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Putnam Mourns Loss of Former County Historian

By David Propper

Former Putnam County historian and well-respected fixture in the community Denis Castelli died Saturday morning, leaving countless Putnam residents grieving his death.

Castelli, who lived in North Salem and was a former longtime resident of Brewster, was pronounced dead at Putnam Hospital Center. He was 67-years-old.

Castelli had been the county historian for the past couple of years, but had been involved in community efforts long before he assumed that position. Castelli was a trustee of the Southeast Museum for 19 years and a board member for both the Putnam Land Trust and the Landmark Preservation Society. Additionally, the Vietnam War veteran was a member of the VFW Post #672 in Brewster and was a veterans' advocate for former Congresswoman Nan Hayworth for two years.

A mass of Christian burial is set for this Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. After the funeral, the VFW Post #672 will hold a lunch at

its headquarters. Calling hours are on Thursday from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster. A private cremation was held earlier for Castelli.

"(Putnam County) won't be able to replace Denis Castelli," close friend and Brewster resident Jack Gress said. "I believe his legacy will live on forever."

Castelli died after his heart stopped on Saturday, Gress said. He had slurred speech about a month ago and when he went to hospital, it was discovered he had a slight stroke. Though he had other medical complications, Castelli improved enough to go home and even participated in one community event.

But last Friday he was rushed to the hospital after getting tired and weak and then died peacefully on Saturday morning.

When reached Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon, local officials and county residents were still struggling to deal with the loss of Castelli.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell said Castelli "embodied Putnam's heritage everyday in almost everything he did."

Odell, who at one point needed a few

seconds to collect her thoughts, noted how loyal, dedicated and generous Castelli was to everyone around him. She also pointed out how important his wife Athena was to him.

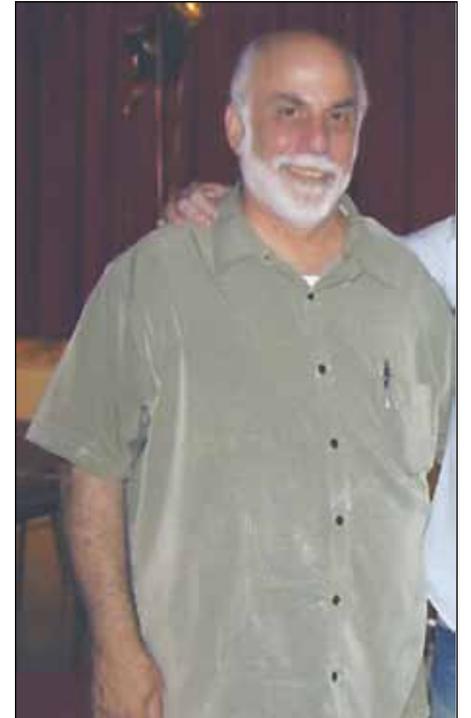
"I have never met a man like Denis Castelli," she said. "We'll never see the likes of someone like him again. He was a true gem"

District 6 Legislator Roger Gross said Castelli was "civic minded" and added he was a veteran dedicated to helping other veterans, by involving himself in a myriad of activities to help them.

Castelli served in the Vietnam War in the 1st cavalry and received the prestigious Purple Heart in the line of duty. When Putnam became the first Purple Heart County in New York, he was credited for being part of that effort.

In a past Putnam Examiner article about Hayworth appointing Castelli to the congresswoman's district staff, Castelli talked about his service. He was in Vietnam as a machine gunner from Nov. 1967 to

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Denis Castelli, a former Brewster resident and Putnam County historian, died last Saturday. He was 67.

Pac Family That Almost Lost Own Child Ready to Lead March of Dimes Walk

By David Propper

For 121 straight days, Jennifer and John Degl couldn't take their newborn child home. Over the time of almost four months the Degl's dealt with the agony of seeing their baby girl Joy Degl in an incubator, but not being able to cradle her, and living everyday with the uncertainty of whether their fourth child would make it home at all.

Joy was delivered at Westchester Medical Center on March 12, 2012, only 23 weeks into Jennifer's pregnancy. She weighed just one pound and four ounces and was almost 12 inches long. From there, Joy went through hundreds of medical procedures and medications that kept her alive and allowed her to get stronger.

"It was really hard," Degl said. "It was hard to go home from the hospital without your baby and go back to visit your baby not knowing if she'll even survive because she was so tiny."

There were times when Joy was near death, but today she's at home with Jennifer, John and the couple's three other children. Next Sunday, the entire Mahopac family will lead the March for

Babies, a benefit to assist the March of Dimes, which funds lifesaving research and program and works to end premature birth, birth defects, and infant mortality.

The event starts at Saxon Woods in White Plain down in Westchester County at 10 a.m. According to the March of Dimes website, 1 in 9 babies is born prematurely in the United States

and worldwide, 15 million babies are born too soon each year. In 2009, 35 percent of all infant deaths were because of preterm-related complications.

Jennifer, who is a science teacher at Mahopac High School and lived in Mahopac her entire life, has been involved with the March of Dimes since her experience with Joy, which forced the

entire family to deal with tremendous adversity.

In March 2012, Jennifer experienced a life threatening hemorrhage at 17 weeks and went through another two hemorrhages before she was finally forced to have Joy much sooner than the typical pregnancy.

Jennifer was on bed rest and John, another lifelong Mahopac resident, had the responsibility of taking care of 8-year-old Sean, 7-year-old Jack, and 4-year-old Shane with the help of the children's grandparents.

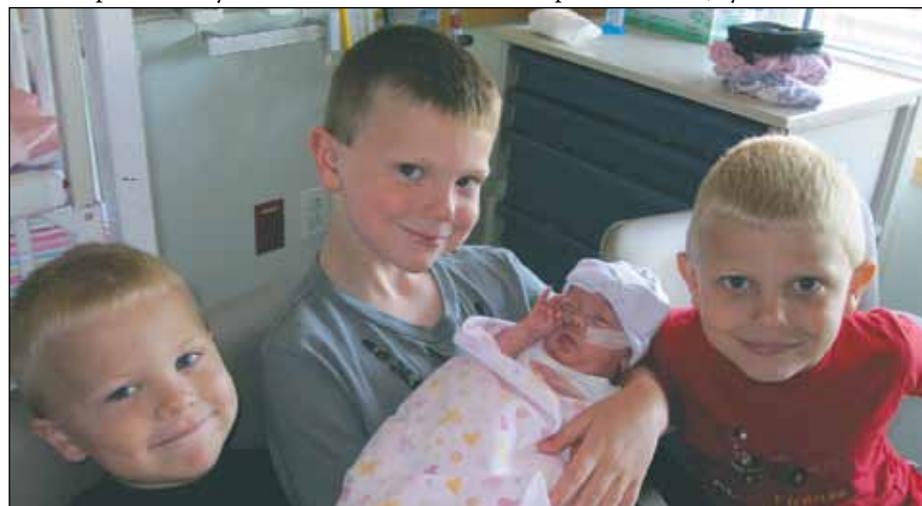
And as John pointed out, Jennifer's "life was in danger, too" adding to an already stressful situation.

"You just kind of go one foot in front of another," John said. "Because you have the other kids and the rest of the life is normal. They don't realize life's different."

The couple also gave considerable credit to surrounding community members, other teachers at Mahopac High School and the workers at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla.

Throughout the entire ordeal, Jennifer kept a journal that she eventually turned

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Brothers 8-year-old Sean, 7-year-old Jack, and 4-year-old Shane welcomed their first sister into the Degl family, Joy, after she was in an incubator for about four months after birth.

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Nov. 1968, during the Tet Offensive.

"It was a very active year, and I was with a very active outfit," Castelli stated in the article. "People were shooting at you and you were shooting at people. And it happened at such a frequency that it was numbing."

At the state of the county address last month, after an older veteran, who was supposed to be recognized by the audience, couldn't make it to the speech, Castelli stood up and suggested the crowd

still show their appreciation. That led to a lengthy and loud standing ovation.

"I can't emphasize his commitment to veterans enough," Gross said. "He was very much committed to helping veterans and supporting veterans."

Southeast councilwoman Lynne Eckardt, who knew Castelli for more than a decade, said he "defined friendship" and said even if you vigorously disagreed with his point of view, you could still get along with him.

"I will miss his common sense, unique sense of humor and his steadfast

friendship," Eckardt said.

