Cortlandt arrested Virginia B. Curran, 54, of Philipstown, for DWI. She was traveling on Sprout Brook Road in the Town of Philipstown when she was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

April 28 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Jhony F. Loja Jimenez, 29, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-

on-Hudson when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Jhonathan D. Paca Cubi, 25, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.



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Dispute Over Playland Management, Safety Escalates

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County Executive George Latimer refuted claims from Standard Amusements last week that the county has failed to uphold a 30-year agreement with the company to manage Playland and that the park is unsafe.

In a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with the Board of Legislators on May 1, Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna reiterated their reasons why they should scuttle the deal.

Other county officials vigorously defended the park's safety and the processes that are followed.

Latimer announced on April 28 that he was canceling the deal because Standard Amusements was in breach of the agreement. A county audit revealed that \$7.7 million – about one-quarter of Standard Amusement's \$27.5 million investment – was spent on salaries, meals, travel, advertisements, marketing, consulting and legal fees, in breach of the agreement, County Attorney John Nonna pointed out to lawmakers.

"We are looking at something that we have a continuing concern about and if this relationship isn't going to work, then we need to end it," Latimer said.

Nonna said that under the agreement, Standard Amusements' was to spend the money on capital improvements and

tangible enhancements to the facility. He said the audit from 2017 and into last year showed the resources weren't being spent properly, including about \$1.5 million in legal fees associated with helping the company secure the necessary funding.

"We couldn't understand how they were allocating funds to new rides on this list, painting, historic ride preservation and other tangible improvements when none of that seemed to be happening at the park," Nonna said.

Latimer said the park is a viable asset but the county needs help in managing and marketing the facility. The escalating dispute comes as the 2019 season kicked off Saturday. The county plans to operate Playland this season; the agreement was to have begun on November 1.

In order for Playland to be successful, Latimer said, attendance needs to rise from last year's 450,000 visitors to at least 700,000 to 800,000, Latimer said. A modern marketing plan using 21st century tools, including social media, is what is required for Playland to again realize its potential along with the capital improvements.

"We do need external expertise to run this park and manage it properly," Latimer said. "The question is do we get that from this arrangement, and if we don't

get that from this arrangement, what are our obligations to try and find that answer?"

Standard Amusements' representatives contend that it's the county that has been looking to extricate itself from the agreement since the start of the Latimer Administration. Last week, the company indicated it was willing to raise its investment to \$50 million.

Nonna said that before last week that offer was never made to the administration.

Standard Amusements issued a statement saying it has "always complied with both the letter and spirit of the Playland Management Agreement," including requests that were outside the scope of the contract. The agreement, the company states, allows for the inclusion of overhead.

Standard Amusements also pointed out that there have been serious health and safety issues at Playland. Its statement added that the debate over how its funds were being spent obscures the county's "complete mishandling of food safety, failure to secure the wooden Dragon Coaster and lack of proper fire suppression technology at Playland."

Last week, a letter from Nicholas Singer, founder of Standard Amusements, to the Board of Legislators requested a

meeting with county lawmakers "to address any business inaccuracies articulated by the Administration and to discuss the numerous challenges facing the Park and how they might be solved."

"There are many existing issues at Playland," Singer's letter read. "The Park has been starved of capital investment since the 1980s, while the infrastructure has continued to deteriorate to dangerous levels. While this fact reflects poorly on previous administrations, it would be a greater injustice to continue to ignore these problems."

Joan McDonald, the county's director of operations, said before each season, certified state inspectors visit the park and every ride is inspected. A certificate of safety must be given before the park opens. Furthermore, the rides are evaluated on a daily basis by local inspectors before the grounds open.

Safety concerns expressed by Standard Amusements were from 2017 and have been addressed, she said.

"Each day before the park opens, the operator of that ride does an inspection again to make sure the ride is safe to operate," McDonald said. "Every day that park is open we have a mechanic and an electrician on site to deal with any issues that come up during the course of the day. If a ride is not safe, we do not open

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Harckham Names Neighbors Link's Bracco as Woman of Distinction

State Senator Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro) announced last week that Carola Otero Bracco, the executive director of Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco, has been selected as the 40th Senate District's Woman of Distinction for 2019.

She was honored at a ceremony on May 7 at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, along with more than 60 other honorees representing senatorial districts throughout the state.

Bracco leads Neighbors Link, an organization that helps integrate immigrants into the local communities. As a first-generation American born of immigrant parents from Bolivia, she understands the challenges that accompany the immigrant experience in America and is dedicated to inspiring healthy integration in the community. Bracco is bilingual and bicultural and is driven by her passion for empowering immigrant families and advocating for personal growth through education and economic development.

During her tenure, Neighbors Link has become a leader in designing, implementing and directing community-based, bilingual educational and cultural awareness training programs. Furthermore, with her guidance and leadership, the organization has quadrupled in size in 10 years and is strategically scaling the Neighbors Link model in communities that are ready to embrace our mission.

"Carola's life's work is both remarkable and desperately needed," Harckham said.

"She champions important contributors to our communities by stressing education and providing job opportunities so they can better their lives and the lives of their families."

Before becoming executive director of Neighbors Link in April 2004, Bracco spent 12 years in financial management with General Electric, Ford Motor Company and Time Warner. She holds an MBA from Duke University and currently serves on the boards of the National Council for Workforce Education, Nonprofit Westchester and the New York

Immigration Coalition.

"The work of Neighbors Link to integrate immigrants into our community is critical today," Bracco said. "Immigrants make such important contributions to our economy, our culture and our communities. I am grateful to Sen. Harckham for this recognition and for his recognition of the important work Neighbors Link does in New York."

Carola Bracco, executive director of Neighbors Link, is the 40th state Senate District's Woman of Distinction in 2019.



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Tips to Protect Your Home While on Vacation

Many people are planning now for summer vacation travel. Not surprisingly, the Insurance Information Institute reports that the majority of home burglaries occur in July and August when many people are enjoying time off.

According to that same organization, nine out of 10 home break-ins could be prevented if homeowners would take simple steps to burglar-proof their homes.

Of all the years we lived in our historic home in Yorktown, we didn't invest in a sophisticated security system until we were ready to sell the house, feeling that it would be an added incentive for prospective buyers. Less than 20 percent of households nationwide have security systems. The rest of us must take other precautions to discourage break-ins while we're away from home.

How well I remember the discomfort combined with the relaxation of every vacation while we were traveling, especially if it were for more than a week. In the early days, I remember that we would call home and feel comforted to hear our answering machine just to know that

everything was "still there." And when returning home, there would always be that anxious moment when we were turning onto our street and my wife and I would turn to each other and ask, "Is the house still standing?"

We had good reason to be Nervous Nellies, having sustained two break-ins when we lived in the city. We developed a litany of devices to make our home less appealing to burglars, combined with other ideas combed from other sources, some of which are really creative. For those who don't have security systems, consider the following steps.

Lock All Doors and Windows: This may seem unnecessary to even mention but 28

percent of all burglaries occur without having to use force to gain entry. Burglars simply find an unlocked window or door, so be sure to double-check all the windows and deadbolt all exterior doors. Place a metal or wood dowel in the track of sliding glass doors. And, if you have a spare key hidden outside, make sure it's brought inside while you're away.

