



Vigil Held for Long Missing Carmel Teen

By Anna Young

Carmel and Putnam County residents gathered for a candlelit vigil Sunday night to pay their respects for Robin Murphy, the teenager who mysteriously and tragically disappeared 22 years ago.

More than a dozen people came together at the Shop-Rite Plaza Shopping Center on the anniversary of Murphy's disappearance, April 9, raising awareness and still seeking answers.

"We need to make the community aware that this has happened in our town and it has not been solved," said Kathy, a Carmel resident who organized the vigil. "We need to remember her, we cannot forget about her and we can never let this happen again."

Kathy, who had no affiliation with Murphy, added that since Murphy went missing she feels a personal connection to

her and has never forgotten her.

"So many people have forgotten about it and so many people don't know about it, but they should know," she said.

On Apr. 9, 1995, 17-year-old Murphy was on route to meet her boyfriend for dinner when she made a stop at the Shop-Rite center where she was last seen at approximately 7:30 p.m. Police later found Murphy's car parked in the shopping center and four days later found her purse, wallet and keys in a grassy area behind the stores. She hasn't been seen since and her case has never been closed.

While little evidence has pointed police in the right direction, Carmel Police Detective-Sergeant Michael Nagle said police continue to receive phone calls regarding the case and will search selective areas following any leads that

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Residents gathered to raise awareness for Robin Murphy's missing person case on Sunday.

Three CHS Student-Athletes to Play Collegiately



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Three Carmel High School student-athletes will soon be playing their respective sport at the next level. Seniors Casey Gilchrist, Grace Barry, and Elaina Nacinovich (left to right) all signed letters of intent recently with school officials and family members on hand. Gilchrist is set to play for the Manhattanville field hockey team. As a member of the CHS varsity field hockey team, Gilchrist played midfield and earned recognition as an All-League and All-Elite Honorable Mention. She is a Field Hockey Coaches Association

scholarship recipient. Elaina Nacinovich also signed on to play at Manhattanville for the field hockey team. She has played field hockey all four years of high school—on the Junior Varsity team during her freshman and sophomore years and on the Varsity team during her junior and senior years. She was named the Most Valuable Player in her freshman and sophomore years. This past year, she served as the team's captain. And Barry signed a letter of intent to play Division III soccer next fall at College of Mount St. Vincent. A skilled athlete, Barry played center-back, outside back, defensive midfielder and keeper. She is a three-year varsity player. All three also excel off the field in the classroom.

Carmel Assessor: Town Tax Reval. to Move Forward

By David Propper

The new tax assessments that have lit a flame under the Town of Carmel following a town wide reevaluation are expected to go through in less than a month, despite an outpouring of anger and confusion the past month.

Town tax assessor Glen Droese, who makes the final decision about whether to move forward with the reevaluations, said during Wednesday's town board meeting he intends to confirm the new tax roll by the May 1 deadline. Calling the town wide reevaluation a good project that's been lauded by New York

State, Droese said the town isn't going backwards.

He stressed his job is to determine each property's market value right and the assessor's office and firm hired to take on the massive project are working out any eyebrow raising issues.

"We reviewed properties town wide," Droese said. "We found things that needed fixing. That's part of the process."

While the town board can't make the final determination, they can vote to recommended what Droese should do, according to town attorney Greg

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Proposed Rec. Center in Putnam Valley Moves Ahead

By David Propper

Plans for a new recreation center in the Town of Putnam Valley took another leap forward Wednesday evening, when the five-member town board voted in lockstep to bond the project.

The price tag attached to the new recreation center is \$3.8 million that would be paid off over 30 years. But Supervisor Sam Oliverio said that cost could be less because the town might be able to save money and also bring in revenue from the center. The town won't need to pay \$81,000 to rent out a field in town for summer camp and can charge outside groups for use of the facility and hold classes and other activities there, he said.

The project would be built right at the front of town park where the inline skating used to be. It'll be a full size basketball court with bleachers and four classrooms, Oliverio said.

"This is a very positive thing for the Valley," Oliverio said. "I love that old saying, 'If you build it, they will come.'"

But one resident in the town is attempting to thwart the new recreation center, or at least delay it by a voter referendum. Patty Villanova intends to seek at least 175 signatures from town folks that would put the bond up to a vote. Villanova has one month to collect the signatures and if she's successful, the

'This is a very positive thing for the Valley.'
Supervisor Sam Oliverio

referendum would then take place two months from now. (The Putnam County Board of Elections needs a four-week notice to hold an election from when the signatures are confirmed. The cost would be \$25,000.)

In an interview, Villanova claimed the town board has been misleading about the recreation center and she's upset there hasn't been a feasibility study conducted for the proposed center. She said residents should decide on a new recreation center, not a few town officials.

"Most people don't even know about it," Villanova said. "When I tell them what the cost is they can't believe it."

She said the town should invest money in a public pool for residents that don't have lake rights instead of a center.

Villanova and the town board sparred Wednesday during the brief meeting before a vote was taken. When Villanova got up to speak Councilman Steve Mackay

'When I tell them what the cost is they can't believe it.'
Resident Patty Villanova

demanding she sit down and be quiet. He even asked Oliverio if he should call 911 for assistance from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Despite angry pleas from the board, Villanova persisted getting into a back and forth with Oliverio. At one point

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi questioned why Villanova didn't speak at the public hearing that took place many months ago.

Oliverio was skeptical what support, if any, Villanova would receive for her push. She was the only resident at the meeting Wednesday night, though she said it's because the meeting wasn't a public hearing.

Oliverio said the town has held public hearings at the town board, planning board, and zoning board, completed the environmental assessment, and the park and recreation committee has supported the endeavor.

"I believe the majority of our residents," Oliverio said. "And I mean a super majority of our residents want this recreation center."

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Diving Into National Debate, Philipstown Declared Sanctuary Town

By David Propper

The Philipstown town board made a statement on the embroiling national debate on immigration, when they declared their municipality a sanctuary town Wednesday night.

In a slim 3-2 vote, with Supervisor Richard Shea the deciding vote to push the resolution through, the town board approved becoming a sanctuary town, the first and likely only town in Putnam County to do so. Shea, Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery, and Councilman Michael Leonard voted for the sanctuary designation, while Councilman John VanTassel and Councilman Bob Flaherty voted against it. All five board members are Democrats.

The resolution states no town department, officer, employee or agent acting in an official capacity would be allowed to request or maintain immigration information on an individual or assist in the investigation of a person's citizenship or immigration status unless they are compelled to by a state of federal law or by a court order. Additionally, no town employee can assist or cooperate with an investigation, detention or arrest by an agency enforcing federal immigration law except when required by federal law, according to the town document.

The idea of sanctuary municipalities has become prevalent since Donald Trump became president because of his apparent hardline on illegal immigration.

Leonard said he supported the resolution because no laws were being circumvented. He stressed the federal government has failed Americans over immigration policy and larger policy conversations begin at the local level. Montgomery said the town isn't a federal enforcement agency and she doesn't believe funding would be lost over it. She stressed all residents need to be protected.

Shea said it was important to reinforce the values the town holds.

"The values that are put forth in this equal protection resolution are things that community members by and large already adhere to and practice," Shea said. "There's nothing radical about this document."

But Flaherty said the town is a tightknit community and the resolution wasn't going to change the way he values his neighbors. VanTassel said he feared passing the resolution could result in a loss of federal funds and it went beyond the scope of town business.

There were slightly more supporters than opponents that took to the microphone inside Haldane High School during public comment that lasted more than an hour.

Garrison resident Julia Famularo, who was in favor of the resolution, said state and local municipalities and local law enforcement agencies are not required to help the federal government assist with immigration data collection because most undocumented immigrants aren't breaking criminal law. She said entering the country unlawfully is a civil issue, not criminal.

Resident James Hoch said local law enforcement doesn't enforce a range of federal laws, and immigration is another one that should be left to federal agents.

Garrison resident Eric Stark said the resolution expresses the town's values and protects all residents. He wants to embrace immigrants, regardless of their citizenship



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The Town of Philipstown had a large audience Wednesday night when the town board voted to become a sanctuary town.

status. His son, William, also spoke, stating "I believe in the equal protection under the law for all residents regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or immigration status."