Another Southeast councilwoman, Liz Hudak, said Castelli was an "all around good guy and a patriot." She noted how much of an advocate Castelli was for veterans. She also said he provided a wealth of county knowledge.

"He loved making people aware of the rich history of Putnam County," Hudak said.

Gross, who met Castelli in 2006 and became one of his closest friends, said Castelli was always doing work for the community and even though he was the

reason for so much getting done, especially in Brewster, he never took or even wanted credit for it. He was humble and told others it was a team effort, Gress said.

"Denis was known around here as the go-to guy," Gress said.

Lake Carmel resident Judy Terlizzi, who worked on the Putnam Land Trust with Castelli, said when he'd "believe in something, he would work tirelessly on behalf of that."

"Denis epitomized community," she said, adding later. "I don't want to believe it, that's all but I have to."

Castelli married Athena Arvan on Oct. 2, 1982. His other interests included photography and he had much of his work on display at the Applebee's restaurant in Brewster and also in the county main offices. He is survived by his wife, brother and nephew, in addition to other aunts and uncles.

Legislator Sam Oliverio, who knew him for more than 20 years, said Castelli "knew more about Putnam County than anybody." Any time Oliverio needed to know something about the county's past, he knew to quickly seek Castelli for help.

Oliverio, who was out of town and wasn't aware of Castelli's death until reached by The Putnam Examiner, said, "I'm sick to my stomach."

Riefenhauser Debuts for Rays

Mahopac native C.J. Riefenhauser was called up to the Tampa Bay Rays 25-man roster last Friday night and pitched in a pair of games over the weekend, facing the NY Yankees in his debut Saturday night. The 24-year-old Mahopac High grad Riefenhauser retired the first batter he faced, Alfonso Soriano, on a groundout. He then worked the eighth, retiring the Yankees in order to end his outing.

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Final Tilly Foster Forum Held as Residents Continue to Brainstorm

By Janine Bowen

Putnam County residents worked together to explore ways to make Tilly Foster Farm self-sustaining and attractive to visitors at the final public forum about the county owned property last Wednesday.

Prior to residents breaking up into groups to discuss ideas for the farm, Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker explained the effort is currently in the process of gathering up ideas that were presented at previous meetings, to determine what could have the potential to be successful. In addition, they wished to continue gathering input from community members. All feasible ideas will be compiled and presented to the Tilly Foster Task Force Core Team (TFFT) for presentation to the legislature, at the Physical Services Committee Meeting, in May.

Walker stated that once the TFFT has compiled the information into a format suitable for the legislature, there will likely be another public meeting, for the purpose of informing residents of what the legislature will see.

Much of the focus at Wednesday's meeting revolved around educational opportunities that Tilly Foster could offer to the community. Residents hoped to see colleges and universities open satellite programs on the farm, to teach everything from veterinary training to agricultural studies. They also suggested offering

culinary classes through BOCES, or even local high schools, as well as classes that could teach families to grow their own food and promote agriculture in the county.

The group also suggested using some of the farm land as part of a business incubator program for young farmers. The program would provide start up land to new farmers to care for and give them an opportunity to learn how to farm for a living.

Group chairs noted that it is important to develop ideas that will fill a need in the community while not competing with nearby local businesses.

"We are in charge of finding the best idea or the best thing that's suited for the farm" said Ervin Raboy, chair of the agriculture sub-committee.

In addition to educational programs that may bring money to the farm, residents discussed ways to integrate fun activities into the farm to attract visitors, especially during the slower winter months.

One suggestion was to offer winter sports, including cross country skiing and snow shoeing as well as sleigh riding for children. They also considered flooding a field to create a temporary ice skating rink as well as possibly giving ice cutting demonstrations.

During the discussions, residents looked to other outdoor venues to gauge what types of events have successfully attracted patrons in the past. One resident noted that the only children's garden is at the Botanical Gardens



JANINE BOWEN PHOTO

Residents are hard at work discussing the future of Tilly Foster Farm during the last public forum on the matter. County officials hope to present a plan to the legislature by May.

in the Bronx, and suggested that Tilly Foster create one that is more accessible to suburban residents. They also looked to the holiday light show at the Bronx Zoo, suggesting that a similar event may be successful in Putnam County.

All agreed though, that while the goal is to bring residents to the county owned farm, they do not want to resort to tacky gimmicks and aim to preserve the history and feel of the original farm.

"It will be alive again. We're just trying to determine in what direction," said Rick Sarasota.

Ann Fanizzi, a Tilly Foster volunteer and

donor, noted the farm may not need to look at outside sources in order to determine what could be successful. She remembers holding successful holiday dinners at the lodge on the property when George Whipple was still in control of the farm, and suggested that similar parties could be sources of revenue.

The TFFT hopes to develop a comprehensive plan, incorporating the ideas of residents, by May 1. Although Wednesday marked the last public meeting for the purpose of gathering ideas, residents are still welcome to submit any suggestions they may have for the farm to TillyFoster@PutnamCountyNY.gov.

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County Executive Candidates Remain at Odds

By David Propper

Bickering between the two announced county executive candidates in Putnam, incumbent MaryEllen Odell and challenger Sam Oliverio continued last week and only appeared to be heating up.

Oliverio, a Democrat and legislator for District 2 sent out a robocall last week, attacking Odell on issues the Putnam Valley resident has brought up previous times, citing her apparent attempt to cut transportation lines before the legislature restored them and closing the kitchen at the Putnam Valley Senior Center

last year. In the nearly minute long call, Oliverio also alleged that Odell spent “tens of thousands of tax dollars to completely renovate her office.”

Odell, in an interview, dismissed Oliverio’s attempt to go on the offensive against her. Odell had previously argued the lines were restored and there’s a restructuring to the transportation lines occurring and the kitchen wasn’t completely closed, but it was consolidated in order to save money. When responding to Oliverio’s new accusation about renovating her office, she argued nothing

was done in excess. She also said when she started, she anticipated bringing capital investors, business leaders, and other local leaders in her office and “thought a fresh coat of paint with some carpet tiles was appropriate.”

She also pointed out just like the executive office, other locations including the legislature office, the district attorney’s office, purchasing office and county clerk’s office also received upgrades.

Oliverio responded by saying the executive office didn’t need any upgrades, unlike other offices in the building.

Odell also went on the offensive, insinuating Oliverio was responsible for anonymous mailers that have been sent to residents criticizing her. She said the points raised in the nameless fliers are similar to what was in the robocall.

“While we suspected that it was campaign propaganda, now that he’s identified himself and it’s exactly what’s been put out there since November, we now know,” Odell said. “And it’s unfortunate that he decided to negative campaign anonymously but everyone has their style of campaigning.”

Oliverio, in an interview, said he doesn’t believe his campaign is becoming too negative.

“I speak the truth,” Oliverio later said. “I’m not lying, it’s not negative, and I’m saying facts. Now that upsets people when you tell the truth a lot of times and a lot of people consider that negative but I don’t do it in a negative tone. I’m a nice guy.”

He also denied sending out any anonymous mailers, stating those came from within Odell’s own political party.

Adding another wrinkle to the sparring between the two, Odell made a presentation similar to her state of the county address at a April 16 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting, with Oliverio in attendance. Odell said afterward she made the presentation specifically at Putnam Valley after Oliverio said at a previous town board meeting in March he wasn’t sure what the state of the county was in 2014 because Odell gave a history lesson rather than a look to the future.

“I felt that it was a really unfair statement and it was really an insult to all of our department heads in our county and all of our workers in the county who work so hard to put together a good county government,” Odell said. “I really thought that was a slap in the face to our workforce.”

Interestingly enough, Oliverio praised Odell on her presentation to the Putnam Valley town board. He said during the meeting at the legislator report portion of the meeting, “this was really good and I compliment her on it.” He was even the first to applaud in the small audience when she finished the roughly 30-minute presentation.

“Much more concise, much more focused much shorter,” he said afterward, though still noted. “A lot of it again was stuff we already initiated.”

Odell, a Republican, is seeking reelection and her first full term in office. She’s currently the only announced Republican candidate, though many expect State Sen. Greg Ball to throw his name in the ring.

Oliverio, a long time critic of Odell, has been on the legislature for almost 20 years and making his first run for county executive.

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into a book called "From Hope to Joy: A Memoir of a Mother's Determination and Her Micro Preemie's Struggle to Beat the Odds."