Hire a House Visitor/Sitter: It's well worth the investment to have someone

pick up the newspapers or mail if you haven't had them temporarily discontinued, water the plants and, if you have them, take care of pets.

Invest in Timers: To make your house look lived in, utilize timers to have the lights go on and off at various times throughout the day.

Unplug and Disconnect: Unplug all electronics and small appliances that don't need to stay on while you're away. This will save electricity and reduce the risk of fire. Turn off your garage door opener so thieves can't open it with a universal remote. If you'll be away for a week or more, turn your hot water heater down and consider turning off the water to sinks, toilets, dishwasher and washing machine to avoid possible flooding.

Don't Close Blinds: Leave them and curtains open. If something valuable is visible through the window, move it.

Light Up at Night: If you have outdoor lighting, make sure that your timer turns it on while you're away.

Maintain Your Lawn: If it's an extended trip and you normally maintain your lawn yourself, arrange to have a service take care of it while you're away.

Leave Your Car in the Driveway: Or invite your neighbor to pull in and out of your driveway to keep activity going on during the week.

Don't Leave a Voicemail Message: Don't tell the world you're away by leaving a message to that effect on your voicemail.

With these precautions in place, you will feel more relaxed while away enjoying yourself.

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Ways That Families Can Choose a Camp at the Last Minute

By Jess Michaels

With time growing short until the end of the school year, are you regretting putting off summer camp plans for your child?

Don't worry, there are still some summer camps with availability. Here are some tips from the American Camp Association or New York and New Jersey on best ways to find a camp at the last minute.

Call the camp director

If you have a specific camp in mind, call the camp director and ask what sessions are still open and if there is space in your child's age group.

Try to be flexible. Maybe you had the month of July in mind for camp but try to be open to the second session of camp programs. This may mean changing around vacation plans or trips to see grandparents. The more flexibility you have, the better chance you have of finding the camp you want at the last minute.

Even with last-minute camp decisions, parents want to make sure they are doing their research and choosing the right camp for their child. Ask the camp director about the camp's philosophy and program. Does the philosophy of the camp match your family's? Does the camp offer a program that is of interest to your



child? Do you feel that the camp director is answering all your questions and happy to do so? You are forming a partnership with the camp director so you want to make sure you click with the director and feel comfortable leaving your child in the camp director's care.

Not sure where to start?

You can call the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey at 212-391-5208 for free, one-on-one advice in finding a camp. Its camper placement specialist can help guide you in

your decision and help narrow down the many summer camp choices.

Talking to friends and neighbors is also a good way to find out about summer camps. But families should keep in mind that just because a camp is the right fit for a friend's child, it doesn't mean it will be the right camp for your child. Take their suggestions but make sure to do your own research. You know your child best.

Summer 2020

It's not too early to be looking for a

camp for next summer. Looking this summer gives you the opportunity to go visit camps. Touring camps allows you and your child the chance to see what an actual day at camp will be like and see the lake, pool, bunks and activity areas.

Both day and sleepaway camps offer camp tours throughout the summer. A tour gives families a good feel about whether the camp is the right fit for their child, and if you decide to send your child the following summer, he or she will feel part of the decision process.

Looking early can help to plan financially

By touring camp the summer before and deciding on a camp almost a year before sending your child, you are able to plan financially. Some camps offer early bird discounts for registering early or payment plans, allowing you to pay for camp over the year. You can make camp part of birthday presents and holiday gifts over the upcoming year. Families can also inquire about sibling discounts for registering more than one child.

Jess Michaels is director of communications for the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey and can be reached at 212-391-5208. Also visit www.acanynj.org for more information.

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Tuesday, May 14

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.

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Wednesday, May 15

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. If you can't

visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days.

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.

Art Of Prayer: With All My Heart: The Jewish Art of Prayer and Spiritual Experience will be held on Wednesdays from May 15 through June 19 at Chabad of Yorktown from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The \$72 fee includes textbooks. For more information and to register, visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Thursday, May 16

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues-- led by Wendy Segal --is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein-- is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein--- is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)--led by Rabbi Sternstein- is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

Acting Classes: The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave.,

Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

Friday, May 17

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.

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. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, May 18

Aunt Millie's Attic Tag Sale: You are likely to find useful treasures at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Route 6 in Mohegan Lake from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items available for sale will include household and garden items, small furniture, electronics, costume jewelry and children's toys. Food will also be available for sale. For more information, please call St. Mary's at 914-528-3972.

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in

Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

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

Flea Market: A flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ossining Historical Society Museum, 196 Croton Ave., Ossining (Route 133). Info: 914-941-8180. The rain date is May 19.

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.

Open House: An open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bethel Springvale Inn, 62 Springvale Rd., Croton. Please RSVP at 914-739-4404 Ext. 2204.

Harp Ensemble: At 1:30 p.m., The North County Harp Ensemble will perform at Holy Spirit Church, 1969 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. Info: 516-317-6012 or www.alyssareit.com.

Support Connection Yoga: Support Connection announces a free program, "Yoga: A Path Toward Wellness," will be offered at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m., on May 11 and 25. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Westchester Railway History: Hop aboard a train or trolley and ride the rails in words and pictures as the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society hosts a PowerPoint picture program on the History of Railways Around and About Westchester. Local author Kent Patterson of Yorktown will present an interesting historical and photographic perspective about the County's storied railroad and trolley lines dating back to the 1830s. Based on his new book---

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Crossword

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- 1. Plain and simple
- 7. This Mt. Kisco Florist will “grow” on you all year ____ Seasons Flower Shop
- 11. Loosen
- 12. Approximation phrase
- 13. Horse race
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- 15. Drew in
- 17. Habitually lazy
- 20. Health-giving berry
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“Rails Around Westchester County” --he will exhibit and explain some of the 180 photos, maps and sample schedules. The free program starts at 2 p.m. at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Ave., Cortlandt. For more information, visit www.vancort.net; or, call 914-736-7868.
Shabbat Services: The Hebrew Congregation of Somers will hold Shabbat services, followed by pot luck dinners at 6:30 p.m. on May 18 and 25. Hebrew Congregation of Somers is a small, informal and friendly synagogue affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. E-mail info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more informa-

tion.
Quartet Concerts: The Mala Waldron Quartet, a group of internationally acclaimed jazz virtuosos headed by jazz vocalist/pianist/composer Waldron accompanied by her top-flight backup group, will make a rare local appearance in Westchester Collaborative Theater's Jazz Masters Series. They will perform at WCT's black box performance space, 23 Water St., Ossining at 7:30 and 9 p.m. Limited seating is available. Purchase seats online at the ticketing website: https://mwaldronwct2019.brownpaper-tickets.com/.
Sunday, May 19
Carnival: Chabad of Yorktown, Somers, and Cortland will be hosting a carni-

val geared towards children with special needs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. The event will be hosted by the organization's teen chapter in a merge between Chabad's Cteen Program and its Friendship Circle Program. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.
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-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.
Monday, May 20
Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays

from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.
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.
Tuesday, May 21
Health Care Discussion: Long-Term Care Riders vs Chronic Illness Rider - Understanding the Differences will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Registration is required: call 914-232-5717 or come to the Reference Desk. The library is handicapped accessible.

