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MTA Monopole Proposal Criticized in Patterson

By Neal Rentz

Putnam County Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino joined other Patterson residents in criticizing the MTA's plan to construct a police monopole on Route 164 at the June 8 town board meeting.

In his Sept. 23, 2015 letter to the town,

Michael Coan, chief of department for the MTA explained why the Route 164 site was chosen. The pole is needed to improve radio system communication for MTA police and for mutual aid, he stated. During a 2015 meeting with the town, locations for the monopole were

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The MTA is attempting to place a monopole in Patterson for improved communication and many residents aren't happy.

Democrat Comes Forward to Run for District 6 Leg. Seat

By David Propper

In a legislative district that has long been held by Republicans, a Democrat has emerged to run for the District 6 Legislative seat, in hopes of putting a dent in a Putnam County Legislature currently under complete Republican-rule.

First time candidate and longtime Brewster resident Jennifer Cassidy confirmed her intention to run for the seat and is so far the only Democrat to come forward for a county position this election year. Working part-time in the county historian's office, Cassidy hopes her familiarity with the issues can lead greater fiscal responsibility and transparency.

"This is a great community," Cassidy said. "I chose to raise my family here, we're all in. I believe in the county and I'd like to see it with a little bit better reputation so anything I can do to improve that, I'm game."

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Brewster resident Jennifer Cassidy is running for legislative office this year.

Barrett Hill Application Heats up in Southeast

By Arthur Cusano

The Southeast Town Board is set to vote to accept the environmental review application for the Barrett Hill proposal, but board members first had questions for the town planner and the developer, Covington Development, at the June 9 meeting

The proposal would call for building 168 rental homes on 29 acres of land on Mount Ebo Road, including 42 affordable housing units, which include 25 for military veterans and 17 for other categories chosen by the town board like emergency responders. The Town Board made itself the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review process earlier this year.

Board member Lynne Eckardt asked a litany of questions about the planned development, many concerning the number of school aged children that the development would bring into the town.

Eckardt said the most recent estimate was 32 school age students would live in the development, but said a similar development had seen a 33 percent increase since 2014. Town Planner Ashley

Ley said that development, the Bridleside Apartments in Brewster, had three bedroom units, while Barrett Hill only had one and two-bedroom units.

"If that is something that were to change, that is certainly something the town board should revisit, because it would affect the school age child population," Ley said.

Eckardt also questioned if children with disabilities would fall under the disabled priority group. Ken Ford, chairman of the Hudson Valley Cerebral palsy association, said units set aside for clients of his organization would be for adults over the age of 21.

Board member Edwin Alvarez said he doubted the number of school-aged children the development is estimated to bring into the town would have a significant impact.

"I hear all the time that enrollment is down right now, so I don't think that another 33 kids or whatever would be a huge number," Alvarez said. "I don't think the number is going to break us one way or another."

Board members also questioned *continued on page 7*

Shed the Meds Day Pushes Residents to Dump Pills



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In an effort to get prescription drugs out of the medicine cabinets and away from children and teenagers, NYS Senator Sue Serino held a Shed the Meds Day in Putnam County Monday, traveling to different locations in hopes of raising awareness of the convenient drop boxes, including at the Town of Kent Police Department. Some of the officials on hand included Serino, Kent police chief Alex DiVernieri, NCAAD executive director Kristin McConnell, deputy commissioner of social services Joe DeMarzo and Legislator Toni Addonizio. Serino said \$167 million was secured in the budget to fight the heroin problem in the state and she hopes the money goes toward non-profits that treat drug addicts. Many heroin addicts start off by using prescription drugs at home, health officials have said.

Kent Resident to Run Against Longtime Assemblywoman

By David Propper

Republican Greg Purdy might have never run for office before, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have strong opinions about the direction the country and New York State is headed.

Purdy, a Town of Kent resident, intends to run against longtime Democratic Assemblywoman Sandy Galef in the 95th district this November. After his son convinced him to run, Purdy decided he didn't want Galef to have another election where she ran unopposed like two years ago.

"There should at least be an alternative to Sandy," Purdy said. "And there should definitely be an alternative to socialism in general."

Purdy said Democrats in general "definitely support" socialism and Galef has been "prescribing to the wrong conversation." Even though she tries to be a "middle of the road" Democrat, she's "basically supporting the socialist agenda," Purdy asserted.

Purdy believes the state government needs to throw much of its focus into the economy, which he believes has remained stagnant. He wants government to be smaller and taxes reduced.

"You've heard the line, it's the economy stupid," Purdy, a self-described Reagan Republican, said. "In this case, it really is."

Purdy wants to make it easier for

prospective small business owners to start up and make the state more competitive, noting that New York is ranked near the bottom when it comes to business development.

Purdy said he's afraid the country is headed toward a Greece or Venezuela situation and said New York is a microcosm of the issues the United States faces. He thinks New York State has a "terrible budget problem" because the state gives money too often to residents that expect help from government.

"There are so many government programs that have been created for social interests," Purdy said. "And they are basically social welfare programs."

As an outsider, Purdy said he would go to Albany with his ideals in place and vote for what's best for residents. He's a computer programmer and has lived in Kent for 13 years.

Galef, who started serving in the assembly in 1993, said she's ready to run again as the legislative session comes to a close this week. Galef said she thinks the assembly has had a really good year, with increased education aid coming through for local districts, increasing the minimum wage, passing paid family leave, and creating tax cuts for the middle class.

In past years, Galef mentioned she got two state constitutional amendments passed and was heavily involved in



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Kent resident Greg Purdy.



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Assemblywoman Sandy Galef.

another one that was passed, all to make government work better.

Galef, who has been an advocate for ethics reform, said she hopes to see something passed before the end of session after scandal rocked the capitol over the last two years.

Locally, Galef has fought for an independent study of the controversial Algonquin Incremental Market Project.

"You really have to have long term vision," Galef said. "You have to be a consensus builder because nothing is ever perfect that you want to get done."

Galef earning another term in office has been automatic in the past. The last three

contested races she's been apart of, she's won by large margins each time.

If she earns another term, Galef wants to have a hand in figuring out the formula for foundation aid for schools, look into car safety for children, and ensure people that want to be universal life ministers follow the proper legal procedure.

"My reforms, they're not all going to get done this year, if I get any done I'll be very excited," she said. "I think this is a very long term proposal to change the power structure in Albany. To deal with ethics reform and to get transparency in our government."



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Patterson Residents Encouraged to Swim Only with Guards on Duty

By David Propper

A couple of weeks ago, a Town of Patterson lifeguard saved a young boy that was drowning while in the water at Patterson Veterans Memorial Park along Maple Avenue.

The boy was fortunately saved and tragedy was averted. With that incident in mind though, Town of Patterson officials want to make it clear to residents that visit the beach to only swim when a lifeguard is on duty. A problem that has been rampant at the park for several years, caretaker Brian Burdick, who happens to also be a 911 dispatcher for the Bureau of Emergency Services, noted the problem of adults and children swimming unsupervised has been ongoing.

Burdick said on a daily basis he and other staff need to chase people out of the water when lifeguards are not on duty. Even on one hot day in March, he said people were trying to swim in the water without any supervision. Since 2009 when Burdick took over as caretaker, it's been a problem and he threatens to call sheriff deputies if beach goers don't listen.

On one side of the lake, the water goes about six feet deep and on other side, its depth reaches about ten feet, Burdick said.

'I'm always afraid when I'm at work I'm going to get that phone call and it's my park, that's there is a child missing in the water.'

- Brian Burdick

"Every year, we're getting people drowning in our lakes (in the county)," he said. "Almost all of the time, it's because there is no lifeguards there. Luckily, Patterson has not had a drowning and we want to keep it that way."

While parents claim to watch their children in the water intently, Burdick knows that's not the case. Parents might sit at nearby picnic tables, read a magazine or play on their phone instead of being on top of their kid.

But Burdick can't always be there and



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The beach at Patterson Veterans Memorial Park.

when he drags the beach once he gets home, he sees footprints that go into the water. If residents don't take more caution and only swim when lifeguards are in their presence, he fears the worst

could happen.

"I'm always afraid when I'm at work I'm going to get that phone call and it's my park, that there is a child missing in the water," he said.

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Patterson's American Legion Donates to Humane Society

The American Legion 1542 and American Legion Riders in Patterson donated more than \$500 to the Putnam Humane Society last Thursday from money raised during the Legion's pig roast earlier that week. On hand were members of both organizations to present the money to Humane Society director Patricia Maurer. Also, showing appreciation was one of the dogs in the shelter that joined Legion members during the pig roast. Residents interested in donating to the Humane Society or adopting a pet can call 845-225-7777 or visit the center at 68 Old Route 6 Road in Carmel.



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Mahopac Teen Dead from Skateboarding Accident

By David Propper

A teenager that was hit by a car while skateboarding, has died, according to The Journal News.

The county medical examiner's office confirmed Michael Bongiovanni Jr. died after he was hit June 6th shortly before 6 p.m., according to the report. He was 14-years-old.

The wake service for the young man will be held today (Tuesday) at the Yorktown Funeral Home, 945 East Main St, Shrub Oak 1 p.m.-4 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, June 18th at 11 a.m. at St. James R.C. Church, 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ. There will be visiting one hour before the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be given to Make A Wish Foundation.