When Jennifer was on bed rest and didn't have much to do, she would write down her thoughts and anything else she experienced from that specific day. In a way, writing became like "free therapy" for her and a way to occupy her time.

Now, she hopes her recollections and eventual happy ending with a healthy baby gives other families struggling through the same fight the inspiration they need.

Not just that, but one day Joy will be old enough to read the book and realize the arduous path she experienced right from birth and how she was able to overcome it.

"She definitely has her own little way about her. I don't think she'll ever realize everything that she went through," Jennifer said. "Everything that happened to her was more than what most adults have throughout their lifetime and luckily she won't remember so that's another reason for the book so she can see how strong she really is."



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Joy Degl is happy, healthy and full of energy. She's now 23 months old. She celebrated her first birthday on March 12.

Free Narcan KIT & Training at April 24 Heroin Roundtable

Senator Greg Ball (R, C, I - Patterson) will host a Homeland Security Drug Crisis Roundtable in conjunction with the Senate Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction on Thursday, April 24th at 6PM at the Paladin Center Tactical Training Facility in Carmel, NY.

Immediately following the roundtable, the Harm Reduction Coalition will provide overdose prevention training. The training, which meets New York State Department of Health requirements, includes recognition of Opioid overdose, administration of intranasal Narcan, and steps to take until EMS arrives. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and an emergency resuscitation kit that includes Narcan.

"I am proud to team up with the Harm Reduction Coalition to offer free Narcan training. This miracle drug, if used correctly, has the potential to save lives," said Senator Greg Ball. "The epidemic of heroin addiction plaguing our communities must be confronted head on. It is sickening to read and hear of the countless deaths in our community. We must get to the kids before it's too late, talk is cheap, and what is needed is funding and resources. As legislators, we must do everything in

our power to protect our children from drug addiction."

Senator Greg Ball was recently named a member of the Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction. The bipartisan task force is chaired by Senator Phil Boyle (R-C-I, Suffolk County), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Members will examine the issues and solicit input from experts and other stakeholders about addiction prevention and treatment options, the rise in heroin and opioid use, and the potential for drug-related crimes and other negative community impacts. The task force will then develop recommendations, which will be used to draft legislation to address the issues raised.

Senator Phil Boyle, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith, Drug Crisis in Our Backyard Community Action Organization and others will also participate in the roundtable.

Those that would like to participate in the Narcan training and receive a free resuscitation kit that includes Narcan, must RSVP to Senator Greg Ball's office by calling (845) 279-3773 or by emailing kgobins@nysenate.gov.

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Brewster Comprehensive Plan Receives Draft Report

By Neal Rentz

A committee responsible for making recommendations that would update the Brewster Comprehensive Plan received a draft report from the village's consultant on April 17.

The draft was presented to the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee by Tiffany Zezula, deputy director of land use at the Land Use Law Center at Pace University.

Zezula told the committee her draft report was based on several meetings with residents and surveys distributed to the public about what they felt the future

direction of Brewster should be.

There were several common themes from residents expressed on the surveys and at meetings, Zezula said. Many residents highly value the village's Metro-North station, she said. Many have chosen to live in Brewster "because of that station," she said.

Many residents felt it was important to create additional parks and preserve open space, Zezula said. "That came up a lot," she noted.

Residents expressed the desire to make downtown "a focal point" of Brewster, Zezula said. Residents also want a variety

of businesses downtown and want new sidewalks and additional parking in the area, she said.

Many residents want the Green Street School to become a "mixed use development," Zezula said. Residents want to "create some tax revenue from the building," she said.

Zezula suggested that after reviewing her draft document the committee should work on strategies that could put the public's ideas into place for an updated Comprehensive Plan. The committee agreed to her suggestion to inform residents about

her report via e-mail, which would include a link to the report. The committee also agreed to continue to accept residents' comments about the Comprehensive Plan update and hold an additional public hearing on the document in the fall.

Committee member Harold Lepler said the village needed to hire a firm to do a marketing study that would inform the community on what needed to be done and what the costs would be to implement their ideas for the future of the village.

The committee will hold their next meeting sometime in May and the discussion could include a review of the marketing study.

Brewster Mayor James Schoenig said much had been accomplished by the committee in period of a few months and was he was impressed by residents' interest in the future of the village and the need to revise the Comprehensive Plan. "I am pleasantly surprised by the turnout we received at these meetings," he said.

The Comprehensive Plan was last updated by the village board of trustees in 2004. A draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan is slated to be completed for the village's board's review in August or September.

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The Maritime Aquarium: The Jewel of Norwalk

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Families looking for an exciting and educational day trip with the children should visit the nearby Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, Connecticut. It is the only aquarium that focuses on Long Island Sound, presenting sharks, seals, river otters, sea turtles, jellies and more than 100 other species from Long Island Sound and its watershed. Two staffed touch tanks allow hands-on close encounters with intertidal animals and a chance to touch live sharks and rays.

Among the attractions are "Go Fish!" which explores our cultural relationship with the sea through fishing and the sustainable seafood movement. "Ocean Playspace" offers fun for toddlers and a rest for big people. Marine Lab shows visitors how we care for marine animals, including raising baby seahorses and jellies. It also holds our family favorite, an IMAX® theater. If you have never watched a movie on an IMAX screen, now is the time to see this fantastic event. The Maritime Aquarium has Connecticut's largest IMAX Theater, with a screen that's six stories high and eight stories wide!

One of the newest Aquarium exhibits goes against everything we have ever been told when we go to the beach, about touching a jellyfish. "Touch A Jellyfish" will let visitors safely touch



live moon jellyfish, one of the most common species in Long Island Sound. "Most people who have seen jellyfish at the beach have gone out of their way to avoid them; to give them a very wide berth," said Judith Bacal, the Aquarium's exhibits director. "We're offering this exhibit to demonstrate that there are jellyfish that you can touch without

being stung."

Have you ever seen a meerkat in person? Now the opportunity is here when you see a family of meerkats, one of Africa's most entertaining species, burrows into visitors' hearts in this special exhibit. First popularized by the comical sidekick Timon in Disney's "The Lion King" and then celebrated

in the Animal Planet television series "Meerkat Manor" (2005-2009), meerkats are members of the mongoose family that live in social "mobs" or "gangs" in burrows in the Kalahari Desert, in the southern African nations of Botswana and South Africa. No mere cats, meerkats (*Suricata suricatta*) are fascinating for living in structured but cooperative societies, including a foraging strategy where adults take turns standing guard upright on their hind feet, watching for predators, while the others eat. The meerkats' exhibit offers lots of opportunities for climbing, digging and exploring, with several feeding locations to keep them always on the alert for incoming crickets. Kids will absolutely love the viewing bubble that lets visitors pop up right among the meerkats!

IMAX

Leading the list of popular movies that will be featured is Great White Shark an animal that commands both our fears and fascination. Ever since the movie Jaws hit the theatres years ago has any other creature brought such anxiety to beach goers. The Maritime Aquarium's new IMAX film suggests, instead, that these incredible predators mainly need our help and respect. "Great White Shark" unravels the mystery of the

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

- Spoon food
- "Eureka!"
- Envelope that comes back
- Palindromic songstress
- Gloom
- "___ to Billie Joe"
- Most insignificant
- Happy 50th... Putnam ___ Center
- Mold-ripened cheese
- Stephen King novel
- Nile viper
- Amphitheatre
- Glowing remnant
- Orders
- Important word for Hamlet
- Foreshadow
- Wicked son of Zeus in Greek mythology
- One of the planets
- Brewster ___ Arena
- Quintessence
- The jet ___
- Kitchen meas.
- Loaf with seeds
- Day fractions: Abbr.

Down

- Fred Flintstone's aim with, Grand
- Republic in the Eastern Pyrenees
- Compositions
- ___ spumante
- Port-au-Prince is its capital

- Grown together, in biology
- Word before "I told you so!"
- Beast of burden
- Superlative ending
- Nothing on a soccer field
- Fountain for one
- Annul
- Don Juan, e.g.
- Some car radio buttons
- He who improves a nuisance
- Entrepreneur's deg.
- A Hatfield, to a McCoy
- Small songbird
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- Increases
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Obituaries

Carl W. Bruder

Carl W. Bruder died April 13, at the age of 58. Mr. Bruder was born March 9, 1956 in West Point, New York to Dorothy and Carl (Bailey) Bruder. He was a Veteran of the US. Navy. He owned and operated Bruder's Auto Repair in Mahopac.