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(Solution to puzzle on page 19)

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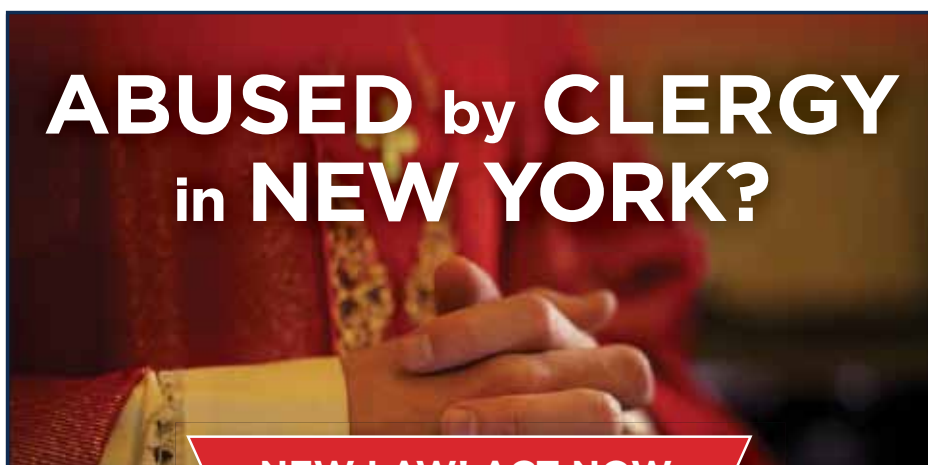
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 395 WYTHE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/19. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **395 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FEISTY WOMAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/27/19. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to **602 Williamsburg Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Home-**

stead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to **Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE STYLE MIXX LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of

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New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469. Purpose- any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is: **Nate The Dog Man, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Westchester. The SSNY is designated

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF UNDERPINNED LLC. Art. Of Org. file with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **118. N. Bedford Rd., Suite 100, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUILT-STONES, LLC. filed with SSNY on 4/25/18. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **126 Kelbourne Ave, Sleepy Hollow, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TIG & PEACH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/2/2019. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, **545 Fowler Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday May 23, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. 2. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-**

2; LP Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. New Application 3. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 & 7; R-1& LP Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. 4. DiPillo, David, 370 Church Road,-73.13-1-25; R-3 Request side and rear yard setback variance for propane tank. 5. Martinez, John & Brandi, 54 Lincoln Road, 73.17-1-51; R-2 Request side yard setback variance for above ground pool. 6. Harris, Alex & Lindsay, 45 Lake Shore Road, 41.14-1-14; R-3 Request side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for height for entryway and mudroom addition. 7. Casar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3 Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. 8. Anderson, David, 48 Winnebago Road, 51.73-1-29; R-3 Request a side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for addition to existing residence. 9. Lennon, Patrick, 8 Oakdale Road, 51.14-1-23; R-3 Request side, front, rear yard and lot coverage variance for proposed new entryway. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN

NOTICE: Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday May 20, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for May 20, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A

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The Transformation of Traditional Wine By New Age Alchemists

Over the course of the last decade many wines have gone through a transformation in style. They have become more fruit focused and higher in alcohol.

This is a radical departure from the past for wines such as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. In the past, the dominant style that winemakers strove for was balance – a balance of acid, tannins, fruit and alcohol.

The overweighting of the fruit and alcohol components of wine has created a debate in wine circles on the cause and effect of this new approach. Consumers have mixed feelings about the result. Wine is a living, breathing organism that is highly sensitive to changes introduced during its creation and maturation. It is these changes that we will explore this week.

I often think of winemaking as alchemy: Mother Nature provides the raw ingredients and science adds a certain consistency to the formula. Combining these ingredients in a cauldron with a wizard's proprietary ingredients, this

mixture is transformed into a hand-crafted creation, distinct unto itself. Taking a common product and transforming it into an altered state as "liquid gold" is a centuries-old endeavor – both in Merlin's laboratory and in winemakers' caves.

However, in the 21st century, an additional element has been added to the alchemist's formula. It is from an unlikely source: the word masters. These power lords have invaded the denizens of winemakers worldwide, subtly and covertly changing centuries-old winemaking formulas with a sociological component of great power – the power of the pen.

Yielding influential opinions that are accepted by the consuming public at face value, these wordsmiths, the media, can force a winemaker's hand to alter a proven formula in order to appeal to changing consumer perceptions of wine.

How has the change in the balance of wine's components occurred?

First, Mother Nature's influence in

the vineyards has been compromised by changes in global climate. Growing seasons are becoming more variable as increasing temperatures may cause grapes to ripen more fully than in the past, increasing the levels of sugar (and the resulting alcohol in fermented grapes) while enhancing fruit flavors.

Second, science has introduced high-tech equipment that allows greater control over the steps in the winemaking process; this allows the alchemists/winemakers much more latitude in finessing their wines.

Third, alchemists are better educated and have a deeper understanding of the art of winemaking. Utilizing this knowledge permits them to create a finite, personalized wine style.

Perhaps the most influential element is the fourth element – the fourth estate. Wine critics have created an aura of infallibility in the minds of a large segment of the public. Their opinions are dictums for producers, distributors, retailers and consumers. They have changed the style of a number of wines in the last decade, more so perhaps than any of the three elements mentioned above.

The debate continues over the merits

or detriments to this changing style in 21st century wines. Advocates appreciate the enhanced fruit forwardness and the refined aroma/flavor profiles afforded by a winemaker's mastery of advanced technology and techniques. Opponents criticize the lack of sophistication and balance in recent vintages of their favorite wine. Where will this dilemma take us?

The future of wine style is in the hands of the alchemists. Will they be able to master the influences of climate change and science? Will they stand up to or succumb to the influence of critics? The consuming public will be the ultimate arbiter, each time we enter a wine shop and open our wallets.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall.