Cold Spring resident Lara Eldin said her own family were refugees and stressed immigrants in the United States are simply seeking a better life for their children. Erik Brown, who is African-American, said he understands what it's like to live in a world where his presence is considered a threat. He said his parents and grandparents were targeted because

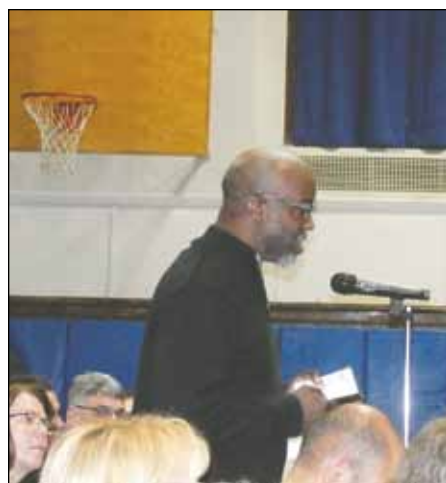
of the color of their skin.

"This resolution asks for nothing more than to affirm Philipstown is a place where the rule of law can be enforced without judging people without due process because they look different," Brown said.

But for those supporters there were also passionate opponents of the resolution.

Newly minted Nelsonville Mayor Bill O'Neill suggested that if Shea supported the resolution, he'd be defying the law and should be sent to jail. He then said the resolution was being put forth to protect

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Resident Erik Brown supported the resolution.



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come their way.

"We'll check areas, but as far as hard evidence or hard information, there hasn't been anything that will break the case, unfortunately," Nagel said.

Nagle, who was assigned this case four years ago, said police found evidence in 2001 but it wasn't enough to move forward with an arrest or grand jury.

"I know there's people out there who have the smallest bit of information who never call the police," Nagle said.

"There's someone out there who knows something, there's someone out there that has a feeling in their stomach that something isn't right and I implore them to call."

Susan Wright, a Carmel resident whose daughter Josette Wright was found dead after a 13-month disappearance in Nov. 1995, agreed people in the town have answers the police are looking for.

"I know there's people in this town that know the answers to where Robin is, so somebody needs to step forward and end this torture for their loved ones," Wright

said. "For 13 months I didn't know where Josette was, but to go 22 years is obviously unimaginable."

Even though it was a light showing of residents at the vigil, law enforcement will never give up in their search for the truth.

"Her (Murphy) missing poster is in the Carmel Police Department, it hasn't moved and it won't move until we bring closure to this case," Nagle said.

If you have any information concerning this case, contact Carmel Police Department at 845-628-1300.



A photo of Robin Murphy, a Carmel teenager who went missing when she was 17 in 1995.

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Folchetti.

Since reassessment notices came in the mail on March 1, hundreds of residents have come to town board meetings fighting against the reevaluation and arguing they're being assessed higher than their property is worth. Many residents have said their taxes could jump thousands of dollars as a result of the project conducted by Vision Government Solutions.

But with the new assessments coming down the pipe, so does the possibility of class action litigation against the town from more than 100 residents upset about their new tax assessment. An informal meeting was held last Tuesday where a group of residents met with an attorney as they tried to determine their next steps.

Longtime resident and Mahopac Marina owner Charlie Melchner said many residents weren't in attendance Wednesday because they've already decided to hire attorneys to fight the reevaluation. He warned the legal fight could cost the town a hefty price tag and create bad will within the community. He urged the town board to delay the new assessment by a year.

"Is this really worth it," Melchner said. "Do we need to get this done now?"

Mahopac Pointe resident Margherita Chirugi vowed there would be a lawsuit if the reevaluation isn't completely tossed and Charles Melchner Jr. said, "right now people are fighting for their lives."

Councilman John Lupinacci conceded there are parcels that "fell through the

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PV Middle School Students Build Pudding St. Bridge Models

By David Proper

Over the past couple months, Putnam Valley Middle School students have taken math and applied it to a real life issue in town.

Last Thursday, Putnam Valley 7th graders showed off their hard work, when they displayed 3D scale bridge models for the Pudding Street overpass project expected to get underway in a couple of years.

Putnam Valley Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills said students learned about the design principles and

math it takes to build an actual overpass. Three professional architects from Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES even worked with students, Wills said.

Phyllis Conlin, a math teacher at the middle school, said each bridge created by students is uniquely different and students learned how to work in teams.

"I think it was a good, positive impact on them," Conlin said. "They really enjoyed this."

An overpass at the intersection between Pudding Street and the Taconic State Parkway has long been sought by Putnam Valley officials across the town and school district. Residents have also been clamoring for an overpass to avoid the dangerous intersection. It looks like the project will become a reality now that New York State Senator Sue Serino grabbed \$24 million for the project last year and construction could begin in 2019.

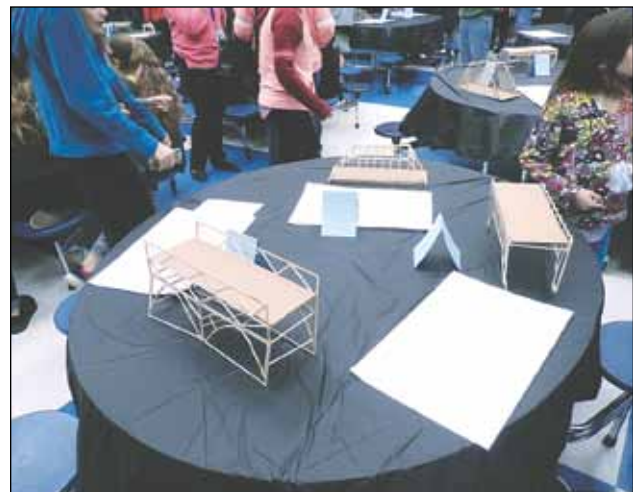
Two students explained their impressive rendering during the hour-long event.

Jacob Cassidy said he, Dominic Mantilla, and Chris Otto built a



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Jacob Cassidy (left) and Dominic Mantilla show off a model of their Pudding Street overpass.



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Other bridge models on display.

bridge model that was simple to keep costs down, but also sturdy enough to last generations. Mantilla added the bridge was consistent with the design of other bridges in the region.

The base of the bridge is steel and the sides are concrete lined with stone to be aesthetically pleasing, Mantilla said. Additionally, Mantilla said he and his classmates made the overpass wide enough so pedestrians can walk over it and trucks can deliver shipments to delis on either side of the overpass.

While neither Cassidy nor Mantilla cross the parkway to get to and from school, they have close friends that do and know the perils of Pudding Street.

Cassidy and Mantilla said the project, which students worked on every Friday for almost two months, was more enjoyable than the average math assignment.

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Astorino Seeks to Stop Closure of Indian Point with Lawsuit

By Rick Pezzullo

County Executive Rob Astorino is looking to put the brakes on the planned closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plants by Westchester filing a lawsuit against New York State.

Flanked by local municipal leaders at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill with the nearby plants in the backdrop last Wednesday afternoon, Astorino maintained the deal reached by Governor Andrew Cuomo, Indian Point owners Entergy and environmental group Riverkeeper earlier this year should be invalidated since a full environmental review was not completed prior to the agreement as required by state law.

"Whether you are for nuclear power or against it, there is no debate that the public had a right to know about the impact of closing Indian Point before the deal was reached by three men in a room," Astorino said. "If our laws are to have any meaning at all, then the process has to be fair, open and reviewable."

"It's hard to imagine an event with a bigger environmental impact than closing a nuclear power plant just outside New York City," Astorino stressed. "The only thing harder to imagine is closing a nuclear power plant just outside New York City without an environmental impact statement."

In early January, Cuomo, Entergy and



Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino flanked by local leaders at Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Riverkeeper stunned local officials when they announced Indian Point would close in April 2021 since it was no longer profitable enough for Entergy.

According to Astorino, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Indian Point ceasing operation would determine the financial toll stemming from the loss of economic activity and property tax revenues, along with

thousands of jobs; an expected increase in utility bills; and the environmental and financial consequences of leaving behind spent fuel rods on the site.

"The consequences couldn't be more serious," said County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill), Minority Leader on the Board of Legislators. "This seems to be a no-brainer approach to try to get some action."

For the lawsuit to be initiated in state Supreme Court, the Board of Legislators must approve it by May 8.

While Astorino maintained he didn't anticipate any resistance from the Board of Legislators, Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers), chairman of the board, called Astorino's legal attempt "dead on arrival," stressing he didn't see any "path" to the nine votes needed to approve the lawsuit.

Meanwhile, Scenic Hudson signaled its continued support for closing Indian Point. Riverkeeper was a party to the settlement on behalf of its partners, including Scenic Hudson.

"The historic settlement agreement to close Indian Point is a landmark victory for the Hudson River and the people of New York," said Scenic Hudson Director of Environmental Advocacy Hayley Carlock. "Closing the plant will have great environmental benefits for the Hudson Valley, and put us on the path to reversing decades of serious damage to our river. Sustainable and safe energy resources can replace Indian Point's power, and can do so economically. Additionally, Governor Cuomo and Entergy have committed to help plant workers find new jobs, and school districts and local governments will receive multi-year financial assistance from the state to help recover lost revenue from the plant's closing."