Raffaella Finno

Raffaella Finno, 84, from Carmel formerly of the Bronx, died on April 14. Born on October 6, 1929 to Esther and Remigio Garzia. She married Giovanni Finno on May 5, 1954 who predeceased her in November of 2000. In 1991, she retired from Ciba-Geigy as a Manager of the Patent Dept. She is survived by two loving children; Reginald (Rachel) Finno and Marianne (Ken) Larm, her four adoring grandchildren; Thomas, Nikole, Michael and Nicholas, her two sisters; Rose Lucchase and Suzanne Niglio, her brother Simone Garzia and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also predeceased by her two brothers; Louie and Ernie.

Marilyn G. Muenz

Marilyn G. Muenz, 78, of Brookfield, Ct., formerly of Carmel died on April 15, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Muenz was born on October 19, 1935 to Harry and Gertrude (Miller) in Queens. On April 11, 1968 she married the love of her life, William Muenz in Queens. She was the beloved mother to Cheryl (Fred) Woll, Michael (Margaret) Muenz and Kim (Lou) Rodrigues and a loving grandmother to; Jessica (Blake), Christopher (Kate), Jason, Justin, Louie, Billy, Olivia and Chuck, all of whom she loved very dearly and each child was held close to her heart. Once you met her you could only love her; Marilyn was always fun to be around, she was very quick witted, and she always made you feel special when you were in her presence. Marilyn would even give you

advice without you even knowing it and if you did know, that meant you were in trouble. She cherished her family and friends, she truly enjoyed life, she was such a special lady and a very classy one too! All of us will miss her dearly, yet the love she had for all of us, will always be carried in our hearts. She is in Heaven with her beloved Bill and they are probably dancing up a storm!

Paul Jonathan Fariselli

Paul Jonathan Fariselli was born in Bronx, to Paul Fariselli and Jacqueline Santiago on August 29, 1989, Stepson to Chanel Fariselli. Grandson to Faustino Fariselli & Maria Fariselli and Isaura Rivera & Tomas Nieves. Paul Jonathan was an amazing older brother to Erika and Chastity Fariselli; as well as a younger brother to Francesca Florio and Efrain Mareinez. He was an outgoing person who loved to make people laugh; his smile and laughter would brighten some of the darkest days. Paul attended Mahopac High School where he made life long friends and got the name "Paulie fever". Paul was the type of person to always dress to impress, from head to toe, with his one little dimple he would look fresh and fly. He may have dressed as if he had the biggest ego, however he was a funny, loving goofball. There are so many memories where Paul made friends and family with out a doubt start crying from laughing at his jokes, stories, raps and dances. Paul Jonathan Fariselli was the type of person to go head on with opportunities. He loved adventures, trying new thing, cooking different things and loved going to Miami. There were a few things most important to Paul in his life: Family, his Audi, Snapbacks/ Fitted and Jordan's. He always put family first, he tried to provide as much as he could. Paul constantly told his grandma Maria, who he loves so much, that he is going to take care of her. He tried to treat his sisters out to a day of shopping or fun, as well as have dinner dates with his parents. Although we wish we could

wake up from this bad dream we know you (the Flyest Angel) is smiling and looking down upon us. He will forever live within us, every time we close our eyes we see your beautiful face smiling back at us. God needed another Angel by his side so he called upon your soul to come to him. God decided it was time for Heaven to be brighten by your smile, have other people hear your jokes and experience the glorious joy your soul has to offer. Although we don't have you in our physical life, your memory will live with in us. From here on out every decision and every move we make, we have you in mind, we are here living the life that was shortened from you, but we will make you proud. As it is written "We will live as if we die today and Dream as we will live forever." We love you and will always remember you Paul A.k.a P.J.

Claudia Montuori

Claudia Montuori, age 88, of Patterson, died April 12, at Salem Hills Rehabilitation center. Claudia was born on April 7, 1926 in Brooklyn, daughter to the late Pietro and Anita (Centi) Montuori. She graduated from Lafayette High School and continued her education at Hunter College in Manhattan. Ms. Montuori was a business teacher at the Carmel Central School district for 26 years before retiring in 1991. She was also a part time office clerk in the Carmel and Mahopac Recreation Department. Claudia was member of St. John's Church in Pawling. She was also in the choir, a Eucharistic minister, lecturer and catechist. She was a past president of Sons of Italy in Carmel and a past president for two terms for the retired teachers association in Putnam County. The language National Honor society Italian Division of Carmel School is named after Claudia. Claudia is survived by her three nephews; John Canale, Mark Canale and Richard Calabrese and her three nieces; Julia Calabrese- Harrer, Pamela Halk and Lydia Valvano. She was predeceased by her sister Mary Canale.

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Joys of a Realtor's Life, from Babies to Restaurant Reviews

At a rough period in my life as a publicist, my regular line of work, I got involved in real estate. It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me.

You see, realtors don't just sell houses and commercial properties made of wood, steel, plaster and brick. We are in the business of serving people's basic needs while helping them realize their dreams. All kinds of unexpected things can spring from that.

Last year I sold a commercial property on busy Route 202 on the Yorktown-Cortlandt border. It had housed a furniture store for babies and young kids and, interestingly enough, I had written a column about child safety around the house, relying on the expertise of the store owner. He and I hit it off, and a while later, he decided to sell his building and gave me the listing.

The purchaser was a well-established restaurant family in the region, Gina and Paul DiPaterio and their son, Paul, Jr., much beloved for their Italian restaurants, Little Sorrento in Yorktown Heights and Piazza Roma in Cortlandt Manor. Their new venture was a quizzical surprise to everyone when we first heard the plan: a restaurant to be called Savannah Southern House.

I'm a Southern boy who grew up in Virginia and as a publicist have had the



By Bill Primavera

pleasure of representing some of the South's great restaurants, including Commander's Palace in New Orleans.

But where did the DiPaterios get such a notion, I wondered? When asked, Paul, Jr., said the inspiration came from a southern-themed restaurant they frequented for many years on vacation in Mount Pleasant, N.J.

So, here's a first: A real estate columnist writing a restaurant review. Why not? I spent most of my professional life promoting restaurants, including those at the Culinary Institute where I was once director of public relations.

So as a public service to anyone who loves food as much as their homes, The Home Guru advises: Run, don't walk, to Savannah Southern House.

From the moment you walk in the door you'll be embraced by hospitality you haven't experienced since that time you whistled Dixie someplace in the deep South. And if you're one who loves the camaraderie found at a great bar, you'll find it here. But get yourself to that dining room table to experience the talent of Chef Sean Lyons, transported from North Carolina for his turn here.

From what I understand, the mainstay fried chicken had a rough first few days when using a gluten free flour that tended to burn

too quickly, but rebounded with a crust that is now as finger licking good as any I've ever tasted for both crispiness and flavor. Colonel Sanders move over. The chicken itself was perfection for moistness and tenderness.

The second entrée we tried was the pulled pork with bacon bourbon sauce, the sweeter variety that you'd find in the Carolinas, by far my preference. I'm dashing back soon to try those particular dishes that called my name: chicken biscuit pie, baby back ribs, shrimp and grits (with parm, if you please) and the chicken biscuit pie.

The two side dishes that made me want to "slap my grandma" (yes, that's what we say down south) were the sweet potato casserole and the collard greens with ham. Normally, I hate collard greens.

There are those little southern oddities that any Yankee should try for the fun of it like the fried green tomatoes and the fried pickles that you probably won't want more than one of, so share.

For dessert, choose the apple pie in a jar, which is better than you know, from the crust to just the right gooeyness inside. When the check arrived we were surprised to find that, indulgent as we were, we spent only \$30 each.

You may think I'm crazy, but as the realtor who listed this property, I feel that I have some connection with every customer who enjoys this special restaurant, so can you understand why I enjoy being a realtor so much?

If any reader is thinking about a change



Bill Primavera with Savannah Southern House owner Gina DiPaterio and Manager Paul DiPaterio, Jr.

of career to real estate, give me a call about joining The Home Guru Team. And if you're thinking about a great meal with a deep southern accent, Savannah Southern House is located at 3901 Crompond Rd. (Route 202), near the corner of Lexington Avenue. It can be reached at 914-736-1203. No reservations are accepted, so just go.

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Even When it Comes to Wine, Closure Can Be Comforting



By Nick Antonaccio

In my previous 343 consecutive weekly columns, I've touched on many wine-related topics. Oftentimes educational while on other occasions tracking unfolding news events, I've enjoyed the

research and resulting reports presented to readers.