The incident took place between Brookside Road and Kia Ora Boulevard in Carmel when Bongiovanni apparently blew past a stop sign on his skateboard and was struck by the driver when she crossed the intersection, according to Carmel Police. Bongiovanni wasn't wearing a helmet and sustained a severe



head injury, police said.

He was unresponsive when emergency personnel reached the scene of the accident. Residents performed CPR on him before he was treated by the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and Carmel Police. The Mahopac high school student was sent to Westchester Medical Center and was on life support prior to his death.

No charges have been filed against the driver.

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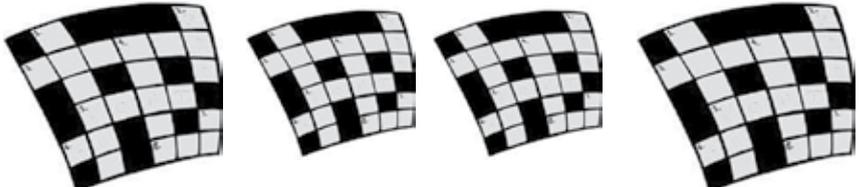



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NRC Deems Indian Point Safe Despite Recent Concerns

By Arthur Cusano

The federal Nuclear Regulatory Committee told those on hand for an annual hearing in Tarrytown last week the Indian Point nuclear power facility in Buchanan is running satisfactorily.

But many of the hundreds of people in attendance for the June 8 event at the DoubleTree hotel in Tarrytown told committee members several high-profile malfunctions at the site were good reasons to dispute that claim.

The five members of the committee gave a brief synopsis of issues at the site in the past year before giving their yearly diagnosis of the venerable plant, which will soon celebrate its 39th year in operation.

"Overall, Entergy operated the plant safely and within the conditions of their license," said committee member Glen Dentel.

Dentel said the recent issues at the plant were of a very low safety significance and had no significant impact on public safety. Entergy addressed the issues in a timely manner, he added.

Unplanned shutdowns at Unit 3 exceeded the NRC's threshold of three shutdowns per 7,000 hours of operation, which caused the performance indicator to go from green to the less desirable threshold level color of white.

"What that means is that the NRC will conduct supplemental inspections

at unit 3 to ensure they fully understood the cause of the shutdown, evaluated any common cause between them, and taken proper corrective actions," Dentel explained.

Fellow committee member Ray Lorsen said the Tritium leak at the plant that occurred in February had been mitigated. An NRC inspection into the leak is ongoing and results are expected to be released later this year, but investigators currently believe the leak has been identified and stopped, and the leak has been attributed to activities associated with the water storage tank.

"We have determined the actual dose, consequence or hazard in this event to be a small fraction of what is permitted under industry regulations, and a very small fraction of what all of us receive every year as normal background radiation," Lorsen said.

Degradation of stainless steel bolts found in the Indian Point 2 reactor during required inspections, which have since been replaced. Committee member Jack McHale said inspectors found 227 of 832 bolts were potentially degraded or missing.

Those bolts hold a series of vertical metal plates in place that aid with the reactor cooling process. Radiation assisted stress-induced cracking, which is a known and expected occurrence in such



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Many regional residents came out against Indian Point last week in Tarrytown.

units over long periods of time.

"The number of degraded bolts is the largest seen to date in a U.S. nuclear power reactor, so the NRC is closely monitoring this situation," McHale said.

Entergy has pushed up the inspection of Unit 3 for such issues from 2019 to this year, but McHale said the NRC believes that unit will be less susceptible to such degradation due to the unit's lower significantly fewer operation hours.

Another issue of concern addressed was the work underway at the Algonquin gas pipeline, a project that runs underground very close to the Indian Point plant from across the Hudson River and then travels northeast to Maine. The project, which has been approved by the federal regulators, is owned by Spectra Energy. It is expected to be completed later this year. The project has received intense scrutiny from environmental groups, residents and some state politicians, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has also called for the closing of Indian Point.

Committee member Mike McCoppin told those at the hearing the pipeline posed no danger to the public or Indian Point, and that any explosion that may occur in the pipeline would not prevent crews from closing off the pipeline.

Members of the public who spoke ran the gamut from supporters of Indian Point to opponents of the plant wanted

it shut down as soon as possible, such as Judy Allen of Putnam Valley. Allen said she would be delivering a petition signed by 12,966 area residents calling for the plant's immediate closure to the United States Congress. Allen told the NRC representatives they no longer had any credibility in her eyes.

"You have not been doing your job," Allen remarked. "You have basically been a lapdog for Entergy and the running of Indian Point. There have been so many things that are wrong with that plant, and yet you continue to say everything is fine, the safety is fine, it's green, it's white, but it's not any of those things. It's really bad."

Fellow plant opponent Paul Blanch, a nuclear power expert, accused the NRC of ignoring some of its own regulatory policies and said the NRC declined to investigate accusations of misconduct brought up by opponents such as himself, such as false documents accepted from applicants.

"The consequences of your wrongdoing, given Indian Point's age, history, mismanagement, lack of oversight and (surrounding) demographics, is the most threatening man-made facility in the world," Blanch said. "The risk of a major radioactive release is more than 100 times greater than acceptable by the NRC's standards. Twenty million people are in danger."

Other speakers argued the plant was necessary to provide the area with affordable energy. David Morris, an electrical engineer in the nuclear industry, said existing solar and wind facilities could not replace the energy output of Indian Point any time soon. "Under the existing growth rate of wind, combine with the growth of solar, it would take 20 years to replace the carbon-free energy generated in 2014 by Indian Point," Morris argued.

Natural gas, which yields much higher carbon emissions, would also increase sharply if nuclear power was abandoned, he said.

A video and transcript of the entire June 8 NRC hearing will be posted on the NRC's website, www.nrc.gov, later this month.



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whether the requested zoning change for the project, which would give the applicant the only two such zoned properties with a minimum lot size of 25 acres in the town, could be deemed as illegal "spot zoning." The other parcel in the planned zoning district includes 60 3-bedroom houses to be senior owned and could revert to rental or sale units.

"It does benefit one applicant, in my thinking," Eckardt said.

Attorneys for the applicants pointed out that while the developer was the same, the owner of the two developments would be different. Ley also said she did not believe the zoning change would raise any legal red flags.

Board members also questioned how the affordable units set aside for potential tenants such as people with disabilities, veterans, first responders and employees of school districts, would be allocated. Ley and the developer both advised against a priority list. Ley said a priority list could lead to questions of ethics concerning how the list would be chosen, and would add an additional burden on the town.

"It's one more thing for the town to be

monitoring or enforcing," Ley said.

Developer Harold Lepler said his company would seek a non-profit third party to handle the applicant list, as they had with previous developments in the county. He said his company would subsidize 42 of 168 units as affordable units for 99 years, not the government as was the case with many other similar projects.

"We were not looking to do this as a federally-funded HUD Section 8 or subsidized housing project," Lepler said. "My understanding is that a preference as a private developer we have the ability to do that."

Attorney Richard O'Rourke said that despite the town's efforts to add affordable housing, such housing was in short supply in the area, forcing people who work in Westchester and Putnam to live in Dutchess and Ulster counties.

"I have adult children, and you can't find a decent apartment for people working in education in this area," he said. "You think we're high, but it's much higher in Westchester."

The town board will hold a public hearing for the SEQR application at its June 23rd meeting.

Mr. Putnam County Honored



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

On Putnam County Day, a celebration of the county's 204th birthday, reporter Eric Gross (center) was given the lifetime achievement award for his dedication to the news and journalism. County and New York State officials, like County Executive MaryEllen Odell and NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, lined up to laud Gross for his professionalism and integrity. Gross, who writes for the Putnam County Courier and Putnam County News and Recorder, has been in the newspaper business for five decades, writing more than 60,000 articles in his life "and still going strong." Sheriff Don Smith, along with undersheriff Peter Convery, called him "Mr. Putnam County." Gross let it be known, "As long as I have that fire in the belly, my byline will appear."

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discussed, but the Route 164 site is the most appropriate, he stated. Town-owned property on Cornwall Hill Road would not be appropriate for the pole because it would create radio frequency coverage gaps in the area, he stated.

At last week's meeting, Supervisor Richard Williams said the town had recently offered an alternative site for the pole on the town landfill. But the idea was rejected by the MTA because it said the state Department of Environmental Conservation feared potential environmental damage if the membrane of the garbage landfill was punctured, Williams said. However, Williams said the pole could be placed on a portion of the landfill in which the membrane would not be threatened.

Williams said the administration of



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Ginny Nacerino, chairwoman of the Putnam County Legislature, expressed her concerns about the MTA police monopole being proposed for Route 164 at the June 8 Patterson Town Board meeting.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell agrees with the current Route 164 location for the monopole because it would improve communication for local emergency responders. "At this point," there is nothing the town can do to stop the construction of the pole, though he was scheduled to speak with MTA officials to continue to express his opposition on June 10, Williams said. Under federal law municipalities cannot stop the placement of a cell phone tower, he noted

Nacerino said though she has been working to stop the placement of the pole on Route 164 since last October, she just recently learned that the Odell administration favored the MTA's plan.

Putnam County officials are also exploring a second cell tower project that could place a second tower in Patterson as part of the project that would have

the county working in conjunction with Homeland Towers, which would construct a series of towers throughout Putnam in an effort to improve wireless coverage for emergency services workers, Nacerino said. "It's in the planning process," she said.