The New York State Public Service Commission also weighed in on the always controversial issue.

"The highly lauded agreement to close the Indian Point Energy Center by April 2021 protects the safety of more than 20 million people in the region, and it enables the state to closely monitor the plant's owner to ensure public safety and mitigate safety risks associated with the plant, including the storage of spent nuclear fuel. The agreement and the state's extensive planning for the closure allows for a responsible and orderly transition to a future without Indian Point. We intend to fully defend our justified actions to ensure public safety," said PSC spokesman Jim Denn.



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Garrison Teen Launches Project to Help Families with Cancer

By Rick Pezzullo

When cancer strikes an individual in a household, the whole family is affected.

Walter Panas High School junior Risa Repetto knows that firsthand having dealt with her mother Alison's breast cancer diagnosis in 2014. Fortunately, Alison's treatment was successful, but the memories of her battle are still vivid to Risa.

"It was a shock. It does really affect everyone," Risa said, noting there wasn't much family history with breast cancer. "During my mother's battle with cancer,

Director Katherine Quinn worked closely with Risa on launching "Taking a Break from Cancer."

"Risa's love for her mom, as well as her understanding as to the stress dealing with illness puts on the family, energized her to create this project. Not only will she be helping families in a practical way but also offering them encouragement and support," Quinn said. "Risa is a role model for other young people to take an idea and make it a reality. I am in awe of her passion, compassion and organization. The support she received

from local businesses is a testimony to their belief in her project."

Risa, who lives in Garrison, said Support Connection played a significant role in her mom's recovery and are now "like another family."

"It's amazing how they are always there for you," Risa said. "They talk to you, let you know what to expect. Without them it would have been so much harder."

Any business interested in contributing to Risa's effort can send an email to aly3@optonline.net or call (845) 661-4533.

'My goal is to bring hope and happiness to the brave women and families dealing with this difficulty.'
- Risa Repetto



Risa Repetto (right) and her mom, Alison.

I ate peanut butter sandwiches and cold cereal for dinner on many occasions without complaint. While women are dealing with surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy treatment, the last thought on their mind is the task of cooking dinner for themselves as well as their families. No family should have to experience this when there is so much that could be done to help them."

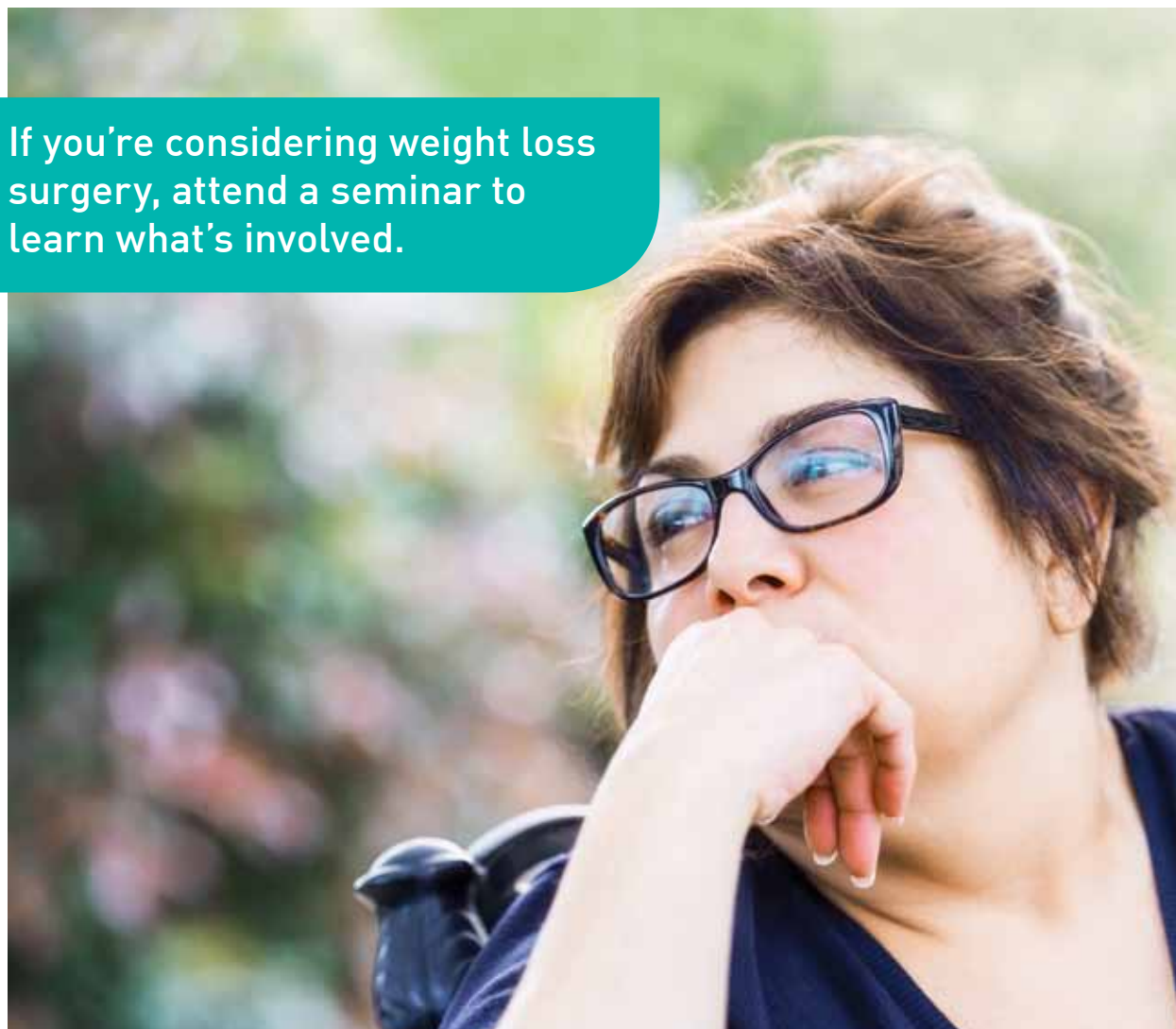
Last summer, Risa decided she wanted to lend a hand to other families struggling with fighting cancer so she created a project called "Taking a Break from Cancer." Her initiative, which she developed with the assistance of Support Connection, the Yorktown-based non-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, involves asking local businesses and restaurants for gift cards that can be given to patients and their families.

"My goal is to bring hope and happiness to the brave women and families dealing with this difficulty," Risa said. "I just want to help as many people as I can."

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area contractors that use undocumented immigrants for "cheap labor," which Shea called an absurd claim.

"This resolution is one more movement to undermine respect for the laws of this country," O'Neill said, his voicing rising and finger wagging. "This is a meaningless gesture."

Cold Spring resident Keith Anderson argued if the resolution was passed, the

town board would violate their oaths of office and Garrison resident Rodney Dow challenged Shea to step down if an illegal immigrant commits a heinous crime against a resident in town. He said the resolution could attract undocumented immigrants to Philipstown. Shea shot back, "I support this resolution wholeheartedly" and told Dow he was conflating two different issues.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, speaking on behalf of Sheriff Don Smith,

said law enforcement must work as a team to defend citizens from very real threats in an age of global terrorism. In Putnam County, illegal immigrants that are witnesses or victims to a crime are not reported to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Scuccimarra relayed from Smith and only those that commit crimes are reported.

Public comment became heated at times. Residents supporting the sanctuary status at one time applauded loud enough

to drown out what O'Neill was saying from his seat and and Eric Stark asked residents if that wanted the resolution to pass to stand up, which caused a stir. There was occasional shouting from the seats and one speaker was even booed when he was done.

One of the few residents that spoke and remained neutral, Evelyn Watters, simply argued national politics has become divisive "and I don't want that for my town."

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cracks" and mistakes, but the four-step process allows those errors to be corrected. Right now, the numbers received by property owners are only preliminary and there is a lengthy process to rectify problems, he stressed.

But residents argued some mistakes are glaring and appear to be widespread.

Resident Dr. Saran Rosner said there were three gross mistakes Vision made on his property, including total acreage, number of decks, and whether he had a permanent dock or replaceable. He questioned if Vision made these mistakes on his property, how many errors have been made overall, specifically on properties in which a home's property

taxes went down.

Because those people with a lower tax bill aren't arguing against their new tax assessments, Vision isn't scrutinizing them, Rosner said.

A few other residents spoke about mistakes regarding their property or a neighbor or friend's property. One resident claimed the "entire revaluation is not accurate." Another resident said when he got his preliminary assessment in the mail it was the wrong property.

Resident Ben Cozzi said his house was previously bought for \$889,000 and is now after the new assessment is valued at \$1.3 million. Ironically, he said an appraiser two months ago estimated the house was \$800,000.