A number of news events are opened as I report on them. I periodically hear from readers inquiring if closure has been achieved on a particular wine report. This week I've decided to follow through on two reader inquiries.

When Wine Merchants Flaunt Regulations and Regulators

The wall between wine producers, wholesale distributors and retailers has been in place since the end of Prohibition. Regulations have been meted out at the federal and state levels by regulators who have a spotty track record. On various occasions and in certain jurisdictions these regulators have zealously zeroed in on apparent violators, while at other times certain regulators have taken a laissez faire approach of loose and inconsistent enforcement.

So it came as a surprise to me that Mario Batali, Joe Bastianich and his mother Lidia—all celebrity restaurateurs, TV personalities and highly successful entrepreneurs—were investigated by the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) last month for disregarding aspects of the Chinese wall. The Bastianichs have an ownership interest in a winery in Italy and the retail wine shop at Eataly, the Manhattan food emporium. This was thought to be a clear violation of state regulations but regulators seemed to be “looking the other way.”

Until last month. The SLA held a hearing to determine if violations had occurred and, if so, to decide how to proceed against the violators. The decision: the SLA determined that a violation had in fact occurred and proceeded to levy severe penalties on Batali and the Bastianichs. A \$500,000 fine was assessed against the pair, the Eataly wine shop was ordered to close for six months and Lidia

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

Bastianich was required to relinquish her interest in the wine shop. Shutting down any business for an extended period of time is significant, but not as catastrophic as temporarily shutting down any of the 10 mutually owned, highly

regarded restaurants. Some felt this settlement was in order for the flagrant disregard of regulations, while others felt this was a witch hunt of highly visible personalities by bureaucratic headline seekers. In either case the SLA now has the industry's attention.

Accepting the Consequences of Our Actions, Even if They Are Unintended

Last month an organic winemaker in Burgundy, France was prosecuted for not spraying his vineyard with a chemical pesticide. It seems counterintuitive that a winemaker who consciously decides to practice “safe farming” should be fined for avoiding chemical pesticides. But there is a bureaucratic logic behind this decision to penalize Emmanuel Giboulot, who has been growing and harvesting grapes for the past 30 years.

The French government has made a commitment to reduce the use of pesticides by 50 percent by 2018. So why the seemingly contradictory actions by

the French government? The answer: Flavescence dorée disease, inflicted by a leaf-hopper insect that is spreading throughout France, threatening to wipe out vast stretches of vineyards.

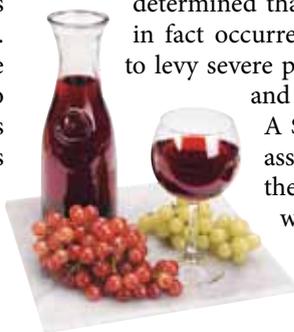
So concerned are the authorities that Flavescence dorée could have a devastating effect on the French wine industry that they have compromised their noble edict to reduce the use of pesticides.

This doesn't help Giboulet's noble effort, who was complying with the government's efforts to reduce chemical pesticides—before they decided to revert to an industrial-age solution.

The potential fine—and its unintended consequences—was significant: up to six months in jail and a fine of 30,000 Euros.

Last week, after a half million French signed an online petition protesting the fines, a judge fined Giboulet 1,000 Euros (suspending half of it) and no jail time.

Mr. Giboulet intends to appeal. Nick Antonaccio is a 35-year Pleasantville resident. For over 15 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. 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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Parenting Pep Talk: Talking About Death and Divorce With Kids



By Dr. Jaime Fleckner Black

Parents and adults are often reluctant to discuss certain topics with children. Death and divorce, for example, are challenging subjects. Do we tell children the truth, do we sugar coat it, or just flat out lie? Many well-intentioned parents skirt the truth for fear of stripping children of their innocence. Some are afraid they will mess up the conversation and end up avoiding topics altogether. Figuring out how to discuss difficult topics with children is one of the most challenging aspects of parenting. Parents must turn inward and reflect on their reasons for providing blatant lies or truths or anything in between. Here is some advice for helping children deal with two very challenging topics.

Dealing with Death

Helping children understand and cope with death can be challenging, especially if parents are grieving themselves. It is important, however, to help children understand that their beloved grandparent or pet is not

coming back. Avoid telling them that Grandpa "went away" or that their dog "went off to live on a farm." Young children especially are concrete thinkers and will expect Grandpa to come back or ask to visit the dog on the farm. Or they will be mad that you gave their dog away in the first place! Euphemisms like "passed away," "gone to a better place," or "left us" just prolong an inevitable conversation and could lead to a lack of trust in the long run. Help children understand that death is sad but natural and allow them to feel what they feel. It is OK to use the term "died."

Dealing with Divorce

Divorce is tricky and sometimes parents are too harsh or even lie when talking about the other parent. Consider how you explain your ex-spouse's behavior. For example, it would be fine to say that "Mom is always late" in a nonjudgmental tone so that your child does not take it personally when Mom shows up late. However, it is not helpful to describe Mom as "mean" or "uncaring" when you would not have done that had you still been married. Think about your motives. Are you simply trying to get your child to side with you? Is that good for him or her in the long run?

Children are intuitive and can sense

when something is wrong. They are also very imaginative and sometimes their imagined world can be far worse than reality. There are plenty of tricky topics out there! It's best to be honest with your kids, but first assess how much information they need to know. If they ask, for example, about a school shooting, ask them what they know before answering. Take time to listen to what they know and then figure out what else they want to know. You can fill in the blanks without necessarily sharing all the gruesome details. Avoid lying. Lies can make them feel unsafe because they are wary about who to trust.

Bad things happen and children need to learn to cope. They don't turn into strong and capable grownups overnight. We need to teach them along the way. To quote Mr. Rogers, "Whatever is mentionable is manageable."

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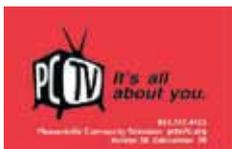
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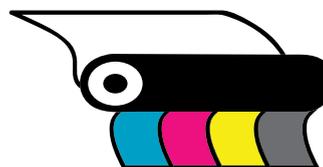
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The Maritime Aquarium: The Jewel of Norwalk

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"Tornado Alley" another IMAX feature blows into the only Connecticut movie theater big enough to handle it: the IMAX Theater at The Aquarium. The film invites audiences along with a daring team of "storm chasers" as they work to understand the origins and evolution of tornadoes. Sean Casey, star of the Discovery Channel's "Storm

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Freeman. Coming in April is Island of Lemurs: Madagascar, perfect for visitors during spring recess.

Activities

The Maritime has an extensive list of activities for guests of all ages. They offer Toy Boat Making Classes, Behind the Scenes Tours with unique opportunities to see how the animal-husbandry staff meets the varying food and water needs of the 2,000 resident animals. The tour includes stops at the "fish kitchen," where 18 tons of fish a year is prepared, and above the 110,000-gallon Open Ocean tank, where the dorsal fins of eight-foot sand tiger sharks cut through the water surface. Guests will learn the delicate requirements of a jellyfish "nursery." Participants must be at least 10 years old; under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. The tour is limited to 25 people, so reservations are strongly recommended. Walk-up tickets will be sold, space permitting. For reservations or more details, call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

Aquarium Cruises are another wonderful event offered by the museum. Two study cruise programs onto Long Island sound are available to the public and also to schools/summer camps as charters. Educators on board the research vessel will point out the sights. Guests can study marine biodiversity from the water's surface down to the bottom for a first-hand understanding of Long Island Sound's interdependent marine life. Students utilize such sampling techniques as a plankton tow, biodredge, mud grab and otter trawl that may bring up fish, crabs, lobsters, sea stars and more. A video microscope and touch tank onboard enhance observations. The cruises depart from the dock outside the

Aquarium's IMAX movie theater. For reservations or more details, call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

Special Guests

Renowned lecturers are frequently scheduled to give presentations at the Maritime Aquarium. Fabien Cousteau came in February to share insights and experiences in a special Aquarium lecture. Cousteau is a grandson of Jacques Cousteau, inventor of SCUBA gear and an inspiration to millions of ocean-lovers through his unique television shows of the 1960s & '70s, "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau." Growing up on the decks of his grandfather's research vessels, Fabien Cousteau was destined to work to protect our planet's immense and endangered marine habitats. He champions the family legacy as a third-generation ocean explorer and filmmaker.