Two town residents expressed their opposition to the tall tower being constructed in their neighborhood. Bruce Major said the pole would be used not only by police and other emergency services workers, but also for Internet access for commuters riding Metro-North trains. The pole should be placed in an alternative location so it would not be viewed by his house, Major said.

Another resident, Frank Malizia, also said there should be another location that would be away from his residential neighborhood.

Democrat Comes Forward to Run for District 6 Leg. Seat

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Calling herself the "least likely person to run for political office in her family," Cassidy is the third candidate to announce her desire to fill the district 6 seat once current Legislator Roger Gross retires at the end of this year. Republicans Paul Jonke and Patrick Perry are also running and it appears the two are headed for a Republican primary in September.

Cassidy, who was born and bred in Brewster, said while the legislature is good, there is room for improvement. She said she's looking forward to the bike trail expansion in her district and has a lot of hope for Tilly Foster Farm. She expressed concern about the expenses associated with the farm's revival, but wants to see the farm conserved and produce farm-to-table opportunities.

"I would like this to be an inspiring campaign," she said. "The problems are behind us, let's leave all of that--this past year and years prior, and just move forward and do things transparent, clean, and nice."

Cassidy noted she is self-funding her

campaign for office, which she said would allow her to be totally independent. Not taking donations means she won't be influenced if elected, she said.

"If there is ever going to be a lesson in fiscal responsibility, it'll be funding your own campaign," she said.

Cassidy has worked for the historian's office for the past year after volunteering for several years after former historian,

the late Denis Castelli, brought her on board. She called it a unique perspective to work for the county, understanding how county government runs to a certain extent.

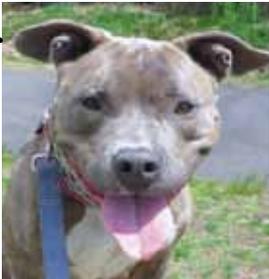
County employees running for office isn't unheard of, with the most recent example being county clerk Michael Bartolotti running for the clerk's office when he was deputy clerk to former clerk

Dennis Sant.

Cassidy believes a new voice on the legislature would lead to a stronger governing body. In the legislative 9 seat race, two Republicans are running and in the legislative 5 race, it appears incumbent Carl Albano is running unopposed.

"I have nothing to lose," Cassidy said. "I'm just a regular citizen who's interested in making a change."

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Business of the Week

Florrie Kaye's Tea Room Carmel

By David Propper

England might be an ocean length away, but in downtown Carmel customers can escape to a slice of English living when they enter Florrie Kaye's Tea Room and Gifts.

For those residents looking to step into another culture run by lifelong Putnam County residents, Florrie Kaye's Tea Room is the premier place to visit. Owner Gina Aurisicchio noted all the food and drinks are "light and fresh," and it's a "special experience" to come to a tea room. While the shop has been open since April, an official grand opening will occur Friday, July 22.

"It's meant to be very relaxing," Aurisicchio said. "Kind of a spa like atmosphere."

For that unique experience you can't get anywhere else in the county, Florrie Kaye's Tea Room has become a coveted spot along Gleneida Avenue, with the quaint eatery offering more than 75 tea selections. On top of the tea, the food shop offers baked goods, soup, a wide range of sandwiches and British specialties.



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Owner Gina Aurisicchio stands outside next to her best friend and mother who both help out at Florrie Kaye's Tea Room.

Customers can also build their own salad, receiving a card and filling out exactly what they want. The dressing included is house made and gluten free.

The tea room's specialty is the traditional afternoon teatime, where diners enjoy a pot of a tea, and a light meal with sandwiches, scones, and mini desserts around 3 p.m.

"It's very traditional," she said, noting the eatery has fancy hats for women to wear, made by Aurisicchio's talented mother Anna Almond. And the elder

Almond isn't the only family member lending a helpful hand.

Aurisicchio's sister does the gorgeous flower arrangement, her cousin provides most of the ceramic, her nieces are waitresses and her best friend is the chef. She calls the staff a complete family effort.

"Everything was just meant to be," she said. "It fit together."

Aurisicchio has British roots, with her late father coming to America from Britain. The eatery is actually named after her great grandmother, Florrie Kaye. Visiting England plenty of times, Aurisicchio fell in love with the country and what it has to offer. She's gone to many tea rooms in England, appreciating the uniqueness in each of them.

Since her home is in New York, Aurisicchio would travel every year with family to the Plaza Hotel for tea and take photos under Eloise painting (a fictional girl that lives on the very top of the plaza.)

Private parties at Florrie Kaye's are available for birthdays, bridal showers, and other special occasions.

"A trip to a tea room is memorable," she said, adding. "I want to people to feel like they're in a home, not a restaurant."

Florrie Kaye's Tea Room is located at 69 Gleneida Avenue in Carmel and its phone number is 845-225-8327.



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The interior of Florrie Kaye's Tea Room.



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Letter to the Editor

Your Vote is an Expression of Power

"Nobody will deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves."—Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Your vote is an expression of power. As a citizen of this great nation, this power that you are entitled to is precious. If you believe your elected officials are not performing the duties of their offices, it is because we, the voters, tolerate this behavior. In today's technological age, it is relatively easy to educate ourselves on the issues and the qualifications of the candidates running for office. We are aware that information can be subjective by those that disseminate it—such as

television networks, newspapers, and political parties, which may impair our ability to find the truth. Vote 411.org is a LWV web site available to all, that will provide non-partisan information regarding those candidates running for offices on the National, State, and County levels.

It is no wonder that many people feel estranged and alienated from the political process. Educating oneself so that our vote most clearly reflects our views and beliefs requires effort. Democracy is an inclusive institution. It is the cornerstone of our government. Elected officials represent us.

Although, by all appearances, many seem to only want to control us. Let us not forget that the focus here is on us, We The People. Don't sit back. Exercise your right to vote. If you haven't already registered to vote please do so. If you are a registered voter... Exercise your power!

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. To learn more about The League of Women Voters visit www.lwv.org. To learn about

upcoming New York State LWV issues, primary deadlines, voter registration... visit www.lwvny.org. To learn more and become involved locally as a league member please contact Eileen Reilly, President of The Putnam County League of Women Voters at ereilly818@optonline.net or 845-216-7058. Also, please look forward to the announcement of our League of Women Voters of Putnam County website.

Eileen Reilly, President
League of Women Voters of
Putnam County

Obituary

Rafael A. Bonilla

Rafael A. Bonilla wasn't the kind of person to just say thank you. When someone went out of their way to help him, he wanted the person to be rewarded or at least recognized for their efforts. So whether it was a supermarket clerk who searched a backroom for a specific product or a bank manager who went out of their way to explain a complicated transaction, Bonilla took his thank you one step further. He would seek out the store manager, or write a letter to the corporate office, letting the person's boss know what a great job they did and how much it was appreciated. It was, he said, the right thing to do. Bonilla, of Mahopac, died June 5 at age 74. Bonilla, referred to simply as Ralph, was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. At age 12, without knowing a word of English, he came to Brooklyn to live with his aunt and uncle, Aleja and Emilio Ramos. Despite his language limits, Bonilla excelled in school and graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School with honors. While in high school he worked at Lindy's restaurant in Manhattan. One day he was carrying a tower of the restaurant's famous cheesecakes when he accidentally walked through the wrong side of the

kitchen's swinging doors, sending the cakes crashing to the floor. Someone else might have been fired over such a gaffe. But Bonilla was such a good worker, his boss told him, that he let him stay. After high school, Bonilla worked briefly at a steel door manufacturer in Williamsburg, Brooklyn before the U.S. Army came calling. He spent two years serving in Germany just as the war in Vietnam was beginning. Bonilla relished his time in the Army, crediting his service with giving him the structure and discipline he needed at the time. He also loved seeing Europe for the first time, as his service took him throughout Germany, Denmark and France. Following the Army, Bonilla took a job with the U.S. Postal Service, working out of the main office in Brooklyn. Then, one night in 1967, the Brooklyn boy met a Bronx girl in a Manhattan bar. Bonilla asked one of Barbara Murphy's friends to dance. She turned him down. Then he asked Murphy. Not usually one to play second fiddle, she was inclined to turn him down as well. But there was something about the cute Puerto Rican that intrigued her. So she said yes. He talked about how he had so much lint on his shirt. She confessed that she had a hole in the bottom of her boot. A match was made. "We were just honest with each other, right from the start, nothing fake" she said. "It was nice." A year later they married and then came son Ralph and daughter Denise. In 1981, the family moved from the Bronx to Mahopac into a true fixer-upper. In a time before HGTV, Bonilla, always up for a challenge, pored over home improvement books. Room by room, ceiling to floor, Bonilla spent years building and repairing everything from sheetrock to electric circuits, completely remodeling the house. The work was done during his one day off from work each week or during vacations. When he did take a break, it was to take his family to his beloved Coney Island for the day. Bonilla worked for 29 years for the NYC Department of Sanitation, rising from