"I'm scratching my head," he said. "The value is way off."

Councilman Jonathan Schneider said the assessor's office is spot-checking to go over different parcels of land.

Resident Frank Colantonio said the market values the assessor and Vision keep referring to are wrong. He said he's disappointed the town board has no final say over whether the new tax roll should be implemented.

Resident Anne Margolis said her husband told her their family should just move to Chappaqua because the couple faces similar taxes in both areas and would have more perks in the Westchester suburb.

Public comment dragged on for a

couple of hours, with many of the same people going up to speak more than once.

The reassessment could have implications for the town board race this year. Republican Councilman Frank Lombardi and Republican Councilwoman Suzi McDonough are up for election this year and will likely face a primary challenge from Republican businessman Michael Barile and former councilman and Republican Anthony DiCarlo. Supervisor Kenny Schmitt is also up for election, but it's not confirmed if he has a challenger yet.

"People go out and vote based on anger," Lupinacci said during the meeting. "They don't go out and vote based on happiness or pleasure."

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Business of the Week

Cardsmart of Mahopac Mahopac

By David Propper

What do you get when you have more than 3,000 cards in one store, all at half the price everyday?

The answer is Cardsmart of Mahopac. Whether it's a birthday card for a son, daughter, father, mother, aunt, uncle, other relative or friend, the Mahopac card store has it all. For every holiday and special occasion and in several different languages, co-owners John Castellano and Terry Fokine have cards that are all 50 percent off daily.

And the store offers more than just cards. Cardsmart also boasts gifts, wrapping paper, bags, bows, tissue paper, and boxed invitations. Gifts at the store can be for any family member or friend, and are stocked for upcoming holidays.

Cardsmart will host a grand opening on April 22 starting at 11 a.m. with food and a raffle for community members.

Castellano, a Carmel resident, started Cardsmart 11 years ago with his late wife at his former location at the Lake Plaza Shopping Center, but he lost his lease several months ago. At first, Castellano didn't think the store would continue at another location, but then an outcry from the community began.

"Everybody in the community wanted a card store, a gift store," Castellano said.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

John Castellano and Terry Fokine work at Cardsmart of Mahopac together at their brand new location right off on Route 6. The card store still has plenty of gifts for customers that need to finish their Easter shopping.

"We're the largest card and gift store in Putnam I'd say."

Fokine, Castellano's partner, said customers from the old location would drive around searching for the new location. When customers kept asking about a new spot either in person or on social media, Fokine said the two didn't know what to say.

Without the mass of people wanting the card store to remain, Castellano would have just continued with his day job as a commercial printer and left the card store in the rearview mirror. It was touching to both Castellano and Fokine that community members were so dedicated to the business.

Castellano and Fokine like the new spot

because of its accessible, safe parking and how it's along a busy road like Route 6.

Castellano and Fokine run the store together. The two met a couple years ago at a Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce event and began dating shortly after. Fokine opens Cardsmart and Castellano closes. The two stressed they make sure whatever work is done at the store, stays there.

"So the end of our day is the end of our day," Fokine, a Mohegan Lake resident, said. "There's always one of us here. It's worked great."

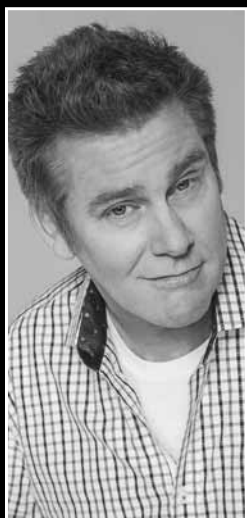
Fokine said the store tries to have local artisan items to support local artists and businesspeople. Also, by relying on local goods, customers can get their hands on unique gifts that customers can't find anywhere else. Product lines were also updated from the old store to new store, she said.

Right now, the store is filled with Easter gifts like chocolate bunnies and Easter baskets. With Mother's Day and Father's Day coming up later this spring, the store will have more gifts for those occasions and of course, plenty of affordable cards.

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Letters to the Editor

New York State Exams Should be Discontinued

It's that time of year yet again - the faulty, arbitrary and capricious New York State Assessments in ELA and Math are here again, and parents across the state are doing the right thing by refusing them on behalf of their children. Even Education Commissioner Mary Ellen Elia has admitted well over half of the test contents are faulty. Why on earth give them to students then?

Putnam Valley's Superintendent is quoted in this article - in short: the state has made changes to the exams to "improve" them.

- The tests are now shorter - (Yes, by a couple of questions)

- ELA and Math are "spread out." (They were always done several weeks apart.)

- If refusal rates are deemed "too high" schools reputations could be damaged.

(How so? Children have been "failing" these tests across the state in record numbers, in many cases some regions in NYS do not even have actual teachers grading them!)

Brewster's Superintendent is also quoted in the article, stating "favorable" changes have taken place: now students have unlimited time to take the tests! How is this a good thing? For one thing, the poor child that sits and agonizes over the test now can do so all day. Why increase a child's level of frustration with the gibberish found on these tests? How is that good? Also - what on earth do the children finished with the test do - sit and read for hours on end? The Superintendent also states concern over 'ramifications' the district could suffer if participation falls below 95 percent.

This translates to "loss of funds." The real question that should be asked (not just in Putnam County schools, but throughout the entire state) is this: How are the children doing? Has Common Core helped or hurt them? Everyone in education knows that answer, whether they chose to admit it or not.

The entire package called "Common Core" is rotten to the core, and it needs to go. Every taxpayer needs to research this Cognitive Child Abuse for what it really is - certain people are making huge sums of money on the backs of our children. (By the way - a Common Core education is also found in every NY Archdiocese School since it began about 4 years ago)

Children from Pre-K-8th grade do not need "grit and rigor", and they certainly do not need to be 'college and career ready'.

Meaningless catch phrases. It is important to note - the creators and proponents of the CC do not subject their own children to it - why is that? Something to ponder.

I urge every taxpayer to research Common Core - a great place to start is on the Stop Common Core in New York State website - www.stopccsinnys.com - an absolute wealth of information. Children do not get a redo of their formative, educational years. Refusing these tests sends a clear message - parents, students and teachers do not want Common Core to continue infecting our schools. Let's bring back the basics that traditionally worked so well.

Tara Shoureck
Wingdale

The Electoral College is a Process Not a Place

Our founding fathers conceived of our nation as a Union of States with multiple overlapping jurisdictions (federal, state and local). Each State was to participate in the legislative functioning of the Union through representatives elected to the House and the Senate, and in the election of the President through the appointment of a number of electors, equal to the number of Senators and Representatives to which the State was entitled. These electors are responsible for choosing the President (and Vice President) of the

United States.

Most voters had a limited understanding of this process until the 2016 presidential election. The winner of that election won the most electoral votes, while the losing candidate won the popular vote by 2.9 million votes. Suddenly the subject of the Electoral College vs. the Popular Vote was widely (and sometimes wildly) discussed by voters, newspapers, the social media, and politicians of both parties; not always using the most reliable sources to gather their information.

Due to the disparity between the electoral votes and the popular votes in the last election, people have begun to ask questions about how the Electoral College process works; is it effective as it is now, or is it time to reassess its efficacy in representing the wishes of the populace? If the Electoral College is based on fair representation of the voters of each state, why was the final outcome not in sync with the Popular Vote? The Putnam County League of Women Voters would like to provide the information you

need to answer these questions. That is why we are holding an Electoral College Informational Forum at the Mahopac Public Library, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a slate of panelists who will be happy to answer questions about this important political process.

Eileen Reilly, President
Putnam County League of Women
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Brewster Chamber Releases Member Biz Directory

The 2017, 60th Anniversary issue of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce Member Business Directory and Community Resource Guide will be delivered to local mailboxes this week! The Directory contains important and timely information about our village, town and community, plus local events, attractions, and amenities. It has a valuable listing of state, county and local resources as well as a contact listing—by category—of all the Chamber member businesses and services.

Rose Aglieco, Executive Director of the Chamber, said, "We are so proud to be able to provide this book to our local community. It is a valuable resource on so many levels for the people who live and/or work here, those new to the area, and for those thinking of moving to Brewster."

This Directory was made possible by the member advertisements, so that it may be given free to you, our friends and neighbors. Please keep the Directory handy; refer to it and consider patronizing our members' businesses—they help Brewster's economic development. The Brewster Chamber

is a partnership of local business and professional people working together for the betterment of our business community, which extends to our residents, and by shopping local, you support us as well.

The Chamber—celebrating 60 successful years this year—is an active and vital organization. Member contributions have enabled the

Chamber to support local high school graduates with their college education. We are proud of our membership and all that we are able to accomplish as an organization. If you are interested in joining the Chamber, information on benefits as well as an application are in the Directory. We would welcome your membership!