1. O'Brien Family – 19 Cindy Lane (TM# 84.14-1-11/File: 2019-0193) The subject property consists of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 19 Cindy Lane and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan to legalize a basement apartment. **SKETCH 2. Squeglia & O'Brien – 7 Stephen Smith Drive (TM# 85.-01-18/File: 2019-0192)** The subject property consists of + 3.33 acres of land and is located on 7 Stephen Smith Drive and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Site Development Plan, Major Grading Permit and Wetland Permit, for pond restoration, pond spillway and tree removal and planting. **3. Lamanna Residence- 39 Roberts Drive (TM#85.5-1-37/File 2019-0194)** The subject property consist of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 39 Roberts Drive and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking an Amended Site Plan for deviating from previously approved Site Plan and increasing the paved driveway area. **EXTENSION 4. Reape / Ferreira- 64-68 Pleasant Road (TM# 83.65-1-37 & 35/File 2018-00182) 5. Juliano, Sam,-50 West Shore Drive (TM: 62.13-2-18 / File:2010-0073) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2019

AT&T MOBILITY, LLC is proposing to construct an approximate 180.0-foot monopole telecommunications tower with an associated equipment compound located at Barnes Lane, New Castle, Westchester County, NY 10514 (N41° 10' 58.1" and W73° 48' 16.6" W). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Action Section 106. Comments pertaining specifically to historic resources may be sent to **Impact7g, Inc., Attention Ms. Madeline Sarcone at 9550 Hickman Road, Suite 105, Clive, IA 50325 or call 515-473-6256. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIT SPORTS LOUNGE & GRILL LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process **Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes, 234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY Town Board Meeting May 15, 2019 6 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance. 2. Department Reports 3. School Report 4. Legislators' Reports. 5. Presentation by Chris Kopf, O'Connor Davies, of the 2018 Audit for the Town. 6. Accept Town Board minutes from April 3, 10 and 17 and May 01. 7. Camp designated as parkland resolution 8. Approve Personnel for the Sunset Series 2019. 9. Authorization to sign MS4 Annual Report. 10. Discussion de-icer ordinance. 11. Set hearing for decibel level addition to noise ordinance. **Building Department** 12. Daily Fee Report - Summary **Parks & Recreation** 13. Personnel 14. Refunds **Districts** 15. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for a Lake Oswawana fish survey. **Highway Department** 16. Driveway Opening Permit 17. Budget Transfers 18. Public Comment 19. Audit of Monthly Bills

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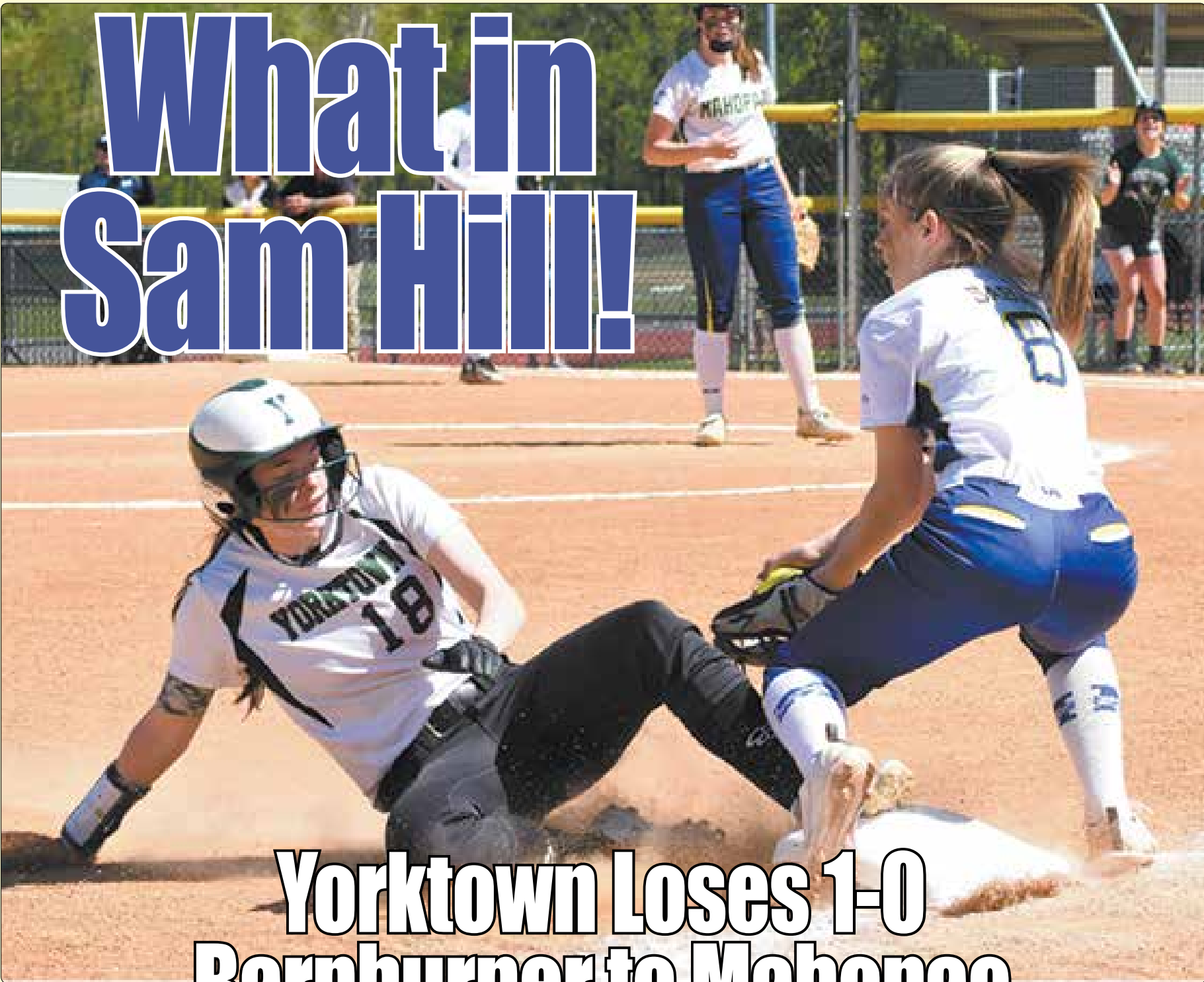


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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Yorktown senior OF Sam Riccardulli swipes 3B against the late tag of Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia in the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Huskers' 1-0 loss to the state-ranked (No.20) Class AA heavyweight Indians last Saturday in the finals of the Yorktown Tournament... see Softball Notebook

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Softball Notebook

Becker, Mahopac Nips Yorktown for Husker Tourney Title

By Alex Wendling

The Yorktown Softball tournament featured two section 1 powerhouses last Saturday as the host Huskers took on Mahopac in the championship game. All eyes were on Mahopac pitcher Shannon Becker, fresh off a “perfect, perfect” game by striking out all 21 batters she faced

in last Wednesday’s 8-0 rout of visiting Carmel. Becker spoke about her historic perfect game saying, “I was just trying to take it one pitch at a time, and just go after the next batter. I knew in the back of my head I was coming up on the 21 strikeouts, but I was really focusing hard on not letting it

affect my game.” The performance from Becker and the state-ranked (No.20) Indians (14-3) helped spark them to winning the Yorktown tournament, 1-0, over the Huskers. After the win on Saturday Mahopac Coach, Cristina Giansante spoke about her star player and how the tournament went overall. “This tournament is great we love coming to it every year,” she said. “It’s awesome to actually win it for the first time. We have been trying to do that for the last few years. Beating Suffern was huge for us since we lost to them in the quarterfinals last year and coming in to beat Suffern and Yorktown and winning this tournament for the first time is an awesome



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown’s Marlaina Cirone gets in under tag of Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia in host Huskers’ 1-0 tourney title loss to Indians Saturday.



Yorktown IF’s Bella Vano and Juliana Piehler celebrate Vano’s sweet double-play in Huskers’ 1-0 tourney loss to Mahopac Saturday.