garbage hauler to street sweeper to marine transfer station foreman. He retired in 1999. He took great pride in his work but Bonilla also could have easily had a career as an artist or an engineer, as he was astute in both arenas. "One day he just started to casually sketch me and in no time there was this beautiful portrait," said his daughter Denise. "It just came naturally to him." Bonilla was the go-to person to fix anything in the house, no matter the material or mechanics. He would take things apart, study how they worked and figure out how to fix them. Then he would pass that knowledge onto his children. "I knew the difference between a flathead and a Phillips screwdriver by the time I was in the first grade," his son Ralph said. A man who respected all lives, Bonilla literally could not hurt a fly. Instead he would try to "escort" them and any other bug (mosquitos being the exception) out of the house with a piece of paper, his family said. He was a lover of animals and brought home several over the years, including on two occasions cats who had been thrown out in the trash. As a proud Puerto Rican, Bonilla could point out every single person of note who was of Puerto Rican heritage—and

he often would. He could make any of the traditional dishes of the island, but his pasteles were his pride and joy. A perfectionist and his own toughest critic, every year he would say the pasteles did not come out very good, even as everyone around him gobbled them down. Bonilla was a close follower of politics, sports and social issues, and was never shy to offer up a well-informed opinion on any of them. A true New Yorker, Bonilla could recall streets and subway stops without hesitation, even more than 50 years after leaving Brooklyn. He loved telling tales about his years in Brooklyn, from playing stickball in the streets to singing doo-wop on the corner to speeding across the Brooklyn Bridge in his '67 Ford Mustang. A fan of a good laugh, Bonilla loved hearing stories as much as telling them. Goofy and a jokester at times, he was also self-deprecating and believed one should never take themselves too seriously. Generous, kind and devoted are just some of the words his family used to describe him. "To know your father is always there for you, will do absolutely anything for you, is the best thing a dad can give to his children," his daughter said. "And my brother and I were lucky enough."

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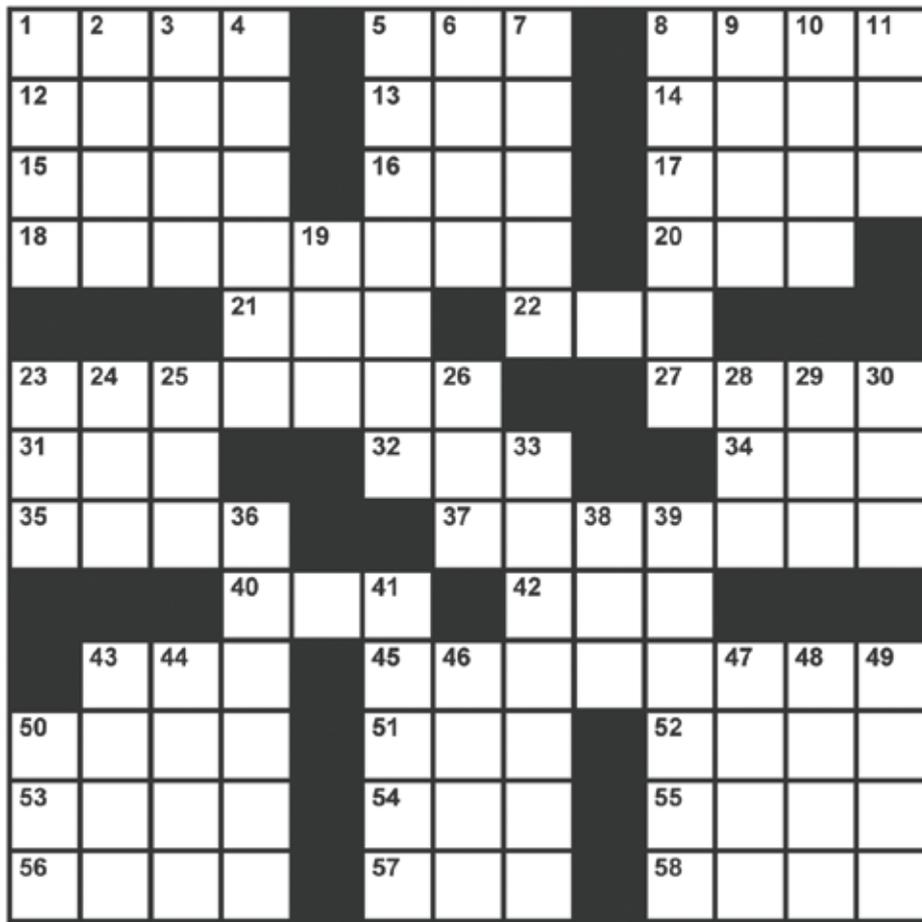
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Across

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- 5 After-hours school org.
- 8 Microsoft support rep
- 12 ___ voice
- 13 Soak (up)
- 14 Kind of skirt
- 15 Idolized figure
- 16 "Silent Night" adjective
- 17 Extended periods
- 18 This Somers restaurant could be the high point of your dining experience
- 20 Drowse
- 21 Shade of blonde
- 22 Half-circle
- 23 Type of tire
- 27 Blade side
- 31 Madame sheep
- 32 "Beverly Hills ___"
- 34 Fox Series "___! The Cat"
- 35 High school senior, usually
- 37 Resourceful
- 40 Road danger
- 42 Kit mitt
- 43 Piece in a machine
- 45 Dillon, Thompson or Yorktown security service
- 50 Petty criminal
- 51 Vanna White might uncover one
- 52 Brainchild
- 53 Nobleman
- 54 Squid defense
- 55 Fill
- 56 European language

- 57 Grazing ground
- 58 Catch a glimpse of

Down

- 1 Radar image
- 2 Places
- 3 At another time
- 4 Salon tints
- 5 Medium
- 6 Hammer or sickle
- 7 Breathing blockage
- 8 From that place
- 9 100 cents
- 10 Attired
- 11 Partakes of
- 19 Quiz
- 23 Where to surf
- 24 Be indebted to
- 25 Christened
- 26 "What's up ___"
- 28 Girl's name
- 29 Salon stuff
- 30 Stretch out
- 33 Pepper
- 36 Criticize in a petty way
- 38 Dads
- 39 For some time
- 41 Letters on screens
- 43 Burn somewhat
- 44 Sharing pronoun
- 46 ___ Frank
- 47 Ruckuses
- 48 Kid's game, with frog
- 49 Disney dog
- 50 Golf start area

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Katz Honors Local, Heroic WWII Veteran

Assemblyman Steve Katz (R,C-Yorktown) recently honored local World War II veteran and Patterson resident Howard J Buzzutto Jr. for his service to our nation. Katz presented Buzzutto with the following awards for his service:

- The Bronze Star
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars
- Good Conduct Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp
- Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award

- Honorable Service Lapel Button – WWII
- Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar
 "Private Buzzutto is an American hero," said Katz. "He has dutifully and selflessly served our country and our community. He served in the U. S. Army with the 100th Infantry Division, Company E, 2nd Battalion of the 398th Infantry Regiment, fighting in Germany to liberate Europe from the Nazi regime. It was with great pride, thanks and admiration that I presented Private Buzzutto with the numerous medals and recognitions he rightfully deserves."



Private Howard Buzzutto (center, sitting) was awarded and commended for this valor during World War II last week. Many public officials like Assemblyman Steve Katz (right), District Attorney Bob Tandy (left) and Sheriff Don Smith joined in the ceremony.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Putnam Pilot Internship Program Begins

Marking its third year, the Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow (P.I.L.O.T) Internship Program has returned for the summer of 2016, beginning with orientation at the Donald B. Smith Campus.

“By investing in our high school and college students, we are investing in the future of our county,” says County Executive MaryEllen Odell, “The P.I.L.O.T Internship Program provides students with a wonderful opportunity to gain real world experience and make valuable connections within the community.”

The selected high school, undergraduate and graduate interns joined County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Putnam County Personnel Department staff to learn more about the program, review forms and policies, and connect with new and returning interns.

Paul Eldridge, Putnam County Personnel Director says, “The P.I.L.O.T program has developed into a terrific investment in Putnam County’s youth. It is a win-win situation for both the County and the students involved. It seems each year the caliber of students is incredible.”

Popularity of the P.I.L.O.T Program has grown tremendously over the past three years, as demonstrated by the high volume of competitive applicants. Shannon Cooke, a senior at Binghamton University majoring in human resources said, “I wasn’t one hundred percent sure about human resources but so far, interning at the Personnel Department has been a great experience.”

Emily Giordano, an undergraduate student studying civil engineering, was very enthusiastic about her upcoming internship at the Highway Department.

*‘It is a win-win situation for both the County and the students involved. It seems each year the caliber of students is incredible.’-
Personnel Director Paul Eldridge*

“It is such a great opportunity and I am very excited to gain experience,” says Giordano, “My internship at the Highway Department is relevant to my major, so this is a perfect way to explore my potential career path.”

The idea of the Putnam County P.I.L.O.T Program was introduced by Odell in 2013 and continues to be supported by the Putnam County Legislature. In cooperation with the Putnam County Personnel Department, with a special thanks to Adriene Iasoni, coordinator of the P.I.L.O.T Program, selected interns are matched with county departments that align best with their interests and fields of study. Through their internships, interns are able to gain hands-on experience, learn more about how the county government functions, and potentially validate their career paths.



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County Executive MaryEllen Odell with this year’s county government interns.

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Putnam County Secret Garden Tour Raises \$10,000



DAVID ZOLLER PHOTO

George and Victoria Whipple dressed in Victorian attire during tours of their home in Carmel for the 10th Annual Putnam County Secret Garden Tour.