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Extra copies of the Directory will be available at the Brewster Chamber office, at 16 Mt. Ebo Road South, Suite 12A in Brewster. Or call 845-279-2477 or email info@brewsterchamber.com

Editor's Note

In a letter to the editor in the April 4-10 edition, a letter writer incorrectly provided data regarding the county executive's office. Because of an oversight, an editor's note wasn't included at the end of the letter like the teacher's salary data. The letter claimed County Executive MaryEllen Odell has a bodyguard/chauffeur, but there is no position outlined in the budget for it. If the letter writer was referring to the director of constituent services, that position doesn't pay \$100,000. It pays less than \$40,000.

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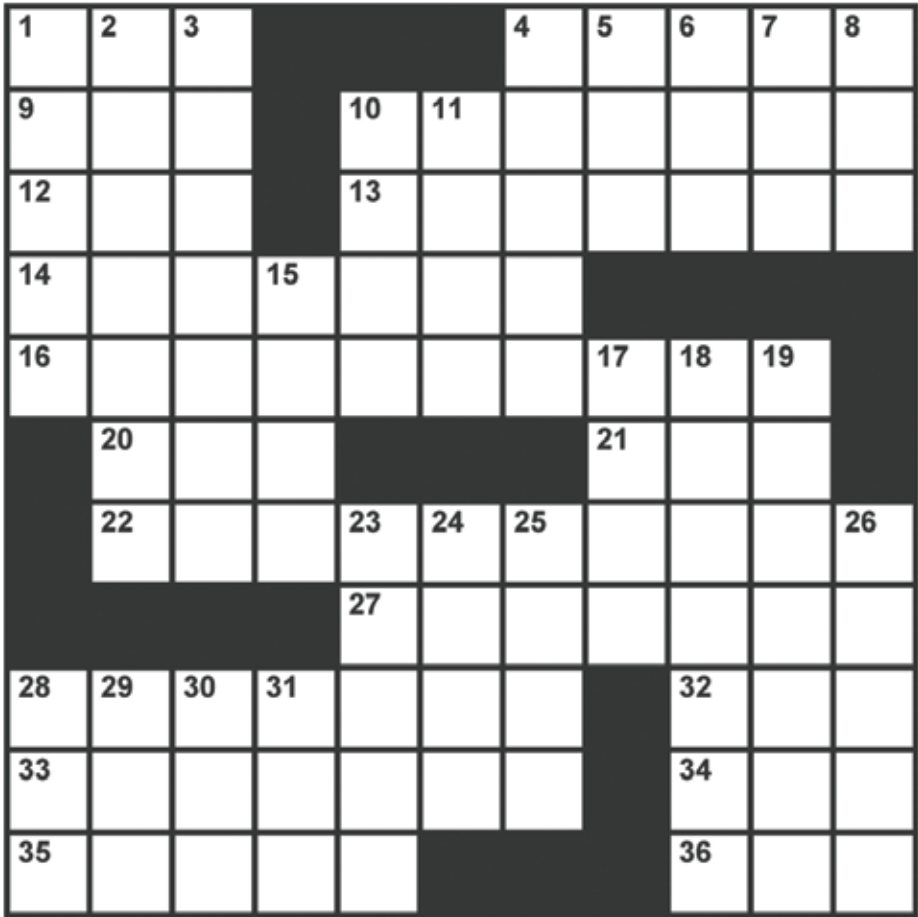
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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 17

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Across

1. Single or double

4. A place to stay “out of the gutter” in Carmel - goes with 24 down

9. Large, flightless bird

10. Young Hawaiian women

12. Suited to the task

13. Is rife

14. Montrose’ “prime” athletic club

16. Not very talkative person

20. Hated war, informally

21. Boston Bruin Bobby

22. Medieval pop singer

27. Part of a Hall & Oates title and lyrics

28. Reserved

32. Storage capacity measurement, abbr.

33. Spire

34. Berlioz’s “Les nuits d’ ____”

35. Grand ____ Auto

36. “____ Rosenkavalier” (Strauss opera)

Down

1. Piles

2. Mark

3. Safeguarding

4. In need of money

5. More, musically

6. Tavern or hotel

7. Simpsons’ neighbor Flanders

8. Pressure cooker sound

10. Actor David of “The State”

11. Assist in wrongdoing

15. Exec’s note

17. Star Wars Jedi

18. Forked

19. Knowledgeable

23. Unskilled

24. See 4 across

25. Teen spots

26. I got that, on the radio


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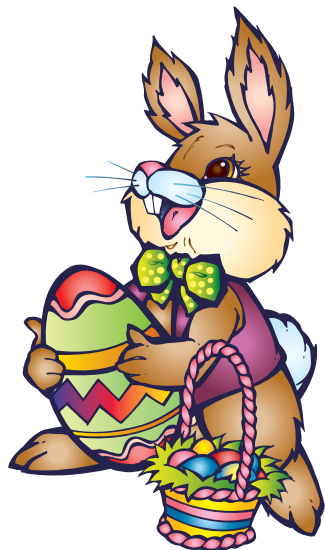
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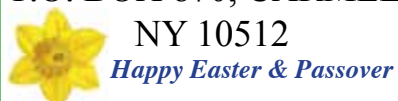
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Obituaries

David F. Doner, Jr.

David F. Doner, Jr. of Mahopac, on Saturday, April 1, at the age of 76 after a valiant battle with lung cancer. He was born on October 18, 1940 in Queens, to David and Adelaide (Springer) Doner, Sr. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from St. John's University in 1962 and went on for his Masters at New York University. On June 1, 1963, he married his high school sweetheart Lillian "Honey" Bucalo; they were married for over 53 years. Dave worked as a Computer Programmer for IBM T.J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, before retiring in 1993. After a three week "retirement", he went on to work as a Software Engineer at Cisco Systems, Inc. until 1999. Dave had a brilliant mind and generously shared his knowledge. He was well respected, extremely humble, and had a wonderful, albeit dry, sense of humor. Dave is survived by his wife Honey; daughters Joyce (John) Ferraro of North Salem, and Nancy (Brian) Haberly of Fairfield, CT; grandchildren Justin, Matthew and Lisa; his sisters Jeanette Mann and Margaret Shelton and their families.

Beatrice D'Agostino

Beatrice D'Agostino (Babak) formerly of Mahopac, April 1, peacefully at home. She was 91 years old. Beatrice was born April 15, 1925, in Yonkers, to Michael Babak, Sr. and Mary (Halco) Babak. Beatrice was predeceased by her husband Dominick D'Agostino and daughter Janice Alexa (Dennis). Beatrice is survived by her daughter Patrice (Richard) Santarelli, Her grandsons Adam (Jennifer) Santarelli and Jason Alexa, Her granddaughters, Virginia (Kevin) Bagdon, Jacqueline (Jonathan) Norris and Kristie Alexa, and her brother Michael (Lorraine) Babak., and 5 great grandchildren that she was most proud of. Beatrice is also predeceased by her brother George Babak, sisters, Catherine Korwatch, Marie DeBrocke, Rose Leffler, Adele Grady, and Olga Leffler

Lucy Spaccarelli

Lucy Spaccarelli of Mahopac, died on Tuesday, April 4, at the age of 93. She was born in New York City, the daughter of Gaspare and Stella (Salpietro) Milone. On November 6, 1949 she married Victor Spaccarelli; they were married for over 53 years before he passed in 2005. Lucy is survived by her children Jean, Victor Jr., John, Phyllis, Michael, and Robert. She was the proud grandmother of 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was loved and admired by all who knew her.

David Michael Pierro

David Michael Pierro, age 61, a 25-year resident of Patterson, formerly of Port Chester, died on Wednesday, April 5, in Valhalla. David was born on July 27, 1955 in Port Chester, NY to Dominic Pierro and the late Jennie (Vitti) Pierro. He was a 1973 graduate of Port Chester High School and attended Westchester Community College and the NY Police Academy. On September 24, 1983 David married the love of his life Dawn DeMarco at Resurrection Church in Rye. David was a police Officer with the Port Chester Police Department for 19 years before retiring. He then formed Trident Investigations where he worked as a private investigator. He later became a Broker with Houlihan Lawrence in Brewster. Through the years, David was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Ski Patrol, the Port Chester Volunteer Fire Department and Knights of Columbus of Port Chester. He was also a member of the Patterson Planning Board and the Patterson Republican Committee. Dave enjoyed Riding his motorcycle and spending time in his garden. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and Yankees fan. Above all, Dave was a family man at heart, a loving husband, father and grandfather. Besides his wife Dawn of 33 years, Dave is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Fisher (Patrick) of Carmel, NY and Alene Pierro of Patterson; two grandchildren, Ellis and Eden; his father Dominic Pierro (Kay) of

Florida; three brothers, Donald Pierro, Christopher Pierro and Dominic Pierro Jr. (Maria) and 4 sisters, Patricia Carmody (Thom), Gina Pierro, Anita Killea (John) and Christina Pierro. Also several nieces, nephews and God Children. Dave was predeceased by his sister Michele Bocchino in 2016 and his mother Jennie Pierro in 1996.