Jack Hanna, adventurer and animal expert "Jungle Jack" Hanna, is one of the most visible and respected ambassadors between the human and animal worlds. His hands-on approach and insight into the public's appreciation of wildlife have won him widespread popular acclaim as director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, conservationist, author, television personality, celebrity speaker, and lifelong adventurer. Hanna will give two presentations on May 7.

There is so much more going on at the Maritime Aquarium all year long that frequent visits to its website is a must. For information, times, schedules, ticket prices for any of the above events or IMAX films call (203) 852-0700 or go online to www.maritimeaquarium.org. The aquarium is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Welcome to the World, Baby Girl!



Adam and Alyson Stone welcomed Mia Elizabeth into their family on April 16 at Northern Westchester Hospital. Adam Stone, publisher of Examiner Media, and Alyson Stone, an elementary school teacher, are also the proud parents of seven-year-old Madeleine Grace. Mia Elizabeth weighed in at seven pounds, two ounces and was measured at 20 inches.

Crossword Answers

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Sponsor A Flag: Sponsorships for a flag, which will be erected during the first full week in May, can be purchased for \$100 each. Members of the Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can purchase flags for \$75 each. Checks should be made out to the Joint Veterans Council and sent to them at Putnam County Veterans Affairs Office, Donald B. Smith Government Campus, 110 Old Route 6, Bldg. 3, Carmel. For more information about the Row of Honor, call Mimi at (845) 808-1620. For more information about the Return the F.A.V.O.R. Program, call Michael Bartolotti at 845-808-1142 ext. 49303

Save the Date:

Saturday, May 3

Hudson Valley Musicians Alliance Reunion Concert, A Live Benefit Performance. 8 p.m. in the A. Eric Arctander Gallery @ the Belle Levine Art Center All original songs, performed in round-robin format by HVMA singer-songwriters in a special reunion celebration. This talented group used to meet monthly at the Putnam Arts Council to swap their newest songs – please join us for a joyous and tuneful evening as they unveil their very latest works. Performers will include: Jean Bratman, Montgomery Delaney, Claudia Gibson, Joe Giacoi, Stuart Kabak, Mitch Katz, New Middle Class, Dan Pelletier, Margo Schepart, Brian Sullivan and Carla Ulbrich. Limited Seating – buy tickets online @ putnamartscouncil.com

\$10 - includes light refreshments; proceeds to support the work of the Putnam Arts Council.

Sunday, June 22. The Putnam Northern Westchester Saint Patricks Day Parade Committee

is hosting a fundraiser with the Hudson Valley Renegades. Sunday June 22 at 5:05 p.m. HV Renegades vs. the Staten Island Yankees at Dutchess Stadium. \$12 package includes Reserved Grandstand Ticket \$17 package includes Reserved Grandstand Ticket with a Hot Dog and Soda Voucher Tickets must be purchased prior to game date online www.gadegroups.com using the password spaddy

Tuesday, April 22

Kent Public Library Movie, Philomena. 1 p.m. Check the library's web page at KentLibrary.org

Thursday, April 24

Adult Spelling Bee To Raise Money for Mental Health: Fundraiser benefits community mental health programs at Putnam Family & Community Services. Now in its fifth year, the Bee has become a favorite event for many local business and organizations who don Bee-themed costumes and perform exuberant and original cheers. County Executive MaryEllen Odell will read the opening round of words to the crowd, while the remainder of the event will be emceed by singer/songwriter (and Putnam County

resident) Cat Guthrie and William Hammond of Edward Jones, Carmel. Nearly 150 people are currently registered for the Spelling Bee, representing more than 15 businesses and organizations including, among others, Putnam Hospital Center, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union (back for a 3rd year), Putnam Dental Associates, Camp Herrlich, Mount Kisco Medical Group, Kidz Country and Akzo Nobel. Rivalry is fierce, and teams have been practicing for months to bring their A-game to the Bee. 5:30 p.m. – approx. 9 p.m., Starr Ridge Banquet Center (at the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #38) 38 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster.

Attention Putnam Valley Senior Citizen Community: The Make A Difference Club and Theatreworks of Putnam Valley High School cordially invite Seniors to attend a special complimentary performance of Thoroughly Modern Millie followed by a light dinner at the Performing Arts Center of Putnam Valley High School. 3 p.m., the location Putnam Valley HS. To make a reservation please call the school phone number 526-7847 and leave a message at extension 1710.

IBM Tristate Retirees – The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club Meeting: 1:30 p.m. at the meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak. The scheduled speaker is Gary Brown, NY State Assistant Attorney General who will present Senior Security and Scams. Refreshments and sign-in at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Annual dues will be accepted. Information: (914) 528-5916.

Friday, April 25

Meet the Authors Yikes & Tykes: Book signing- Susan Berliner and Linda Griffen. 2 p.m.-5pm Steampunk Coffee House corner of Baker Street & Rt 6, opposite of the Cortlandt Town Center, Mohegan Lake

Mahopac Knights of Columbus hosting a Ham Dinner: 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Baked Ham, sides, salad, bread, dessert, tea / coffee, hot dogs and Mac and cheese for kids \$10 per person / \$5 kids. 161 East Lake Blvd www.mahopacknights.org / 845-628-7171. Proceeds to benefit Knights Scholarship Fund

Boscobel Offers Spring Playgroups for Tots: There's Friday morning fun in store at Boscobel this spring! A new series of interactive, educator-led playgroups is designed for children ages 1 through 5 with their parents, grandparents or caregivers and takes place in Boscobel's spacious pavilion tent, as well as its inspirational Hudson River scenic overlook. Children will hear about the history and hidden messages in popular nursery rhymes like "Humpty Dumpty" and "Twinkle Little Star" while uncovering the lore of the mighty Hudson. This engaging playgroup is focused on toddler fun from days gone by and uses interactive songs, storytelling and

games to spark your little one's curiosity and imagination. 4-Week Session. Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. April 25, May 2, 9, 16. Capacity: 12 families. Fee: \$60 for all 4 playgroups For more information, contact Lisa DiMarzo: ldimarzo@boscobel.org or 845.265.3638 x140

The Jammers will be at the Clock Tower Grill: 8 p.m. For more information, see <https://sites.google.com/site/suburbanbrothersband/>, www.facebook.com/MightyPianoMountainMusicInc and www.facebook.com/ClockTowerGrill. The Clock Tower Grill is located at 512 Clock Tower Commons (off Route 22 north of Milltown Road)

Saturday, April 26

Comcast Volunteers will "Make Change Happen," at the Putnam County Humane Society on 13th Comcast Cares Day.

Comcast New York employees and their families and friends are expected to come out and "make change happen" as they volunteer to improve the Putnam County Humane Society in Carmel as part of Comcast's 13th Comcast Cares Day. 9 a.m. – noon Putnam County Humane Society – 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY Site activities: spring cleaning the grounds and painting the fence.

Contact: Laura Brubaker Crisco / 860-505-3445 / Laura_Crisco@comcast.com

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The Patterson Rotary would like to invite you to their annual "Men Who Cook" fundraiser: 6 p.m. at the Starr Ridge Banquet Hall in Brewster. The Patterson Rotary, a non profit organization of local concerned citizens, started this "foodie fest" to bring the community together and help raise money for local organizations and families in need. The proceeds have been used to help our local community, which includes everything from purchasing Thanksgiving Feasts for families in need to organizations such as PARC, which assists people with disabilities. PARC is this year's honoree. Tickets are \$60 per person and advance reservations are necessary. If you would like to attend the event, contact Penny Byron at 845-878-3456. You can also visit their website at PattersonRotary.org for more information.

Night at the Races: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

10 Fair Street Carmel, Cash Bar, Raffles, Prizes, 50/50 Doors Open at 7 p.m., Races Begin at 7:30 p.m. Derby Bonnet Contest \$2. Contact Info/Questions: Cathy Sabatini Oakes 845-222-2748. Proceeds Donated to Local Charities

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Help Honor Local Veterans by Placing Flags on Graves: Every year in preparation for Memorial Day a band of volunteers descend upon the cemeteries of Southeast, and a small American Flag is placed on the grave of every veteran buried in the town - from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, April 26th for the two largest cemeteries in Southeast. If you can help out, meet at Milltown Cemetery on Milltown Road at 9 a.m., and/or St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery on Route 22 at 1 p.m. For more info, or to sign up, contact Jack Duncan at duncanj@coned.com or 646/739-2061.