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Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia narrowly beats out infield hit to plate game’s only run in 1-0 tourney win over host Yorktown and Husker 1B Alyssa Buck Saturday.



Mahopac players pose with hardware after beating host Huskers, 1-0, in Yorktown tournament Saturday.

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Softball Notebook

Surging Hen Hud Hopes to Compete in Deep Class A Field

By Tony Pinciario

The 2018 varsity softball season came to a premature conclusion for **HEN HUD**. Following an excellent regular season, the Sailors were upset by Pearl River in a Section 1 Class A first-round game. This left Hen Hud unfulfilled.

"It was really frustrating as they've upset us before and we were a seed above them," said senior and Captain Thea Barbelet. "I think this will motivate the team this time around to play harder and give our first-round game this year our all."

Hen Hud has given it a collective all through this point of the 2019 season as the Sailors own a 14-1 record. If the Section 1 Class A Softball Championship began today, Hen Hud would be seeded among the top three.

The Sailors improved to 14-1 with a quartet of victories last week – Ketcham (7-3), Our Lady of Lourdes (8-2), Nyack (19-3) and walk-off 9-8 triumph over Brewster provided by Michaela Capicotto.

The outstanding record is not surprising when you consider Hen Hud graduated one player—current Georgian Court University freshman and player Ashley Lupi.

"Ashley was an extremely valuable player and leader who definitely left a gap in our lineup, but our new, younger players have certainly stepped up to fill her shoes," said Barbelet, who will attend Binghamton University in the fall and study Environmental Science with a concentration in Policy. "Since we only lost one senior, I don't think any of us considered this a year to rebuild."

Hen Hud only has two seniors, Candace Crowley (shortstop) and Barbelet (first base), but juniors Jillian Attinelly (right field), Nicole Kopfensteiner (second base) and Capicotto (catcher) have become impact players, as have Alana Espinoza

(pitcher) and Jessica Bleakley (third base).

The momentum and confidence Hen Hud gained with its season-opening victory over John Jay snowballed as the season has progressed.

"As the season has progressed, we've learned how to play as a unit and I feel that our confidence has increased, but our successes have not made us complacent," Barbelet said. "The same energy can be felt in every pregame and each player is always putting in their all. We're all improving with time."

Barbelet and her teammates know that sectionals will be a grueling road because of Class A's depth – Lakeland, Hen Hud, Lourdes, Pearl River, Tappan Zee, Pearl River, Nanuet, Harrison and Pelham, to name a few. The Sailors hope to extend their season much further this year and realize what it will take.

"To secure a section title, we need to stay grounded," Barbelet said. "There are so many quality teams in our division and we can't take any of them lightly. It's no secret that for the majority of this season, we've been the underdog, which is just how our team likes it."

LAKELAND had an exhausting, but productive week with five wins in six days, improving to 17-0.

The Hornets swept Our Lady of Lourdes, 9-3 and 7-2, and blanked Horace Greeley (9-0), John Jay-Cross River (5-0) and Tappan Zee (2-0).

"Winning all five was great and I can tell you that everyone on the team is ecstatic," senior Claire Fon said. "With only three more regular-season games left, we are getting excited for sectional play."

Freshman Stella Bale tossed a no-hitter with 15 strikeouts against John Jay. She was aided by Hannah Matusiak's two hits, two runs and RBI. Krystal Badillo added two hits and an RBI and Amanda

DiClerico had a hit and two RBI.

"I am so happy and excited for Stella," Fon said. "Throwing a no-hitter is a major accomplishment and she deserves it. She has put in so much work and it clearly shows."

Fon fired a five-hitter and struck out 12 against Horace Greeley. Fon also homered, doubled and drove in three.

Bale finished with three hits, two runs scored and two RBI and Ava Knopf collected two hits and three RBI.

Lakeland and Tappan Zee engaged in a pitcher's duel as Fon tossed a two-hitter with five strikeouts.

The Hornets were limited to one hit, but Badillo made it count – a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning.

"Krystal really helped us out with that key hit," Fon said. "Once she made contact with the ball we all knew it was out of the park. Krystal has been doing great in the box."

"Tappan Zee has a great program and I wouldn't be surprised if we faced them during the sectional tournament."

PUTNAM VALLEY won the League III-E title and in grand fashion as Emily McKenna tossed a no-hitter in a 12-0 victory over North Salem.

It was the Tigers' first league crown since 2009 and initial one for Putnam Valley coach Rena Finsmith.

"This program has worked very hard to improve each year," said Finsmith. "We have strong coaches at the modified and JV level and I thank them for their help in building this program. The JV and varsity girls have put in work during the offseason to get better in all aspects of the game by attending many off-season workouts."

"From a program that barely made the playoffs seven years ago to now league champs means a lot," she added. "The girls have bought into what we talk about, how

we approach practice, and play the game. The leadership from our captains, senior Sophia Lord and juniors Alex and Keiko Waters has been invaluable this season. I am so proud and happy for these 16 girls who have put in the hard work over these past few years and can look up at the banner in the gym and see 2019 placed on it."

The league-title clincher came after North Salem outslugged Putnam Valley, 19-11. The new league champions closed out the week and its home schedule with a mercy of Yonkers Montessori Academy as McKenna struck out nine and allowed one hit.

Putnam Valley is now 12-6 this season.

In the league-title clinching win, Sonya Garcia had three hits and three RBI, Sophia Lord also had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run and Alex Waters doubled twice among her three hits and collected three RBI. Keiko Waters added two hits and two RBI and Sabrina Cross had two hits and an RBI.

Cross led Putnam Valley in the loss, going 4 for 4 with three RBI. Frankie Reyes chipped in three hits, two runs and three RBI and Lord collected three hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Alex Waters had two hits, including a double, an RBI and scored twice, including her 100th varsity run. Last month, Water and her sister, Keiko, each registered their 100th varsity hit.

Reyes had a big day against Yonkers Montessori Academy, going 4 for 4, including a double and home run, scoring three runs and driving in six. Kathleen Gallelo also had six RBI.

Alex Waters went 3 for 3, including a home run, four runs and three RBI. McKenna helped herself with two hits and three RBI and Keiko Waters also added two hits and scored four runs.

Becker, Mahopac Nips Yorktown for Husker Tourney Title

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Yorktown 2B Juliana Piehler awaits throw as Mahopac C Michelle DellaMura cruises in to 2B with double in 1-0 Indian win over Huskers Saturday.

accomplishment and they absolutely deserve it."

Coach Giansante went on to talk about how vital her star pitcher, Becker, has been throughout the tournament. "It's indescribable she's incredible," she said. "She has been on her game completely. It takes a lot to get on base with her and when that happens, she keeps her cool and does her thing and she gets out of it."

Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia drove in the game's only run, plating Becker.

On the other end, defending Class AA champion Yorktown (8-7) was rolling until Saturday when Mahopac beat them in the title game. Yorktown fought hard and played a tough game

against Mahopac. Yorktown's star pitcher Allie Cortino pitched all seven innings and got eight strikeouts. Yorktown Coach Samantha Fernandez talked about how her team played hard throughout the tournament.