Partners with PARC hosted its 10th Annual Secret Garden Tour on Saturday, June 4, 2016. The event, a fundraiser for people with disabilities, raised just over \$10,000 and hosted over 350 guests.

The day-long event featured tours of eight private gardens in Garrison, Kent, Putnam Valley, Brewster, Patterson, and Carmel. Garden owners played host and tour guide at their gardens and even served teas, lemonade, cookies. Visitors from across the Hudson Valley and Tri-State area also toured Boscobel’s gardens in Garrison and shopped the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market, and made stops at Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring.

The tour was supported by more than 50 volunteers from Putnam ARC, the Carmel High School Future Business Leaders of America, and the students from the Haldane High School Honor Society. Butterfield Library in Cold Spring also made space for tickets sales on the day of the tour.

“This county-wide event takes months of planning and coordination, especially by the garden owners who work tirelessly to prepare their properties for the tour,” said Rand Bridget Otten, director of development for Partners with PARC. “We truly

appreciate the generosity of the garden owners to invite our attendees to their properties for this fundraiser and thank our dedicated volunteers who make this event a success.”

2016 event sponsors included: Hudson Valley Magazine, ShopRite, Energy, Putnam County Tourism, Boscobel House & Gardens, and Stonecrop Gardens.

Based in Brewster, NY, Partners with PARC is a 501 c (3) charity which raises funds to support children and adults with developmental disabilities in Putnam County, NY. For upcoming events, log onto www.partnerswithparc.org



JEAN-MARC FLACK PHOTO

A lovely Cornus Kousa at the property of Jean-Marc Flack in Carmel, N.Y. Flack’s gardens were featured during the 10th Annual Putnam County Secret Garden Tour.

Big Truck Day at the Kent Library

More than 390 people, mostly parents and children, came to see the big trucks gathered at the Kent Public Library on Saturday, June 4th. Besides a fire truck, police van, construction equipment, and well drillers this year's "Big Truck and Community Vehicle Day" included a former tank belonging to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. The library parking lot was not a quiet place as children honked horns and sounded sirens of the many interesting vehicles gathered for the event.

The library would like to thank the many people, including Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, the Kent Highway Department, the Kent Police Department, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Lake Carmel Sanitation District, the Lake Carmel Fire Department, and the Boyd Artesian Well Company, who helped to make "Big Truck Day" a success. The Kent Library plans to host it again next year.

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Cancer Survivor Urges Regular Screenings During Men's Health Month

Peter Chisick was diagnosed with prostate cancer in January of 2013.

Following Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests that were elevated, Chisick had 13 biopsies taken from his prostate that confirmed the disease.

Chisick was lucky in that the cancer had not spread and was treatable with radiation and hormone therapy.

He had 44 radiation treatments at Putnam Hospital Center over the course of two months and hormone shots administered every three months for two years that he completed six months ago.

Through it all, Chisick, U.S. Navy submarine veteran, continued to work as a prep cook for the Putnam County William Koehler Memorial Senior Center.

The cancer, he explained, didn't transform him, but rather the doctors, nurses and hospital staff who helped him beat the disease.

"The people changed me. I saw how good they are," Chisick, of Carmel, said.

"Everyone at the hospital was so nice and helpful. They explained things to me. They were just so caring and considerate. I would come back, no doubt about it."

Chisick is monitored more closely following heart bypass surgery in 2010. His wife, Sarena Chisick, a longtime nurse at Putnam Hospital Center, also keeps a watchful eye over his healthcare.

"I did exactly what my doctor said. I didn't hem and haw," said Chisick, 77. "The secret is to get a good doctor and just listen to what they have to say."

Since his diagnosis, Chisick said he tells his friends, co-workers and, most importantly, his younger brothers and sons to get regular health screenings.

"Guys don't go to the doctor unless they're half-dead. I've got two boys in their 20s. I gave them everything. I did the best for my kids. It's not about me," Chisick said. "I tell my sons, 'Make sure you go to your doctor and get checked.'"



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Peter Chisick with members of the radiation oncology team at Putnam Hospital Center including radiation therapy supervisor, Nicole Cimadomo (far left), registered nurse Diane Maher and oncology nurse navigator Dianne Toscano.

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Mahopac Library Budget Approved, Trustees Elected

On Tuesday, June 7, Mahopac Central School District residents approved the Mahopac Public Library budget by a margin of 252 votes. The final tally was 311 in favor of the budget, 59 opposed.

Voters also elected three candidates to the Library's Board of Trustees for a term of three years. The newly elected trustees are Kristine Bunyea, Elizabeth Costello, and Scott Weiss. These three individuals will be sworn into office at the Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees re-organization meeting on July 6th.

Kristine Bunyea has just completed her 11th year as a Mahopac Public Library Trustee, and has served as President of the Board for the past year. Prior to her presidency, Kristine has been engaged in working on behalf of our Library and our community as chair of the Advancement and Public Relations Committee, and as a member of the Board Development and Information & Technology Committees. A life-long resident of Mahopac, she and her husband have raised four children who are graduates of the Mahopac Central School District.

Elizabeth Costello is a self-employed attorney whose office is within walking

distance of the Mahopac Public Library. She grew up in Mahopac, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School before earning a BA in English from Le Moyne College and a JD from Cornell Law School. Costello has devoted her career to serving the public interest, and has worked in a variety of education-based and non-profit organizations. As an attorney specializing in criminal law, she has advocated on behalf of the indigent, the imprisoned, and the addicted, and became deeply involved in the development of Drug Treatment Courts.

Scott Weiss grew up in Mahopac, and is now raising his children here. He treasures our Library and all it offers the community, and he looks forward to the opportunity of serving on the Library's board. Being a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, and previously working in the publishing industry for over 12 years, Weiss appreciates the value of the written word but also understand the importance of fiscal responsibility.

For further information about the budget vote, or the programs and services provided by the Library, contact Michele Capozzella at 845-628-2009, ext 107.

Law Book: The Importance to Listen and Learn

As the parade route approached, I captured my first glimpse of the Grand Marshal. He was a 93 year-old seasoned World War II veteran who exuded confidence, honor and pride. Accomplished in ways that many of us will never experience; a true hero. It was Memorial Day 2016, and the Grand Marshal was my Uncle.

My Uncle is the oldest living World War II veteran of the Pelham, New York community. As he passed by with the other veterans, I felt a tangible connection to the past. Shaking their hands and listening to their stories is like having the pages of our history books spring to life. We are beyond fortunate to have these people in our lives. More importantly, we are indebted to our veterans.

As I watched and listened, I was soon reminded of my grandfather, who passed last year, and who was also a World War II veteran. I recalled the countless hours I spent speaking with him, not only about his war stories but life, in general. How fascinated I was to learn about life during



Salvatore Di Costanzo

the mid- twentieth century. Not only did I learn valuable life lessons, but perhaps more importantly, I was spending time with a loved one.

As an elder law attorney, I am witness to countless individuals, both clients and non-clients, who are deserving of our respect and attention. So often, I visit clients in their homes where they may

be living alone. In other cases, it may be a nursing home or hospital setting. For some, it is priceless when you offer them a forum to talk and share their stories. Statistics show that individuals decline at a more rapid rate, both physically and cognitively, when social interaction is at a minimum. Talking is healing in many ways.

Even if not living alone, poor relationships, combined with our fast-paced society and advancements in technology, can leave some of our elders feeling like they are at a party with no one to talk with. How often do you spend time, quality time, with your aging relatives, assuming you're fortunate to still have them? We all have or had that relative who could use more attention. Consider whether you would be able to sit in a room, day after day, with little understanding of technology (no texting ability) and sparse one on one contact with others. Many of our elders experience this feeling daily.

So I'm dedicating this piece to the intangible side of the practice of elder law. The side that has nothing to do with being an attorney. Make an effort to spend time with those in need of companionship. Encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It takes little effort to ask someone to tell a story, any story, about their past. It could make that person feel alive. Equally important, many of

For some, it is priceless when you offer them a forum to talk and share their stories. Statistics show that individuals decline at a more rapid rate, both physically and cognitively, when social interaction is at a minimum. Talking is healing in many ways.

our elders have forgotten more than you have already learned. Learn from them. History has a way of repeating itself. Finally, respect and honor those who served our Country.

My grandmother always told me, "You get back what you give." If you are blessed to live to a ripe age, you too will be looking to tell a story someday. Hopefully there is someone there to listen.

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Yorktown Heights Resident Shines in Photo Showing



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Yorktown Heights resident and photo extraordinaire David Rocco held his first solo photo showing at the Division Street Grill's Paul Robeson Gallery recently. Here, he stands with his father Jerry Rocco in front of photos David has snapped.

The Lighter Side of Victorian: Wicker Furniture

When my wife and I owned an antiques shop early in our marriage, there was a revival of interest in the Victorian style of décor, and I can't say that we were enthusiastic about it.

This style from the second half of the 19th century was known for plush, heavily upholstered furniture on rounded, narrow legs, velvety textures, ornate details and a crammed abundance of plants, glassware and textiles. We were more into the relative simplicity of earlier periods.

However, in the midst of this opulence, wicker furniture at the time offered a refreshing

contrast with its airy lightness. The pieces we had sold well back in that time, and I was secretly pleased to "inherit" a few white-painted chairs and a wheeled baby carriage (which we used as an indoor planter) after we had enough of running the store.