FROGS Special Event: 9AM Birding 101 with Dr. Jim Utter at the Slocum-Mostichetti Preserve (Oblong Land Conservancy), Pleasant Ridge Road, Dover. Identify birds, both residents and migrants, and learn something of their springtime activities. A great way for families to get out in the spring on this great preserve. www.frogs-ny.org. Or check our Events page on FB: [frogs-ny](https://www.facebook.com/frogs-ny).

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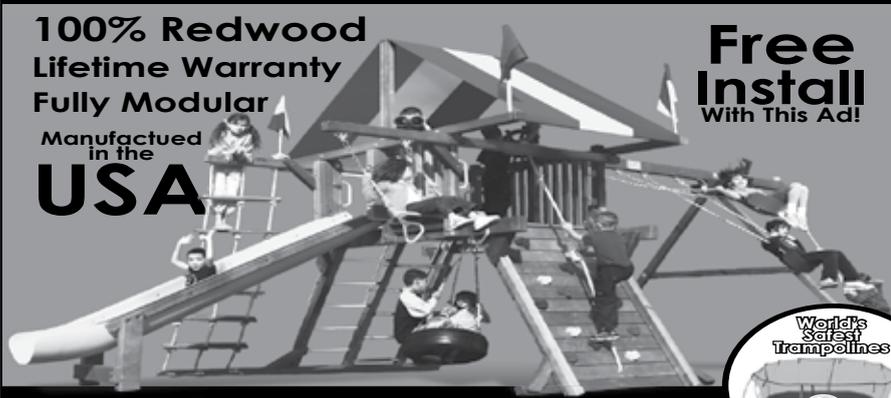
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Somers Prevails in 16-10 Win over Hen Hud



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Somers spark-plug Gabby Rosenzweig (3) is hunted by Hen Hud's Michelle Carbone (2) in the Tuskers' 16-10 win over the visiting Sailors last Wednesday when the surging Tuskers improved to 7-0. The biggest test of the young season is up next as the Tuskers face perennial powerhouse Yorktown today... see Girls Lax Notebook inside

Sports

Baseball Notebook

Carmel Getting it Done, Quality W's over Arlington, Jay EF

GREAT 8 BASEBALL POLL

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

No.1 CARMEL – Coach Bob Shilling's Class AA Rams (4-2) knocked off Croton, 9-0, in their only game that counted in Fla. Senior SS Matt Valentinetti is on fire so far, going 10-for-14 (3B, 2B, HR) with 7 RBI. Valentinetti had three RBI in a 9-6 come-from-behind-win over John Jay-EF Saturday when the Rams trailed 6-1 going into the sixth. 3B Steve Collins is hitting a torrid .500 for the Rams, who now have quality W's over Arlington and Jay. Anybody got May 2nd and May 5th circled on their calendar (Fri.-Mon. series with 'Pac)? And whose bright idea was it to put Carmel and Mahopac in different leagues #DamnPaperShufflers?

No.2 LAKELAND – Coach Knapp's Class A Hornets (3-0) return from Florida to find themselves in the Class A title conversation after pre-season pundits shunned them. The shunning has served as motivation for ace LHP Chris "DiDo" DiDomizio and Co., who, provided they put their minds to it, can pose as a healthy threat to the sectional crown for the first time since reaching the NYS Final 4 in 2010.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Chris Miller's Class AA Indians (3-3) saw a vintage performance from Kevin Kernan, who went the route in a 2-1 win over White Plains. "I felt good on the mound, my fastball, curveball and slider were all on and I was able to spot up low in the



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS
Put Valley's Frank Brescia is forced out at 2B in host Tigers' 3-2 win over Poughkeepsie last Thursday.

zone and work both sides of the plate to keep the hitters off balance," said the Stony Brook-bound senior lefty who sent 12 down K-way, allowing just two hits in a spectacular effort. "Dyl Love (C) caught a great game behind the dish. I am very hyped. It was a much needed win for our squad, and, hopefully, we can work off this big win and keep pushing in the right direction." If these guys can hit, even a little, Mahopac is going to be a tough, tough out with Special K (0.64 ERA) and Cal Lawrence (0.66 ERA) toeing rubber. Chris Aquina knocked in his team-best 9th RBI. Dylan Love doubled and scored.

No.4 PANAS – Coach Fata's Class A Panthers (2-3) will have their feet put to the fire this week with games against Class A Beacon and AA Carmel. You'd like to see them get a split if nothing else with



Put Valley RHP Dan McCann chalking up his second win of the year in host Tigers' 3-2 win over Poughkeepsie last Thursday.

R.J Lyman (2.92 ERA) going in one of the two.

No.5 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach Joe Natalie's Class B Tigers (7-1) should have used Poughkeepsie as a chance to fatten up some paltry offensive stats but they continued to allow their pitchers to sweat (hit the cages!). Chucker Charlie Pigani and winning RHP Dan McCann (5K's over 4) combined to earn a 3-2 win, but not until OF Chris Schroeder (3 RBI) stroked a 7th-inning 2-run, walk-off single. This, just a few days after IF Nick Marro crushed a two-out, two-strike, three-run 7th-inning dinger to force extra innings in another 7-6 walk-off win against two-time reigning Class C champion Haldane, who has struggled to gain its championship footing in the early goings. PV's season sweep of the Blue Devils is not what the



Haldane faithful ordered up.

No.6 SOMERS – Coach Wootten's Class A Tuskers (3-2) lost 4-3 in 8 to North Salem, and we're thinking they better get on that roll they usually get on real soon because it's going to take some time for this team to round in to typical Tusker form with all the new parts in place.

No.7 YORKTOWN – Coach Kennedy's Class AA Huskers (3-2) saw a career effort from Ricky Corrado (4 hits, 5 RBI) translate into a 10-0 win over Hastings, who could not touch P Chris Henry, who fanned eight over five frames. And boy did they fatten up on Mt. Vernon behind 5 RBI from 3B Jack Kelly in an 18-1 win.

No.8 CROTON – Coach Eric Rosen's Class B Tigers (5-2) got lumped up by Carmel in sunny Fla. Let's hope they take those lessons back to Section 1 diamonds.

Boys' Lax Notebook

Yorktown Remains Unquestioned Leader in these Parts

Super 7 Lax Poll

by Ray Gallagher
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NWE/Putnam Examiner-area Super 7 poll includes the top teams from its coverage area

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr's three-time defending Section 1 Class B champion Huskers (7-2) have no equal in Section 1 but are 1-2 vs. non-section foes, including 10-4 loss to McDonogh (MD), the 4th best team in the state. No worries: They are prepping for the big picture.

No.2 SOMERS – Having lost to Nisky, Iona Prep and Yorktown, Coach Lew Janavey's Class B Tuskers (6-4) will be battled-tested by the time they see John Jay on April 29th, which should tell us a lot about who Yorktown will square off against in Class B finals. I like Somers when they play smart like they did in 9-7 win over Mahopac when Marc Fiocco

blistered 4G, 1A and Tim Cousin bagged a hatty.

No.3 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach Kuczma's Class C Tigers (5-5) were thrashed by three-time reigning Class C



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO
L-P senior Sean Murphy dropped 6-pack on Penn Yan, but his Rebels have two head-scratching losses.

champion Bronxville, who left little to no doubt in the 17-3 debacle that was.

No.3A LAKELAND/PANAS – Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (7-2) have recovered rather swimmingly from the PV loss by taking out Section 5 power Penn Yan for the 1st time since 2010 behind a career-high 6-G outburst from Sean Murphy, who we said would be the key to this season as teams attempt to lock off the Prunty boys and J. Flaherty. I was all set to suggest that if the Rebels are truly legit, they should take care of business today by defeating John Jay for the first time since 2009, but then they went out and lost to Greeley, 11-10.

No.5 HEN HUD – Coach Solomon's Class B Sailors

(4-5) are starting to figure it out and the quality win over Mahopac stands out more so than any of the teams below them. We'll find out if they can make a run for Class B semis on May 1st when they host Brewster.

No.6 MAHOPAC – Coach Haddeland's Class A Indians (3-5) have suffered 3 of the 5 losses by a goal and a fourth by two, including the 9-7 loss to Somers, whom they had on the run at the half ('Pac up 5-3). The Indians have yet to play smart, disciplined lax, but if they do we still think they make a run and secure Final 4 berth. Not an easy game left on the sked, including huge tilt with L/P on May 1st.