Paul M. DiDio

Paul M. DiDio, 96, of Brewster died peacefully at home on Thursday April 6. Paul was born February 12th, 1921 in Sicily, Italy to Benedetta and Serafino DiDio. He was raised in New York City where he joined the church choir and set eyes on the love of his life, Sadie DiCaroli. Paul served his country in the United States Army during World War II. On May 27th, 1944 Sadie and Paul married and moved to Long Island where they raised their two sons. Paul was the President of Crown Kitchen Cabinet Company in Brooklyn, for 25 years. He moved to Brewster in 1963 and upon his retirement, he settled at Hollybrook Farm. He took his passion for carpentry and turned the farm into year-round rental homes. His greatest joy was helping his friends and family. He was truly a kind and gentle person loved by all. Paul was predeceased by his wife, Sadie and his five younger brothers Alex, Joe, Sal, Angelo, and Nat. He is survived by his sons Sero DiDio and his wife Meryl of Brewster, Fred DiDio and his wife Nancy of Binghamton, his grandchildren Paul DiDio, Jessica Lamoureux and husband Bobby, Sara DiDio, and Alisa DiDio, and great grandchildren, Nicholas and Samantha Lamoureux. His devotion to his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews was evident every day.

Patricia Stipak

Patricia Stipak, age 59, a lifelong resident of Patterson, (Putnam Lake), died on Friday, April 7, in Bethel, CT. Patricia was born on January 7, 1958 in Brooklyn, to Joseph W. and Lorraine

(DeBetta) Braun of Patterson. She was a 1976 graduate of Brewster High School and attended SUNY at Buffalo in Buffalo. On September 25, 1993 Patricia married the love of her life, Jonathan J. Stipak in Montauk. Through the years, Patricia was an office manager for Classy Closets, as well as, a Shiatsu Massage Therapist, both in Danbury, CT. She was also a very talented singer and musician (pianist). Patricia touched so many lives just by being herself. She loved and was loved in return.

Although she greatly enjoyed crocheting and cooking, studying her Bible and praying for others and simply serving Jesus was the center of her life. Patty was a very strong Christian woman. She gave her life to Jesus back in the year 2000. It was through reading the Bible and being showed by a friend that this happened. It was the Gospel. She repented of her sin, believed that Jesus died for her son on the cross and rose again, and ask him to be her savior. So when the Holy Spirit moved into her heart she was a new creature as the Bible says. God gave her a Love Like No Other. Love for family friends and others. She always said she would be willing to die if it would help her family and friends to be saved and know Jesus. She was given a heart to want to spend eternity with everybody she knows. She even said that she wants her death to be used in spreading the gospel and reaching the people that she loves. Besides her parents and her husband Jonathan of 23 years, Patricia is survived by her brother, Joseph A. Braun (Audrey) of New Fairfield, CT and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, April 11, 10 a.m. at the Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster, NY. Interment following at Maple Avenue Cemetery, Patterson, NY. Friends may call on Monday from 4 to 8pm at the funeral home. www.beecherfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in Patty's memory to the Morrison Mission Fund, Bible Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND.

Red Cross Volunteers in Putnam Recognized for Heroism

On March 16, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell proclaimed March 2017 American Red Cross Month in Putnam County. She presented a proclamation to American Red Cross leadership and recognized the selfless life-saving volunteerism of local Red Cross volunteers, Elaine Kirkland and Greg Amato.

"We are so grateful for the partnership with Putnam County," said Mary Young, CEO, American Red Cross Metro NY North. "Their support makes it possible for us to be there when the community needs us. Thank you to County Executive Odell for recognizing the work of our awesome Red Cross volunteers during

March is Red Cross Month."

"Putnam County is a county of first responders," said Odell. "The efforts of our extraordinary emergency services workers and volunteers have helped to make Putnam the safest county in all of New York State. We value highly the partnership we have with the American Red Cross and the emergency services their volunteers provide in times of crisis."

Elaine Kirkland of Patterson, and Greg Amato of Mahopac, are Putnam County's most active Red Cross volunteers. They were among the volunteers who responded to the devastating fire at the Hughson Commons senior citizen

housing complex last November.

"Through the efforts of our local Red Cross volunteers, more than 30 displaced seniors received the emergency services they needed, including a warm breakfast and clothes. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the selfless volunteerism of Elaine Kirkland and Greg Amato who were instrumental during that crisis," added Odell.



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Left from right Brian Gerber, Sheriff Don Smith, MaryEllen Odell, Mary Young, Greg Amato, Dr. Mike Nesheiwat, Elaine Kirkland, John Walman.

Epic Dance Center Inducts Four Into Honor Society of Dance

Epic Dance Center (926 Route 6, Mahopac) was thrilled to welcome four new members into their chapter of the National Honor Society of Dance Arts (NHSDA) on Sunday, April 2. The NHSDA is a program of the National Dance Education Organization, created to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in dance students. Epic Dance Center has a chapter for High School dancers, grades 9-12, which promotes a love of dance and encourages an appreciation of dance as an art form. Congratulations to the four young ladies inducted: Eleanna Bowen, age 16 (Yorktown), Samantha Dos Santos, age 17 (Mahopac), Caitlyn McKearney, age 16 (Somers), and Sarah Solazzo, age 16 (Yorktown). Induction requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA, accumulating a minimum of 30 points awarded for dance activities (classes, recitals, competitions, workshops, community service projects), and demonstrating teamwork, leadership and strong character in the many aspects of dance (choreography, mentoring,

etc). Epic's owner, Sue Solazzo, is not only a proud studio owner, but a proud

mom too, "These young ladies are the epitome of positive leaders within our studio; they are always there to lend a helping hand and their work ethic is outstanding. There are a lot of younger dancers who truly look up to our teens and the impact of such positive role models will have a lasting impression on them. Dance Instructor and Epic's Artistic

Director, Jamie Signorile agrees, "EDC is like a second family and we encourage the dancers to cheer each other on and treat everyone with respect. We are so proud of all our dancers at EDC and look forward to many more teens following in the footsteps of these NHSDA inductees." Epic Dance Center is an affiliate of the dance studio program, More Than Just Great Dancing where the motto of its founder Misty Lown is: "We don't teach kids to make great dancers, we teach dance to make great kids!" It looks like Epic is on track for doing both, great dancers and great kids! For more information or to schedule a free trial class at Epic, call 845-628-5678 or go their website www.epicdanceny.com.



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Caitlyn McKearney (Somers), Eleanna Bowen (Yorktown), Samantha Dos Santos (Mahopac), Sarah Solazzo (Yorktown).

New Exec. Director Takes the Reins at Green Chimneys

In a joyous and meaningful moment for the entire Green Chimneys community, longtime Executive Director Joe Whalen officially passed the reins to Dr. Edward Placke who has assumed leadership of the renowned nonprofit education and human services agency. The appointment of Dr. Placke is particularly significant as Green Chimneys celebrates its 70th year, representing a key step in the agency's strategy to continue its growth and expertise in providing special education and mental health services to youth amid a changing environment for organizations that serve children with special needs.

Placke's expertise spans 35 years and includes special education and vocational programming from the

intimate classroom environment to the highest levels of administration. He most recently served as Superintendent of Schools for Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District, comprised of four alternative junior/high schools for students in grades 7-12 who have struggled in their home school districts, BOCES or private schools. In previous comments, Whalen proudly stated that Placke is the right person to lead Green Chimneys into the next phase of growth: "The breadth and depth of his experience in educational programming that helps students prepare for life beyond school will be invaluable to our families who are counting on us to provide a strong foundation for their kids' futures."

Green Chimneys is uniquely a therapeutic day school, residential treatment center, and working farm. Nearly 250 students ranging in age from 5 to 17 attend Green Chimneys School daily, and about 100 of those students live on the campus, as well. The common thread for these children is that they face mental health issues such as depression, trauma and autism spectrum disorders, to name a few, which have made their school and home lives extremely challenging. Green Chimneys offers a safe environment where they receive necessary therapeutic support (some by way of animal-assisted activities), can discover their strengths, and develop the confidence and coping skills they need. Green Chimneys also serves the larger community with summer camp, outdoor education activities, day care and afterschool programs, outreach services for community youth, and public



Joe Whalen passes the reins of Green Chimneys to Ed Placke atop a wagon drawn by Belgian draft horses Bill & Bob of Rock Hill Farm in Pawling.

recreation and events.