Wicker furniture is made from a variety of materials, although rattan is the most traditional. Wicker refers to the technique of weaving wet strips of material, such as rattan, willow, paper rush or synthetic materials, in a distinctive basket-like pattern to create furniture and household



By Bill Primavera

items. The method itself is ancient, and some of the earliest evidence of wickerwork comes from the Sumerian culture of 4,000 B.C.

The popularity of wicker furniture surged when the United States and England began regular trade with China. The rattan used to hold cargo in place during the voyage was often left as refuse on the shore. Enterprising individuals gathered up this material and put it to good use, with the hard inner core of the rattan serving as the frames for furniture and the outer layer stripped and woven to form

the seats and backs.

Cyrus Wakefield utilized this former waste material so effectively that his business grew into the Wakefield Rattan Company – at one time the largest rattan furniture manufacturer – and the town of Wakefield, Mass. was named for him.

With all the heaviness of the Victorian fashion, wicker furniture was valued for being a hygienic option. In an era that predates vacuum cleaners and dry cleaning, the breathable and nonporous surface of wicker was easier to clean and air out than thickly stuffed upholstery.

For this reason wicker was considered especially appropriate for furniture meant for babies, infants, the elderly and the sick.

Coinciding with the Victorian age was the period of British colonial rule in India. Not only was wicker furniture easier to maintain in warmer, more humid environments, but many British citizens wished to emulate the tropical style of those colonies. Wicker furniture was lightweight, strong and easy to clean, but the flexibility of the rattan core and outer fibers made intricate patterns possible. Eventually, Victorian and British colonial styles faded, but wicker endured as a choice among designers whenever a flexible material was needed. The basket-like patterns were adapted to cover Art Deco and other modern styles.

Wicker furniture may seem like an obvious choice for outdoor spaces, but unless it is crafted from synthetic materials it would be a mistake to set your wicker furniture outside and forget about it. The sunlight would fade unpainted rattan, and exposure to rain and humidity would cause the natural fibers to rot. Paper rush is literally made from paper, for example, and would obviously not hold up well in the rain. Wicker furniture made from natural materials should remain under the shelter of a sunroom or

enclosed porch if you really want it to last. If you want to use wicker for your outdoor furniture, be certain that it is made from a synthetic material specifically designed to stand up to the elements.

Maintaining indoor wicker items is simple. Vacuuming with a soft bristle attachment should do it. Adding cushions is a good idea, because although wicker is strong, it holds up to stress better when the pressure is not all on one point. (Don't stand on it, for example.) If your furniture needs to be repaired, I advise going to an expert to get the job done. As John Bausert, a master of the craft and owner of Veteran's Chair Caning & Repair in New York City, said, "The materials cost next to nothing, but it's labor-intensive."

While the Victorian era has passed, the warm-weather feel of wicker furniture is still attractive to decorators and homeowners, even as their design tastes change.

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The Consequences of Technology in Society and the Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

It's becoming palpable. Not a day goes by that I don't witness the marvels of evolving technologies and their influence on business, productivity and society. Nary a day goes by that

I wonder about the future influence of technologies.

But until recently, I hadn't taken a step back from the ever-changing landscape of technology's impact on our personal lives. Too consumed in engaging the technological impact as it revolutionizes manufacturing industries, service industries and my personal productivity, I lost sight of the evolving, some might say devolving, role of humans in the future fabric of industries and society.

We've all come to realize that technology, in its many forms, has come to dominate our lives in numerous ways. Hard technology, such as sophisticated robots on production lines, is replacing human labor. Soft technology manages the operating systems of factories, replacing engineers. Complex business and scientific applications, controlled by self-contained programs, are accelerating the imbedded presence and influence of software, reducing, even eliminating, the need for human intervention.

And, lest I lose focus of the subject matter of this column, I've watched as technology has slowly become imbedded in the production of wine, notwithstanding considerable pushback from a hard core of traditional winemakers.

I read with considerable interest a recent article in The New York Times by Eduardo Porter. Titled "Contemplating the end of the human workhorse," Porter reflected on the role of the workhorse prior to the Industrial Revolution and the invention of the combustible engine. For centuries, workhorses were the mainstay and the backbone of the United States economy, from transporting mail across long distances, to carrying travelers to their destinations, to performing many farming chores. The invention of locomotives, autos and farming machines brought about an unintended consequence: the demise of the role of the workhorse.

Porter posited that to a certain extent, the invention of the computer chip may create a similar dilemma for human labor. Robots, artificial intelligence, software programs and smartphone applications have eliminated the jobs of many middle age workers.

The new jobs created every day from advanced technology capabilities are

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not able to be filled by these workers; there is a misalignment of skills. Workers have dropped out of the workforce (and the reported unemployment statistics) due to the pervasive usurpation of

human jobs by technology. Ironically, thousands of newly created technology jobs are unfilled due to a lack of trained professionals.

Pardon my rant. Allow me to refocus to the specific impact of technology on the production of wine.

Of all the costs of managing a winery, beyond capital costs, labor dominates. For centuries, workers have plied their skills in the vineyards and the winery. Slowly at first, but recently accelerating, technology has been creeping into wineries. Here are several examples:

--Science is developing new grapevine clones utilizing DNA advances and sophisticated modeling programs. These grapevines are more drought tolerant, disease resistant, and better suited to specific soils and microclimates. The consequence? Fewer field workers needed to manage the crops.

--Mechanical equipment is increasingly sophisticated, able to plant, prune and harvest grapevines more efficiently than the army of field workers previously required. The consequence? Displaced field workers.

--Drone technology enables winemakers to survey the progress of grapevines during the growing season, providing vital statistics to ensure optimal crops. The consequence? Old-line oenologists have been replaced by computer reports, which must be interpreted by a smaller group of new-breed oenologists.

--New diagnostic tools analyze the growing environment of vineyards in real time, enabling cost savings in soil conditioners, fertilizers and water – all meant to increase yields and wine quality. The consequence? Higher quality wines, at the cost of displaced workers and field oenologists.

Where is technology leading us? Several economists have forecast that a significant number of today's jobs will be replaced by technology during the lifetime of the Millennials. The consequence? Let's not wait to find out. Rather, let's find ways to optimize technology but stay ahead of the seeming inevitability of technological dominance.

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Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

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Mahopac Public Library Adult Book Groups: Monday Evening Book group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Light Bite Book Group: meets on the third Monday or third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Flo Brandon Book Review Group: meets on the first Friday of each month at 11 a.m. Registration is required for the young reader book groups. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100

Art on Display:

The Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library currently features the work of 10 digital photographers from Putnam and Westchester counties. This group show will remain on view at the Library through June 30, and can be visited during regular Library hours.

Farmers Markets:

Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market: The Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market hopes to exemplify its connections to the community to provide local economic opportunity as it showcases sustainability. 15 Mount Ebo Road South Brewster. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more info: <http://www.hudsonvalleyfarmersmarket.org/>

Saturday's

The Ultimate Brooder Co. Presents: Live Poultry & Farm animal market. The First Saturday of Each Month: June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct.. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange. 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. Free admission - Come look and shop!

Upcoming Registrations:

Summer Art for Kids: The Putnam Arts Council is offering our Kids Summer Arts program this July. Out Multi Arts program features weekly themed sessions including Secrets, Fantasy, and more! Ages 6-13yrs. Certified art teacher Sarah Gilchrist will be one of our teachers. PAC will also be offering a Friday Clay Arts Program which includes the 5 Fridays in July with sessions for ages 5- 14 and up. All of our courses are taught by working artists & educators using a wide range of quality materials in our climate controlled art studio spaces at the Belle Levine Art Center. Limited enrollment, individual instruction, and a nurturing environment are hallmarks of our educational programs. The program is designed to serve all interests, with an emphasis on the unique, creative potential that exists within all children. Individual projects as well as collaborations provide an opportunity to work together and interact. Each week offers a different theme chosen as a catalyst for artistic expression. Enroll with a friend and come make new ones. For of all our offerings, our registration form, and to register visit us on the web @ putnamartscouncil.com. 845-803-8622

Take the Survey:

Tell us what you think about community strengths, and health-related issues and concerns. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is being updated by the Putnam County Department of Health, Putnam Hospital Center and other public health system partners. The input of residents and

those who work in Putnam is also important to this process. Your responses to the survey, along with other community assessments, will help create a strong Community Health Improvement Plan. Log onto <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/take-survey-tell-us-think-community-strengths-health-related-issues-concerns/>

Friday, June 17

FREE Putnam Valley's Annual Sunset Concert Series Kickoff. Acoustic Solo Scott Test 6 p.m., Dirty Stay Out Band to follow.

156 Oscawana Lake Rd & Town Park Lane. Open to the public & family friendly. Food & beverages for purchase. All park amenities available during concerts. Other concert dates include: Friday, July 1. Dinner in the Park with Frank & Dean Block Party 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 16 50's, 60's Music by Teenchords & 5 Creations 7 p.m. Friday, July 29: Top 40 Cover Vertigo, 7 p.m. Thursday, August 11: Them Bones 7 p.m. Saturday, August 20: Disco Dance Party: Elektrik Company 7:00 p.m. FMI: <http://pvpr.com>, pvprconcerts@gmail.com or call 845-656-5296. Concerts subject to change.