"I felt like we came out strong against Mamaroneck the other day," she said. "We were getting a lot of runners on moving runners and scoring runners. Allie Cortino started the game she had four strikeouts, and then against Mahopac, we started Allie again and she did phenomenal. Sam Riccardulli got on base two out of her three at-bats and had three stolen bases, she led this team in hitting and she brought a lot of energy to the team."

Vetrano Fires 2nd No-Hitter in Lakeland's 7-0 Win vs. Yorktown

Hornets Win Sorrentino Bragging Rights; Mahopac Seeps Carmel; PV Rockin' Class B

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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LAKELAND junior lefty Joe Vetrano continues to be the big story in our neck of the woods after pitching his second no-hitter of the season in the reigning Section 1 Class A Hornets' 7-0 win over host Yorktown in the 38th annual Sorrentino Cup game. And while Yorktown inexplicably refused to allow Lakeland the chance to pose with the cup during post-game ceremonies, as NYS Senator William Marcy said in 1832, to the victor goes the spoils, which in this case means nothing but bragging rights.

The 2018 NYS runner-up Hornets busted the game open with a five-run fourth, highlighted by SS Leo Cummings' two-run single and a run scored. Chase Delullo and Evan Berta (run) each added an RBI for the Hornets while C Zach Lerman had two hits and scored a run and Vetrano scored and drove home another.

From there, Vetrano settled into cruise control against the Huskers, whiffing a season-high 14 batters along the way. He walked one and hit three batters, but worked out of minimal trouble with an almost-untouchable fastball. He threw



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown SS Chris Sica can't get tag down in time -- though he did crush one ball -- as Lakeland's Joe Vetrano steals 2B in Huskers' 7-0 loss to Hornets.

100 pitches and defeated Yorktown for the second time this season, both no-hitters. In 12 innings against the Huskers this season, Vetrano whiffed 24 batters, or two per inning.

"They were saying some things to try and get under my skin," Vetrano admitted. "I didn't let it get to me. It felt really good to beat them again because that's a good

everyone's ace in the upcoming playoffs as the No.1 seed.

"Once Joey gets focused, he's fun to watch," Coach Casey said. "Right now, this team still has the mindset that they are the No.12 seed from last year's playoffs as opposed to a team that reached the state finals last year. I'm glad that their not cocky, that they remain focused and treat every game and series just as important as the next. We hope that continues because I do like the approach of this team."

CLASS A

In other Yorktown action, the Huskers (10-8), the potential No.10 seed, gonged John Jay, 14-4 last Wednesday when Robert Miller (3 for 4) homered and drove home a career-high six RBI. Luan Biberaj went 3 for 4 with an RBI and four runs scored for Yorktown.

Lakeland socked SOMERS, 12-6, with Vetrano stroking two homers, driving home four and scoring two runs. Berta (2 for 3, HR, RBI, 3 runs) and Cummings (2 for 2, double, RBI) were also big contributors toward

winning P Berta (5 IP, 2 runs, 4 Hits, 2 BB, 5 K's).

Tusker Anthony O'Donnell (3 for 4, 2B, RBI) had a day for the Tuskers, who put the hammer to Yorktown in a 13-4 decision behind P Liam Kaseta, who went yard, drove home three, scored twice at the plate while working 5-1/3rd on the hill, allowing just two hits while whiffing nine.

Tuskers Logan Carriero (3 for 3, 3 runs, RBI) and Michael Barbagallo (2 for 3, 3 runs, 2B, 2 RBI) provided the impetus



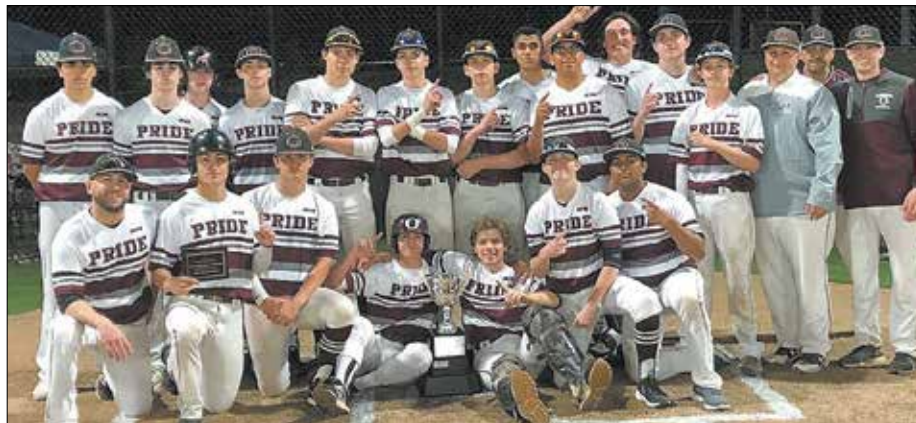
Mahopac's Frank DiGaudio (3) greets CF Mike Musanthy after his potential game-saving grab in Indians' 12-4 extra-inning win over host Carmel Friday.

on offense. Somers is 8-9 and looking like a potential No.13 seed, which is not enviable due to outbrackets.

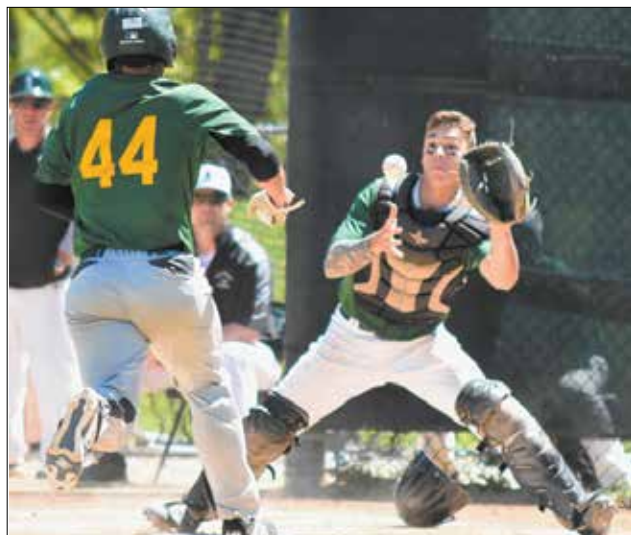
HEN HUD (13-5-1) is looking more and more like a top-6-7 seed in the playoffs after the Sailors defeated Lourdes, 2-0, for a share of the League II-E title (Beacon). Sailor P Nick Hitsley worked all eight innings for the win. Matt Olstrom drove in both runs for the Sailors, who also lost a couple of close one to Nanuet, 2-1, and to Briarcliff, 3-2.

"Hitsley was tremendous against Lourdes," Sailor Coach Van Vourliotis said. "He was able to keep putting up zeros until we found a way to score in the eighth. His mental toughness is tremendous, especially when he has to pitch out of jams with runners in scoring position and when he's in the most pressured situations. It definitely had a playoff-like atmosphere to this game,

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Members of Ossining Pride pose with hardware after beating Croton 6-5 in Saturday's 2nd annual Casey Cup game.