Green Chimneys was founded in 1947 by Samuel B. "Rollo" Ross, Jr., who at just 19 years old, was inspired by his childhood boarding school experiences and a genuine devotion to animals to create an environment where children and animals could live together in a farm setting. Since then, Sam and his wife Myra have led Green Chimneys – along with a superior staff of educators, clinicians and animal practitioners – to become a worldwide leader in animal-assisted therapy and educational activities for children with special needs.

About Green Chimneys Green

Chimneys is a multi-faceted nonprofit organization helping young people to maximize their full potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature. Green Chimneys services include an accredited special education school on two campuses, residential treatment center, animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs, public education and recreation programs, and community-based support for youth and families. www.greenchimneys.org.

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The Kitchen Sink: An Increasingly Decorative Element

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

The answer to the latter question is somewhat obscure, with its earliest reference found around 1918. But there is more reliable information about the sink's history.

I am old enough to remember the days before most people had dishwashers, when children shared the chores of washing dishes over a kitchen sink that somehow seemed higher than necessary for little kids like me. But then, since I was the youngest of three, I never really had to wash the dishes. My older sister and brother, who were tall enough to actually reach into the sink, did the washing. I prided myself on my drying, leaving no telltale drops or streaks.

My mother didn't have a dishwasher until she won one at a drawing at an appliance store when I was 10 years old. I remember the great joy in learning



By Bill Primavera

that the new appliance in the house both washed and dried the dishes. It was convenient, yes, but the dishwasher's bottom line effect was that my siblings and I probably spent less time together after its arrival.

I find it fascinating to know the history of everything involved with today's homes, and kitchen sinks probably have the longest history of all, starting in the Neanderthal age. The first sink was simply a large rock that had eroded into a concave shape from centuries of rain. There was not much progress through

the ages until the time that households included rooms designated as kitchens. For centuries, most kitchen functions were performed around the cooking hearth or, for wealthier families, in a separate building to lessen the chance of household fires.

During the early 1800s, our first official sink needed water pumped from supply tanks or wells and collected in bowls set into metal troughs. Copper and nickel silver, an alloy of zinc, copper and nickel, were among the first two materials used

for the butler sinks usually found in the homes of the wealthy.

One of the most charming features in the oldest wing of my recently sold 1734 home, is a very early 19th century indoor plumbing system, with a hand pump on a wooden counter, directly over an artesian well found in the crawl space below. The water at one time drained into the still-existing metal trough sink, which features a drain for waste water.

In the 1920s, indoor plumbing created the need for sturdy sinks made of non-corrosive materials like copper and nickel, manganese silicon, carbon and iron, and from World War II, porcelain.

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

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

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

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

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

While there are many options for the kitchen sink, there is always strong sentiment to locating it directly under a window, both to avoid a claustrophobic feeling and to enjoy a pleasant view as we perform otherwise boring chores.

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When a Wine Expert's Opinion is Called Into Question



By Nick Antonaccio

At a recent tasting event I hosted, the subject arose of wine ratings, wine reviews and wine descriptions. One of the guests was unsure whether to rely on the ratings and comments

of so-called wine experts. This is a subject that I've been ruminating over for a number of months myself.

Is evaluating wine a by-the-numbers objective exercise or is it an opinionated sensory process? Can someone truly be a wine expert when judging the effect of wine characteristics on another's palate?

Our palates are an amalgam of the five elements of taste on our tongue and in our mouth, and the 10,000 elements of smell wafting through our olfactory senses. Is it possible for any one person to describe a wine in terms that can be applied universally to an individual wine and which can be perceived by each and every consumer who sips that wine? Or is this perceived

talent simply blown out of proportion, similar to those insufferable consumer polls, surveys and focus groups we are exposed to daily?

And the ultimate question: Does any one opinion really matter when it comes to evaluating a particular wine?

A strong case can be made for an individual who possesses a predisposed ability to discern various aromas and tastes; one who can discern subtle elements in the unique characteristics of a particular wine. We see it in professionals in other industries, most notably perfumers. This expertise typically requires years of tasting wines, developing and accumulating a dictionary of descriptive terms and a frame of reference for the numerous styles and profiles of grape varieties.

An equally strong case can be made that, since wine evaluations are extremely subjective, it is difficult for an individual to consistently apply his or her sensory abilities to the task at hand.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

A number of independent firms

have conducted tests to determine the ability of wine evaluators, critics and reviewers to ply their trade consistently over time. They have yielded very interesting results.

In one "blind tasting" (in which wine bottles were wrapped in brown paper bags), wine experts were presented the same wine to rate three times in succession. An easy task for an expert to shine, one would assume. Not so. Scores of each expert varied for each of the three tastings sampled. So much for the reliability of an expert's palate.

In another tasting, a rather ordinary Bordeaux wine was presented to wine experts in two different bottles. One bottle bore the label of a high-end wine, the other of a low-end wine. The experts' descriptions of each bottle were polarized. The bottle with the high-end label was "complex" and "balanced," while the bottle with the low-end label was "light" and "faulty." Ah, the power of perception over reality.

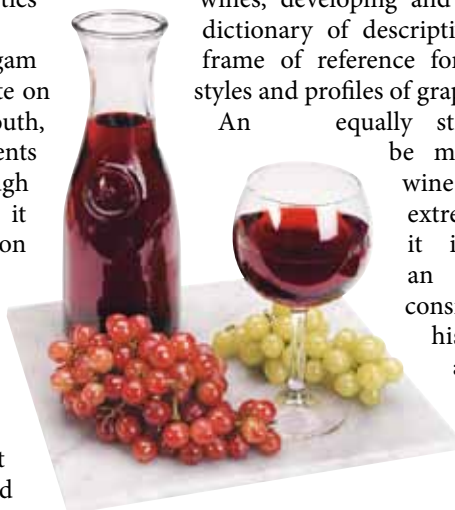
In another blind tasting a number of years ago, 54 wine judges were presented with two glasses of wine side by side, a white and a red. Each proceeded to describe the wines with adjectives typically assigned to white wine and to red wine. The twist: each wine was from the same bottle of white wine; one of

the glasses had been dyed red with food coloring. None of the judges figured out the ruse.

To complicate experts' descriptions, terms used to describe a wine's characteristics and subtleties are a consternation to many consumers. In a number of polls, consumers readily admitted confusion over the meanings of terms tossed about by producers and wine experts. In a recent survey, "firm skeleton," "old bones" and "wet stone" were at the top of the list. Terms found most helpful? "Fresh" and "zesty." Further, fully two-thirds of polled consumers stated that they were unable to discern the aromas and flavors described on bottle labels or in experts' comments.

As in so many other aspects of life, the best advice for wine consumers is to rely on your own intuition and sensory faculties. Experts can provide a general reference point, but don't rely on their ratings and comments as de facto wisdom.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Art On Display: Ethel Renek has been sketching and painting landscapes for many years. Over time her landscapes have transformed into abstract images with an emphasis on color, line, and design. Each of Renek's works are infused with personal meaning and emotion ranging from exuberance to loneliness, from humor to remembrance of friends and family members. Renek's works is currently on display in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library and will remain on view through April 29. The Third Floor Gallery can be visited during regular Library hours.

Register Now:
Spring into the ARTS and enjoy YOGA in Mahopac! Join us for affordable art classes designed for all levels offered mornings, afternoons, evenings, and after school at the Putnam Arts Council, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac. Our spring season begins the week of 4/24 and offers something for everyone from one day workshops to six week courses. Registration is currently accepted 24/7 online where you will also find class descriptions, pricing and instructor bios or call the Art Center at 845-803-8622.

Mondays: Artists' Drop-In at Reed Library Mondays from 12:30 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., Artists are invited to drop-in to the library with their pencils, pads and paints

for a creative afternoon. This session will provide camaraderie but not instruction. Please call the library if interested, 845-225-2439.

Tuesdays: Watercolor for Beginners at Reed Library. Until April 18. 10 a.m., till noon. Learn basic watercolor techniques in a fun and supportive class perfect for beginners. Registration is required and preference will be given to residents of the Reed Memorial Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesdays: Coloring for Adults: 8 p.m., Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, Mahopac Library 7-8:30 p.m. for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials are provided. Drop-in program, no registration needed. To register for most programs at Mahopac Public Library, call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org. You must register at the Library for programs that require a fee.