Saturday, June 18

Backyard Farming Workshop Series. Pond & Lake Mgmt. 1 pm - 3 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange. 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. \$15 registered and paid in advance. \$20 at the door (admission fee covers one person or the whole family!) Grange Members admitted Free. Welcome to all who have an interest in the practical principles of aquatic management - which includes enhancing the natural beauty and value of your property through the use of natural aquatic elements. This program will cover all aspects of aquatic resource management (depending on the needs and interest of the participants) and will include discussions of both man-made and natural lakes and ponds, koi, aquaculture, and garden ponds: an informal discussion of all things aquatic. So bring your questions as we dive into the world of aquatic ecosystems. The workshop will be led by Putnam Valley Grange #841 President Stephen Ho, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator / Laboratory Director and Pond and Lake Resource Management Expert. For more information and to register: www.PutnamValleyGrange.org/backyardfarming.org. 914- 949-4679

An Evening of Live Music & Song to benefit the Putnam Arts Council: Music from the Movies. 7:30 p.m. Concert will be held in the A. Eric Arcander Gallery in the Belle Levine Art Center at the Putnam Arts Council. Songs you know and love from the movies including "Embraceable You, Hey There, Maria, As Time Goes By, All My Tomorrows, Soldier Blues, and many others. This annual benefit performance is presented live with style and pizzas by The Voices of Hope, a talented group of area actors and singers accompanied by Julliard trained pianist, Mark Snyder, who donate their time to help raise funds for valuable community non-profit organizations. Tax deductible admission will support the many various creative programs of the Putnam Arts Council. \$20/\$15 for PAC members - includes a desert reception. With limited seating, its best to reserve a space, but

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Save the Date: Tuesday, June 21

Mahopac Public Library offers summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults, with opportunities to win fun prizes and attend end of summer reading parties. Support for many of the summer reading activities, events, and prizes is provided by the Friends of Mahopac Public Library. So, Get Ready, Get Set, Get in the Game... an adventure with your favorite author is just a page away! Registration for children's programs begins June 21 (online and in-person); phone registration begins June 22. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100. The Children's Summer Reading brochure is also available at the Library's Information and Youth Services desks. Teens summer programs include STEAM Camp, Anime Manga Gaming Club, Introduction to Babysitting, Teen Tuesdays, Book Buddies, and a book group that will discuss "A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness. The Teen Reading Challenge begins June 24; teens can pick up a Reading Bingo Sheet at the Youth Services Desk to participate in the challenge. The Adult Summer Reading program also begins on Friday, June 24. Pick up a Summer Reading Entry Form at the Information Desk, read or listen to four books, and return the form to desk to be entered into the weekly raffle. A raffle prize is awarded to one lucky winner ever. Friday, so the more you read the greater your chance of winning! If you are planning to travel this summer, you might want to check out one of the Library's e-readers, or download a book or magazine through Overdrive, Hoopla, or Zinio. Not sure how to download an ebook or audiobook? Visit the Learning Lab at the Library for help with your digital device, downloading, and more. For further information about any of the summer reading programs, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

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Rebels Can't Ward Off Melville in NYS Semis



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Lakeland/Panas Falters in 2nd Half of 16-6 Loss

Lakeland/Panas defenders Eric Otero (21) and Nick Vazquez put the crunch on a Ward Melville attackman as G Kevin Dyckman looks on in the Rebels' 16-6 loss to the Patriots in the NYSPHSAA Class A semifinals at Hofstra University last Wednesday when the Rebels had their 19-3 season come to a screeching halt when they were outscored 9-2 in the second half... see Boys' Lax Notebook

Yorktown Comes Up Short in State Title Bid

Cornhuskers Rammed by Jamesville-DeWitt, 9-6

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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MIDDLETOWN -- Insane as it sounds, Yorktown High takes very little solace in reaching the state finals, because when you are the owners of seven NYS championships, second fiddle doesn't cut the mustard, and that is what makes the Cornhuskers among the finest high school lacrosse programs in the world.

Yorktown's faithful packed Middletown's Faller Field last Saturday in an effort to attain an eighth state title, and while the Huskers came up short in a 9-6 setback to NYS Class B champion Jamesville-DeWitt, the Huskers had already set their sights on a return trip in June of 2017 when the bulk of the team returns for yet another run. The productivity of the Yorktown program cannot be understated, which is why we find them in the NYS semifinals



Yorktown's Jamison Embury makes his move on J-D long pole Carson LaRussa, who gave the Huskers fits.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

7) were outscored 4-2 in the fourth quarter against the perennial Section 3 powerhouse Jamesville-DeWitt (21-2), which claimed its fifth NYS championship (1986, 2007-10-11-16).

Two of the finest lacrosse programs in the world collided in the state finals for the second time in three years (Yorktown defeated J-D in 2014 for its 7th state crown), and folks in and about both programs were already speculating about a possible rematch next season.

"I sure hope we get them again next year," Yorktown junior A Justin Cavallo admitted.

J-D's Ryan Archer and Grayson Burns

and finals time and time again.

And 2017 should be no different with the top seven scorers and a good portion of their stout defense returning. The 39-time Section 1 champion Huskers (16-

each went for a hat trick for the Red Rams, who were also spectacular on defense and draws, which posed significant problems for the Huskers. The J-D defense did not allow the Huskers to get into a rhythm

and the faceoff edge went to J-D in crunch time, as Jack Mulvihill won five straight faceoffs to start the fourth quarter, leading to a pair of goals from Burns that gave J-D an 8-5 cushion with 4:11 to go. Burns scored with 1:31 to play to put the finishing touches on it.

Yorktown finally grabbed possession, trailing by three when freshman Shane Dahlke scored on a fast break to make it 8-6 with a shade under four minutes to play. The Huskers won the next faceoff,



Huskers revel in the glory of All-American Jose Boyer's goal in Yorktown's 9-6 NYS Class B title loss to J-D.



Yorktown's Shane Dahlke (29) and Jamison Embury (3) get up on Husker Kyle Casey to celebrate one of his three goals in NYS championship loss to J-D.

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but the box official flagged Yorktown for being offside as the Huskers were making a substitution. It was the kind of call that often goes ignored by savvy officials, especially in crunch time when a state title is on the line.

Yorktown Coach Dave Marr, who argued vehemently, didn't take the call well and was eventually tossed for riding the refs. The crucial offsides call came with 3:10 remaining, when the Huskers still had a chance, but the ensuing penalties killed any momentum they might have had. Yorktown had just scored to make it 8-6, and had won the ensuing faceoff. The controversial call gave the ball back to Jamesville DeWitt and left Yorktown man-down.

"The game didn't come down to just the calls at the end," Husker Assistant Coach Sean Carney said.

"The referees have a tough job. I think at the end of the game they got a little tight and a couple of calls at the end of the game that we wish would have gone, you know, our way, but I consistently talk about it with the kids: We can't let it come down to one play at the end. We can't let it come down to a referee's call. We have to make our own luck, and I wish we had played our best and kind of gotten past that 4-4 rut.

"We could have made a bunch of plays



Yorktown M Dom Cioffi cranks shot in Huskers' 9-6 NYS championship loss to J-D last Saturday at Faller Field in Middletown.

in the beginning of the game," Carney continued, "but they were a very physical defense, a little bit more physical than I think we thought they'd be. We weren't winning our one-on-one matchups, especially in the offensive end. We were moving the rock a little slower than we're used to. They brought their A-game and we could have played better. We're a young group and they left it out there but sometimes it doesn't go your way."

It was going Kyle Casey's way for quite some time, as the All-Section Yorktown junior had bagged a hat trick. His third goal came with 8:29 remaining and brought the Huskers within a goal at 6-5. Yorktown All-American Jose Boyer was all over the field, scooping up a game-high 10 GBs. Boyer and Cavallo each had one goal for the Huskers, who, to a man, thought they should have won the game by figuring out a way to solve J-D's defense.

"To be honest, I really didn't think they were anything special," a downtrodden Cavallo said. "I think we lost the game. We had them, that's what the most disappointing part is. At halftime, we were saying this is right where we want to be and they just

"They were a great offense, a quality team and I couldn't be prouder of my boys," Donnelly said.

Sophomore twins Hunter (3G) and Jamison Embury (1G, 3A) combined for seven points as Yorktown nipped Section 11 champ Shoreham-Wading River, 7-6, in the NYS Class B semifinals at Hofstra University last Wednesday. Hunter Embury had his way down the stretch, scoring the final three goals to lead the Huskers into the state final. The twins connected with 6:17 left in regulation to give Yorktown a 6-5 lead they would never lose. Defensemen Brett Makar and Tyler Makar, Boyer and Joseph Brancato, plus Donnelly, were credited with sealing off one of the most lethal scoring units in the state.

It was just the third time in the last 12 years that Yorktown was able to survive the Long Island representatives, and preparation for yet another run next season had already begun as of Sunday.

"It was just a great season by these boys," Coach Marr said. "A lot of them grew up this year and began to blossom. No one expected this team to produce such a memorable run, but they did and the kids deserve the credit. Liam Donnelly was incredible all season, including in the championship, he along with the other seniors will be missed. The 2016 Huskers made us all proud."

came out stronger than we did. Man, this feeling isn't going to go away for a while."