Yorktown C Luan Biberaj gets the put-out on Lakeland's Nick Badillo in Huskers' 7-0 Sorrentino Cup loss to Hornets Saturday.

ball team. It's a huge rivalry game with the cup on the line, so we were pumped to bring our best game. We're focused and hungry to get back where we were last year. We know that one hot pitcher can change our run and end things for us, so we play every game like it can be our last."

That approach has paid massive dividends to date, including a meaningless No.1 Class A ranking in the state polls. Coach Bill Casey knows all too well that that Hornets will get



Mahopac Assistant Coach Sean McGee puts it on Indian SS Matt Weiner after he delivered game-winning RBI in 12-4 extra-inning win over Carmel Friday.

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Boys LAX Notebook

State-Ranked (No.4) Yorktown Holds No.1 Seed in Class B

By Ray Gallagher
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NWE/Putnam Fab 5 LAX Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN –Class B state-ranked (No.4) Huskers (10-5 overall, 8-0 Section 1) would appear to have a clean road to sectional finals with 1st-round bye and four non-contenders (for the most part) on their side of the bracket, should they hold on to No.1. The thing is, though, reigning champion John Jay CR, ranked No.6 in NYS, is playing its best lax as we speak, and they strongly object to the notion that the 5 goals they lost by in April is irreversible.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Class A Rebels (6-10 overall, 6-8 Section 1) are looking like the potential No.7 seed, which isn't all that bad a path when you consider No.2 Scarsdale and No.3 Wappingers are the obstacles. Both can be had in what should be winnable games if the Rebels come to play and hope to compete in their 4th straight title game. I'd prefer that path

to the finals than the one Mahopac might get at No.5.

No.2A MAHOPAC – Class A Indians (9-7, 9-6), as the potential No.5 seed, will have to go through No.4 North Rockland and No.1 Mamaroneck to reach the finals, what would be Mahopac's first title appearance since 2015. That's a rough draw and only doable if the Indians can reach the next level in the days ahead.

No.4 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (7-6) should draw the No.6 seed and figured all along the road to a sectional title, their first since 2009, would always go through John Jay CR and Yorktown, and that'll be the case if they can survive No.3 Fox Lane in the quarters.

No.5 HEN HUD – Class C Sailors (9-7) should secure the No.4 seed and might draw both No.5 Eastchester and No.1 Rye, ranked No.12 in NYS, should the seeds pan out. That's a tough road for the Sailors to reach their first final since 2012.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (8-8 overall, 7-8 Section 1) have



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Lakeland-Panas' Michael Castelli (L) and Yorktown's Shane Dahlke hope to survive and advance to NYS tourney in Class A and B, respectively. Playoffs begin this week, May 15-16.

fallen to No.9 on the depth chart, which means their season comes to an end in the quarters against No.1 Bronxville, ranked No.1 in NYS; unless Coach Weir has a plan to slow down a prideful Bronco

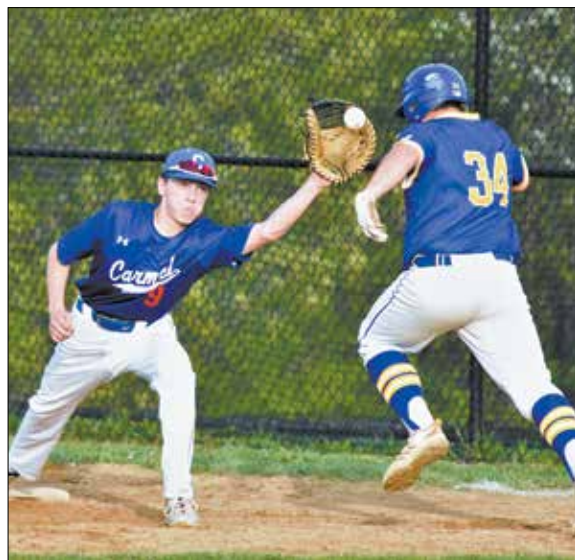
outfit that is seeking the first sectional title since its four-peat in 2014 while PV seeks its first championship appearance since 2010.

HM CARMEL – Class A Rams (6-9) have taken strides to improve the program and as the No.11 seed they could draw No.6 Suffern in the opening round and No.3 Wappingers in the quarters, should they survive the Mounties, which would be the biggest win in Carmel lax history #HaveAtIt.

HM BREWSTER – Class B Bears (5-11, 4-11) are the current No.10 seed, which puts them in line to face No.7 Clarkstown South in the opening round and No.2 John Jay should they survive the journey across the river, which is all we can ask.

HM HALDANE – Class D Blue Devils (13-2) are holding firm to No.3 seed, which puts the Dobbs/Hasting survivor in their path. After that, it's No.2 Briarcliff in the semis and the season on the line. Blue Devils would have signed in blood for that chance when the campaign began.

Vetrano Fires 2nd No-Hitter in Lakeland's 7-0 Win vs. Yorktown continued from previous page



Carmel 1B Nick Montagna takes put-out as Mahopac's Joe Lacoparra crosses late in Rams' 12-4 extra-inning loss to Indians.

so hopefully it prepares us for sectionals when they begin."

BREWSTER (11-4-1) is clinging to the No.5 seed after knocking off Somers, 6-4, behind the stick of Bobby McBride (2 for 4, 2 doubles, 2 RBI, run), Jack Gusler (2 for 3, RBI), Thomas Mark (2 for 4, double, run) and Joe Girard (2 for 4, 2 RBI) all supported winning P Austin Beal (6 IP, 1 R, 6 Hits, 2 BB, 5 K's). Brewster backed that up with an 8-3 win over Panas behind a seven-inning gem from Mark, who did not allow an earned run. Paul Catalano led the Bears' attack, going 3-4 with a HR and four RBI. The surging Bears began the week with a 5-1 win over Horace Greeley behind McBride's sick game. The

UConn-bound righty worked six diligent frames, allowing just two hits while sending 14 Quakers down K-way. Girard (3-4, homer, two 2Bs, 2 RBI) and Keith Rusinko (2-2 RBI) did the damage at the plate.

PANAS (8-10) dropped to the current No.15 seed, which puts them in the precarious position of having to win an outbracket game if they can't reach the No.12 seed.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC swept **CARMEL** last week, which is always a big deal. The Indians (10-7) are sitting at the No.9 seed right now and could drop like a stone with state-ranked (No.7) RCK on the docket twice this week. Mahopac took home a 12-4 extra-inning win Friday against the youthful Rams (4-

13-1), who are in full rebuild mode as the possible No.16 seed, which would draw a likely outbracket path toward an opening round game with RCK.

Mahopac busted the 4-4 game open in the eighth when SS Matt Weiner singled home two runs and Joe Lacoparra (4 RBI) blasted a three-run dinger to support reliever Matt Luongo. The crafty lefty dropped deuce after deuce on the Rams and worked his way out of an inherited bases-loaded jam without allowing a run. He finished the game with four innings and one run off four hits. Chris Walpole was a thorn in Carmel's side, going 3 for 6 with two RBI and two runs. Mike

Musantry made a diving grab in center and added two RBI, two hits and a run for the Indians. C Chris Stepkoski added two RBI and a run for Mahopac. Nick Montagna had three hits and three RBI to lead the Rams, who Mahopac Coach Myckie Lugbauer was impressed with.