No.7 BREWSTER – Coach Honey's Class B Bears (5-4) are not yet in the class of the top 3 in Class B (Yorktown, Somers, Jay), but we can see a scenario where the Liam DaRos-led Bears qualify for the Class B semis.

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Girls' Lax Notebook

Undefeated Somers Keeps Rolling, Beats Hen Hud

Town Beats Ossining; L/P and 'Pac Standing out in Class A

By A.J. Martelli

The SOMERS Tuskers have been on an absolute tear lately, taking on and ripping apart any and all comers. This past week's victim: **HENDRICK HUDSON**. Last Wednesday the Tuskers took down the Sailors 16-10 at home, further cementing their spot as top dogs in Class B.

To Head Coach Jaime Irving, it wasn't her team's strongest effort, but she felt her girls picked up steam after the half.

"It was unlike our other games this season," she said. "We started out strong but lost our momentum as the game progressed. We made some adjustments for the second half and started out strong again, but Hen Hud was able to gain momentum too."

Although the Sailors made it difficult, Somers pulled through and exhibited all of its weapons. Nicole DeMase led the attack with four goals and two assists, while Livy Rosenzweig backed her up with three goals. Emma Schurr solidified it all with two goals and two assists.

For Hen Hud it was Jenna Richardson who shined, with five goals and three assists. Junior Amber Feminella scored 100th goal earlier in the week and is well on her way to breaking Kennedy Sherman's record of most career goals.

The Tuskers, now undefeated at 7-0, will be tested this week with games against Yorktown (this afternoon) and

Mahopac (Friday). Irving knows her girls are in for a challenge – but it's one they're up for.

"The team is excited about league play and what lies ahead in the second half of the season," she said. "Each team will bring a new and different challenge. We've worked hard all season to put ourselves in a good position, and have built amazing chemistry with each other. The upcoming games will prepare us best for sectionals and it should be an exciting ride."

Heading into the game today, **YORKTOWN** regained its composure with wins over North Rockland and **OSSINING** this past week. The Huskers disposed of N.R. 13-7 last Monday, and then followed with a 17-6 thumping of the Pride this past Friday morning.

Yorktown (4-2-1) has been playing without mass destructor Emily "Conch" Concialdi, who sprained her ankle in the Huskers' 20-9 loss to Suffern.

"My ankle has gotten a lot better over the past two weeks," Concialdi said. "I'm aiming towards playing Tuesday vs. Somers, but won't be 100% positive that I will be until game time."

While Somers and Yorktown are looking good in Class B, a couple of teams have been impressing in Class A. **LAKELAND/PANAS**, facing White Plains at home last Wednesday, fought back when it was trailing by four at



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Tusker Tara Schurr on the go against Sailor Garrett Montana in Somers' win over Hen Hud last Wednesday.

halftime to secure a 7-7 tie.

"It was our biggest test of the year with many more coming our way," said Rebels Head Coach Sharon Sarsen. "White Plains is a very athletic team with a good lacrosse IQ. After trailing early in the second half 6-2, we tied it up 7-7 with a great goal by Katie Bradbury. I was pleased with our entire team, most specifically our defense for keeping them down to seven goals."

Molly Fitzpatrick led the Rebels (7-0-1) with four goals vs. White Plains, and she'll undoubtedly pace them tomorrow afternoon when they visit Arlington.

MAHOPAC got back on track last Thursday after dropping three straight, picking up a big 17-7 win over Clarkstown South. The Indians received a mind-blowing performance from Kim Harker, who netted seven goals. Carly Weiss (four goals, three assists) and Alyssa Kirby (three goals) helped out.

"The girls came out much stronger

than they have the last few games," said Mahopac boss Jim Lieto. "They refocused themselves on doing the little things correctly and it showed on the field."

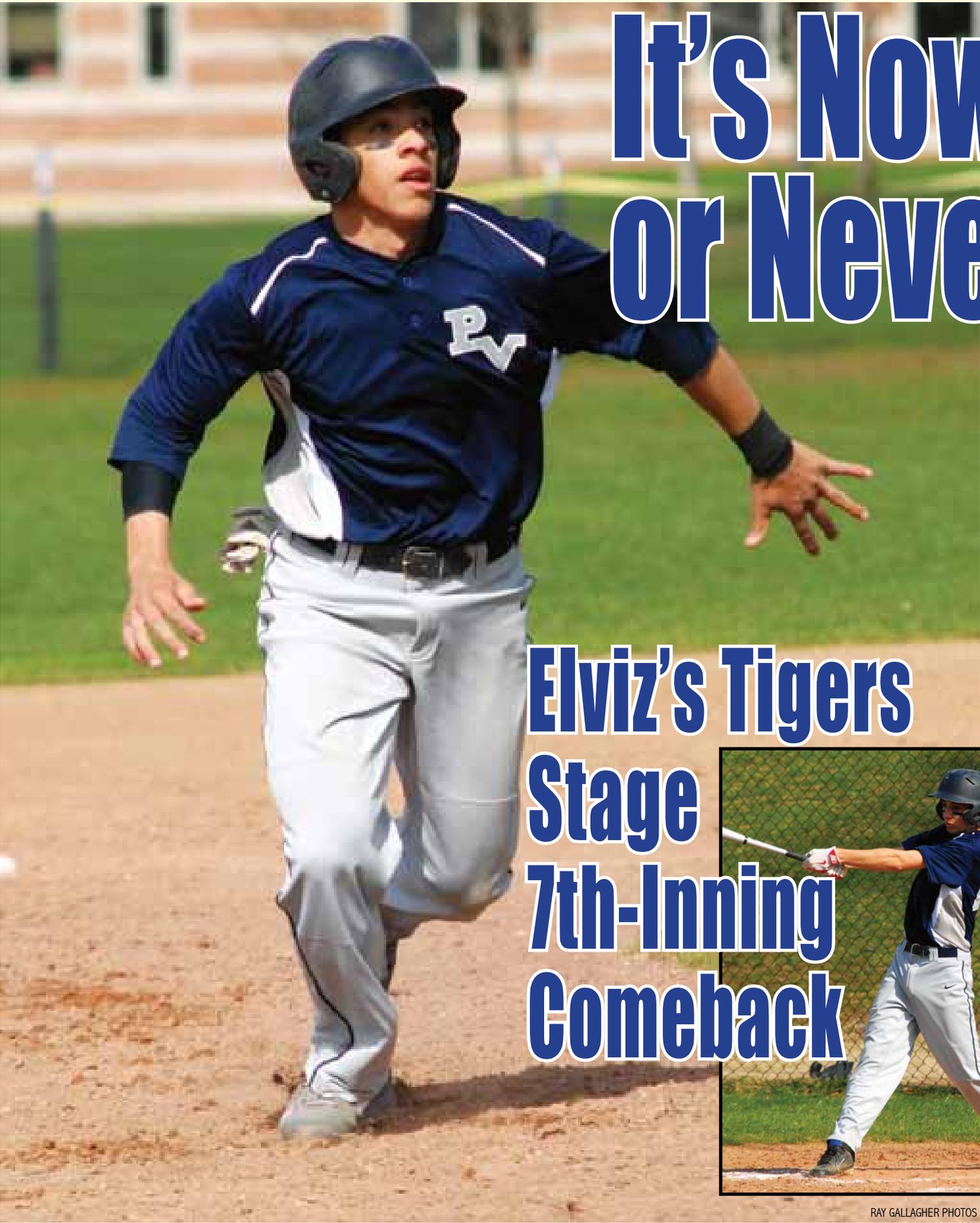
The tribe will look to keep it up tomorrow at Hen Hud.



The point guard on the basketball team and the QB of the Somers lax attack, Nicole DeMase (17) triggers offense in win over Hen Hud.



Sailor Melanie Parros is hounded by Tusker Emma Schurr in Somers' 16-10 win last Wednesday.



It's Now or Never!

Elviz's Tigers Stage 7th-Inning Comeback



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Just as “The King” of rock-n-roll said back in 1960, “It’s Now or Never” and sparked by an early double and run from Put Valley junior Elviz Belen (pictured) and later capped by a two-run, game-winning single off the bat of Chris Schroeder (inset), the surging Tigers eked out a 3-2 come-from-behind win over visiting Poughkeepsie last Thursday.. see Baseball Notebook