All-Section brothers Brett and Tyler Makar each had three ground balls and All-American G Liam Donnelly made seven saves and feels good about passing the torch upon his graduation.



The aftermath of Yorktown Coach Dave Marr's reaction to controversial call.



Yorktown G Liam Donnelly (L) and D Brett Makar lead the somber Huskers off the field after losing in NYS championship to Jamesville-DeWitt last Saturday.

Garden City Proves Too Tough for Yorktown in State Finals

Nation's 2nd-Ranked Team Roughs Up Huskers, 16-5

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Yorktown High Coach Ellen Mager was sure to point out that there's no shame in losing to the second-ranked lacrosse team in the nation after her Cornhuskers were knocked off by Section 8 champion Garden City, 16-5, in Saturday's NYSPHSAA Class B championship at SUNY Cortland.

Garden City, led by senior midfielders Kerry Defliese and Katie Muldoon (5G, 3A), dominated draws and built a seven-goal lead less than 10 minutes in as the Trojans cruised to their 13th NYS title overall, the eighth in 11 years, while denying Yorktown its fifth.

"Garden City was very, very good," Mager said. "Down 7-0, though, our kids didn't roll over. We fought like heck and forced them to take a timeout before half at 9-5, which was awesome. We couldn't win a draw in the second half, so we probably played defense 23 of the 25 minutes in second half and the kids worked hard until the end.

"The kids had a great ride," she added. "We could have easily lost the section semifinal, the section final, the regional final and state semifinal, but they believed in each other and found a way every time, showing incredible resilience and poise. For a group that had never been out of the section before to win two state playoff games in double OT is an incredible accomplishment. Our defense and goalie stood so tall in those games to give our offensive kids another opportunity to win the game, which they were able to do. This state finalist team ranks right with our state championship teams in what they achieved in this run under the circumstances they faced."

The Huskers tried valiantly to erase the deficit with goals from Casey Duff and Michelle Seger, and consecutive tallies from sniper Katie Comerford as the first half closed with Yorktown trailing by four, 9-5. Comerford finished with three goals and said it was all about the experience of having reached the state finals and competing.

"This experience was an unbelievable way to end my high school career," she said. "Going to Cortland with a team that I love, and making it to the state finals will always be remembered by each of us. It was awesome. Even though we lost in the finals, we have a lot to be proud of as a team. Garden City has many skilled players and they are an extremely athletic team. We fought hard and never gave up, making the experience end on a positive note."

Skilled and versatile Rilea Fusco had two assists for the Huskers (17-6), who had made their first state final since 2009, and reached the finals after defeating Section 3's Watertown, 10-9 in overtime, in the state semifinal on Friday at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, NY.

The 200th goal of Duff's phenomenal career was the clinching tally. Fusco had two goals and two assists. Comerford finished with two goals while Seger had a goal and an assist. Julia Cook, Ellen O'Callaghan and Ciara Frawley each had a goal, Ashley Stilo had two assists and G

Catherine Calidonna made nine saves.

Mager had no regrets afterward, instead, she heaped praise upon her seniors and thanked them up and down for having restored the luster on Section 1 premier program.

"This particular group of seniors is as near and dear to my heart," Mager said. "I began coaching many of these girls in 3/4 grades in the Mohansic Girls Basketball Club and in YAC girls' youth lacrosse. I was their travel basketball coach from 5th-8th grade. We had no size but they played tough and smart and it was so much fun. I coached many of the them in the in-house basketball league and all of them in lacrosse with Patrick Murphy (Marykate's father), Bob Mongno (Sara's father), and Tommy Cegielski (Meghan's father). Every one of these eight seniors brings something to the table that the coaches and the younger players value whether it is communication, work ethic, speed, determination, skill, leadership or spirit. They created a happy, cohesive team on which the girls play for one another, without ego, with a common

goal in mind."

The path to states began with a dramatic 10-9 win over Somers in the sectional final, ending three straight years of losing in the sectional championship game and it ended in the state final, something Mager said they, nor their families, will ever forget.

"They'll never forget this," Mager said "We, the coaches, Lauren McCauley and I, have had great support from volunteer assistant coaches, Kelsey Sickles and Sarah Scott and having Bridget Sickles join the staff has also been a great addition. The coaches work so hard because they wanted this team to have the opportunity to call themselves champions and to make a lifetime of great memories with their own trip to Cortland."

Long Island proved to be too strong for the rest of the state in two classes; Class B's Garden City and Class C's Mount Sinai, but the Class A crown went to Section 3's Christian Brothers Academy, which knocked Section 1's North Rockland out in the semis.



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The Yorktown girls' lacrosse team survived a ton of close calls to reach the NYS Class B finals where the magical well finally ran dry in championship loss to Garden City.

Melville's Firepower Douses Lakeland/Panas in NYS Semis

No.7 Rebels' Season Ends in 16-6 Setback to No.6 Patriots

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There was no sense of shame, no acrimony over the bittersweet pill the state-ranked (No.7) Lakeland/Panas lacrosse team swallowed in last Wednesday's 16-6 loss to Section 11 champion Ward Melville in the NYSPHSAA Class A semifinals at Hofstra University's James M. Shuart Stadium.

Having advanced to the NYS Class A semifinals for the first time since 2010 after winning the Region 1 championship, the Rebels (19-3) were playing with house money, going up against the sixth-ranked Patriots, one of the finest programs in the nation; especially when you consider the fact that L/P was coming off a sub-par five-win campaign the year before.

Rebels Coach Jim Lindsay admitted he never expected this group to win the 11th sectional title in the district's history – Panas (1 in 1973), Lakeland (4 in 1983-89-90-91), Lakeland/Panas (6 in 1994-97-2003-10-14-16, since combining in 1992) – much less reach the NYS Final 4 for the first time in six seasons.

"I thought maybe we could give somebody a game in the section finals," Lindsay said. "I never expected this, not after last year."

Riding the coattails of three captains – senior All-American long stick Nick Vazquez and All-Section seniors JoJo

Cortese and Kevin Prunty – things just started clicking shortly after a season-opening loss to Class B power John Jay, and the Rebels – minus a hiccup in the Murphy Cup loss to Class B heavyweight Yorktown – never lost again until Melville.

"We set a goal in November to get the L/P name back on top and how it used to be and we achieved that goal," the Siena-bound Prunty said. "We couldn't ask for a better way to go out senior year in black and gold. Melville was the best team we saw all year and they were loaded with second-line line kids just as good as the first line. But playing at Hofstra for the

first time since the 2010 team felt sweet."

Eddie Munoz notched a game-high five goals for the Patriots, who advanced to the NYS finals where they were defeated, 7-5, by Section 5's Victor, which repeated as state champs (Class B in 2015), and became the only team in Section 5 (Rochester area) history to ever do so, and in most impressive fashion (knocking out Melville and Manhasset in consecutive years).

Sean Makar and Drew Thompson, both impressive juniors, each scored twice for Lakeland/Panas. Cortese (1A) and Prunty each tallied once for the Rebels, who trailed just 4-3 after the first quarter and 7-4 at the half, but a 4-1 third-quarter burst by the Patriots gave them all the cushion they would need with the

firepower of Dom Pryor (3G, 3A) and Chris Grillo (3G, 2A) complimenting Munoz.

The Rebels will return their leading goal scorer, sophomore JoJo Janavey (64G, 15A), Tim Fallo (44G, 20A), pole Griffin Shiland, G Kevin Dyckman and several other important pieces, but will have to figure out a way to replace the overall scoring leader Prunty (39G, 41A), Cortese (29G, 37A) and Vazquez, the program's best faceoff man since Jay Motta (1997-98). According to Coach Lindsay, the trio led by example on and off the field, and the proof was in the pudding.

"I couldn't be prouder of a group of kids, just the hardest working team I've ever coached," Lindsay said. "They were everything a coach could ask for on and off the

field, completely bought into everything we asked them to do, and did it as hard as they possibly could. We would always talk about great effort overcoming great execution, and they embodied every bit of that throughout the season. This was one of the most fun teams I've had the pleasure of coaching, and it's completely because of the effort and hard work they put in throughout the year."

Having won two sectional titles in the last three years, the Lakeland/Panas program appears to be back on top of the Class A heap. Sustaining that level of excellence will be difficult with all the Rebels lose next year. This 2016 team set the bar fairly high for those behind them, but the Rebels return enough of a nucleus to make another run in 2017.



L-P goalie Kevin Dyckman makes save in Rebels' loss to Melville in NYS Class A semis.

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Rebel Sean Makar slips one past Melville goalie in Rebels' NYS Class A semifinal loss to Patriots.



Rebel Kevin Prunty tags the top right corner for goal in L-P's NYS Class A semifinal loss to Ward Melville last Wednesday at Hofstra U.

When Worlds Collide!



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**Yorktown
Loses Battle of
Superpowers to
Jamesville-
DeWitt, 9-6**

With 12 NYS championships between them, Yorktown (7) and Jamesville-DeWitt (5) went head-to-head last Saturday for the second time in three years with the NYSPHSAA Class B title on the line at Middletown's Faller Field where Husker Thomas Donatelli (11) and his teammates suffered a 9-6 championship setback to the feisty Red Rams, who partied hard around Shane Dahlke (kneeling) and held a yard sale at the Huskers' expense... see Boys' Lax Notebook