"They have some pretty solid young talent over there," he said. "It should be interesting the next couple of years."

Mahopac went on to rock Panas, 6-1, on Saturday behind the five-hit effort of Weiner, who went the route for the win. Walpole doled out a pair of hits and two RBI. Lacoparra added three hits, an RBI and a run.

OSSINING chalked up its biggest win in recent memory in a 7-5 triumph over Fox Lane last Wednesday when P Peter Bossinas had three hits and three RBI for the Pride (15-5), who are having their best season in many years under Coach Scott Deiso, looking like a potential No.5 seed. The Boss Man fired six innings and earned the win. Mark DeAngelis added three hits and Matt Miniham hit a home run.

The Pride also took home the 2nd annual Bill Casey Cup in a 6-5 win over **CROTON** in the bottom of the ninth on a walk of single by Tej Verma. AJ Manicchio was game's MVP. The Tigers (7-10) have fallen out of the top-10 in Class B.

CLASS B

Apparently, there's a sectional title contender that no one is talking about. Everyone who's anyone knows about state-ranked (No.1) Class A Lakeland as a much-ballyhooed title challenger, but about a mile over the Westchester border sits Class B **PUTNAM VALLEY**, winners

of 11 in a row after senior TJ Brescia's 2-1 no-hitter over visiting Blind Brook last Wednesday on senior night in the Valley and two more wins over Haldane and Ardsley.

Brescia, and classmate John Millicker, are making the most of their senior seasons, leading the under-the-radar Tigers to a 13-4 record and the current No.1 seed as the playoffs approach. There's also a League III-E title up for grabs in the days ahead with North Salem on tap (5/14-5/16).

After a 1-3 start, Coach Joe Natalie's Tigers are suddenly in the Class B title conversation for the first time in a few years after Tiger 1B Matt Carravone stroked the game-winning single with one out in the bottom of the seventh to plate Bobby Kroboth with the winning run over Blind Brook.

The Tigers ended the week with a huge 12-2 win over Ardsley when they broke the game open in the first inning behind a three-run triple by C John Listwan, who is starting to mash.

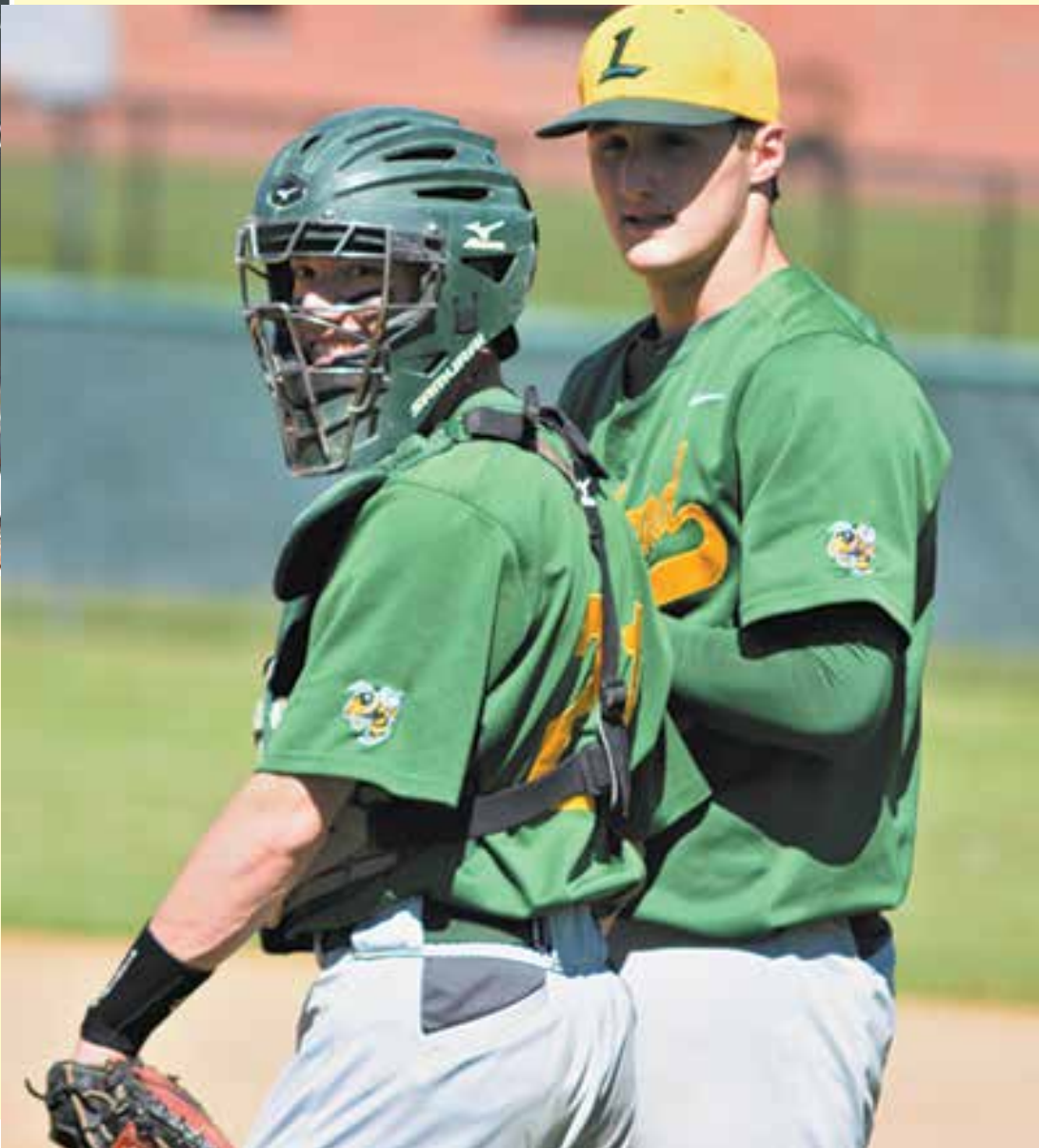
Putnam Valley tacked on four runs in the third inning when Franky Curran, Ryan Singer, Alex O'Brien and Matt Carlsen all drove home a run.

O'Brien, who has been a steady No.3 this season, earned the win, surrendering just two runs on five hits over five innings, striking out four.

Against Haldane, senior P Matt Carlsen fired a tidy three-hitter with eight K's in a 14-0 win. He also went 3 for 3 with a double, an RBI and three runs while SS Franky Curran led the offense, going 4 for 4 with a double and four RBI.


Check Mates!

Lakeland Battery – Vetrano, Lerman – Put Yorktown in Check, Hornets’ Win Sorrentino Cup, 7-0, in No-Hit Fashion



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Lakeland P Joey Vetrano was chucking smoke to C Zach Lerman (inset) last Saturday when the junior lefty (inset) fired his second no-hitter of the season in a 7-0 win over host Yorktown in the 38th annual rendition of the Sorrentino Cup. Vetrano whiffed 14 Huskers over seven innings to lead the smiling state-ranked (No.1) Hornets to victory... see Baseball Notebook



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