The Putnam Valley Rotary Club Regular Meeting 6 p.m. @ Hollowbrook Travel. Come Learn more about our involvement in Local projects such as the Food Pantry, Scholarship Fund, PV Town Day, Restoration of Historical Sites, Etc. If Interested Please Call President Gini Capodiecici @ 914-382-2671

Thursdays:

Putnam Lake Park District Advisory Board Meetings: The Putnam Lake Park District Advisory Board holds public meetings on the First Thursday of every month at the Putnam Lake Firehouse in Putnam Lake at 7 pm. We encourage all Putnam Lake residents to attend for the latest information, and have any questions or concerns addressed.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 391 Meeting First Thursday of the Month. 7 p.m. at VFW Post 391 Oscawana Lake Road (next to Town Park) 845-528-6996
Putnam County Office for Senior Services Putnam Valley Caregivers Support Group 4rd Thursday of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Putnam Valley Nutrition site 117 Town Park Lane in Putnam Valley For more information, please call 845- 808-1730

Fridays:
Dance of joy: Dance/movement therapy for people with Parkinson 's disease. This ongoing group meets on Fridays at 10-11 a.m. at the Seven Star School of Performing Arts. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Marie Carstens at 347-742-6591 or email at Mccarstens21@yahoo.com. Pre-registration is required. Registration is \$15 per session, a caregiver or loved one is encouraged to join for an additional \$5.

Easter Services:
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church: 221 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Confession: Monday-Wednesday following the noon Mass. Holy Thursday, April 13. Mass 9 a.m. (for those unable to attend the principal Mass at 7 PM) Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM – Main Church, 8 p.m. (Spanish), Adoration at the Repository in the Social Hall until Midnight. Good Friday, April 14. Tenebrae 9 a.m. – Main Church, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m. – Main Church, Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish 3 p.m. – OLQA Chapel, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7 p.m. – Main Church (for those unable to attend the principal Service at 3 p.m.). Holy Saturday, April 15 Tenebrae 9 a.m. – Main Church, Easter Food Blessing 10 a.m. – Main Church

New Life Bible Church. Good Friday 4/14 Service at 7 p.m. Sunday 4/16 Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., held at the White Pond Docks. Follow by Breakfast at the church. Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. We are located at 476 Farmers Mills Road, in Carmel

Holy Week Worship Schedule at Gilead Presbyterian Church 9 Church Street Carmel, www.gileadchurch.org. Friday, April 14- Good Friday Sanctuary will be open noon to 3:00PM for Silent Prayer and The Silent Passion Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16- Easter Sunday

Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church: Holy Thursday - April 13, 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper Good Friday - April 14, noon - Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. – Confessions, 3 p.m. - Celebration of the Passion, 7 p.m. - Live Stations of Cross by Youth. Holy Saturday - April 15, 2017, 8 p.m. - Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday - April 16, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - Mass & 10:30 a.m. – Mass. Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church 414 Haviland Drive, Patterson.

Tuesday, April 11
Jester Jim Comedy Show: 11 a.m. Back by popular demand the famous Jester Jim is here to bring even more fun and laughs! Jim totes a trunk full of props and a looping machine and takes the stage to juggle and joke! It is hilarious fun for the whole family. For ages 4+, registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Wednesday, April 12
Computer Basics: Microsoft Word: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. 1 p.m. Learn how to create and format documents, inserting items, adding headers and footers and more. Registration Required. We have a limited number of laptops available. Please note if you will bring your own laptop. To register visit www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x 10. Free program.

Art Application classes at Kent Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., continues for 6 weeks. Participants in this series of workshops and a museum tour will examine a selection of works of art considering aesthetic, technical, and historical characteristics. No previous art experience needed. Space is limited. Attendance at all 5 sessions is strongly recommended. The classes will be led by local artist and art teacher, Mary Schreiber. Preference will be given to those who have not already taken this series of classes. Registration is required. Registration opens on March 22nd at 10:00am. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Cooking with Gappy's Pizza: 10:30 a.m., Create your own delicious pizza with George Papazian of Gappy's Pizza! Learn how to knead dough, cook a delicious crust, and even add yummy toppings! For grades K-5, registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KDB PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 2/15/17. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **KDB Property Maintenance LLC, P.O. Box 1669, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**

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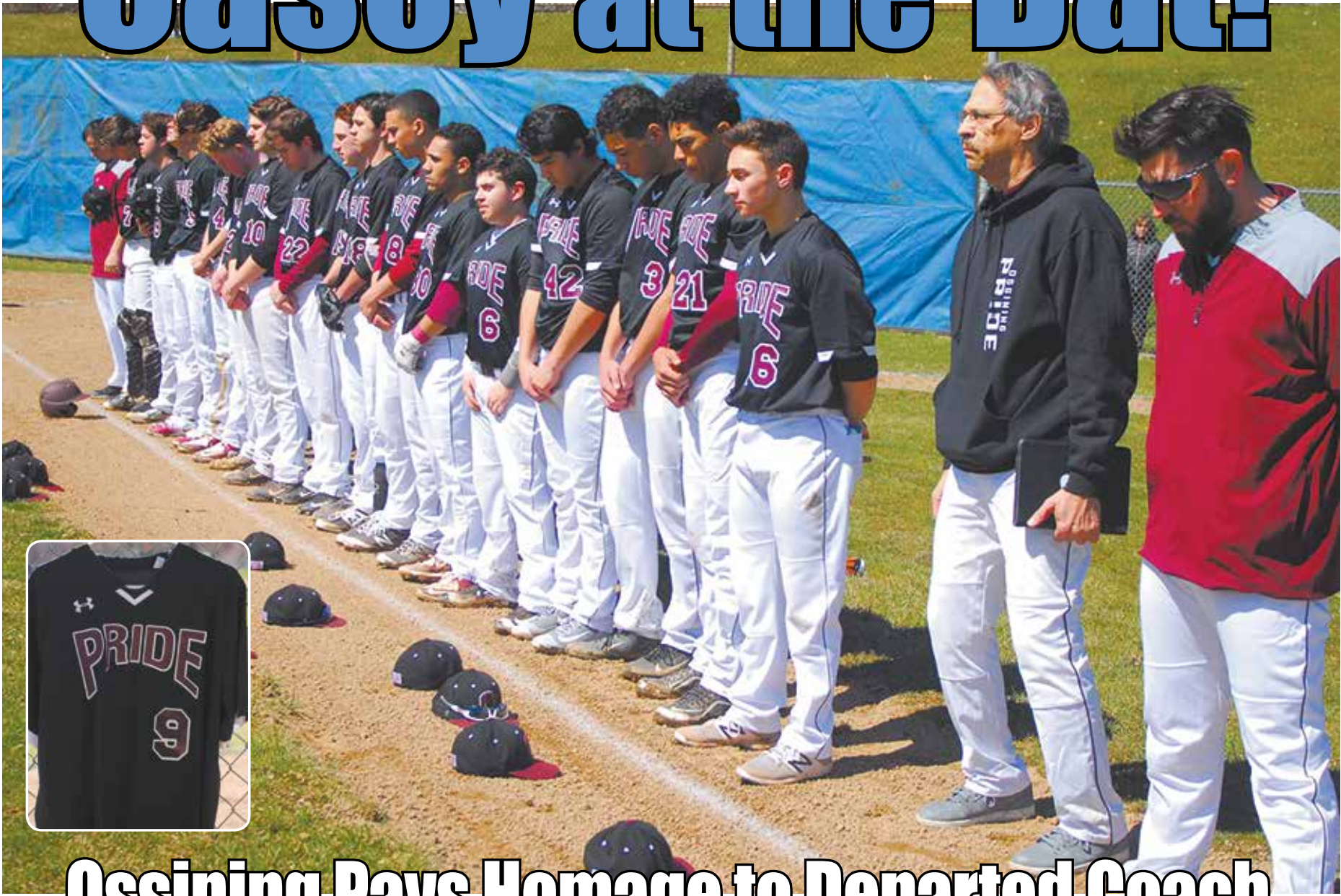
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Casey at the Bat!



Ossining Pays Homage to Departed Coach, Beats Mahopac, 8-6

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Prior to Saturday's 8-6 season-opening win over host Mahopac, Ossining players line up for a moment of silence to honor deceased Coach Bill Casey, who lost his tragic battle with cancer the night before. The emotional Pride played the game in #9's beloved honor and rallied for a late-inning victory; what the Pride hope will be the first of many in a season dedicated to the former Mahopac resident and Ossining Middle School teacher... see Baseball Notebook. Memorial services for Casey were set for Monday-Tuesday (4-8 p.m.) at Cargain Funeral Home in Mahopac with burial to commence Wednesday at St. John's Parish (11:30 a.m.)... see Baseball Notebook

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Baseball Notebook

Ossining Sobs, Rejoices in Memory of Coach Bill Casey

Undefeated Hen Hud, Croton off to Hot Starts During Ice Cold Spring

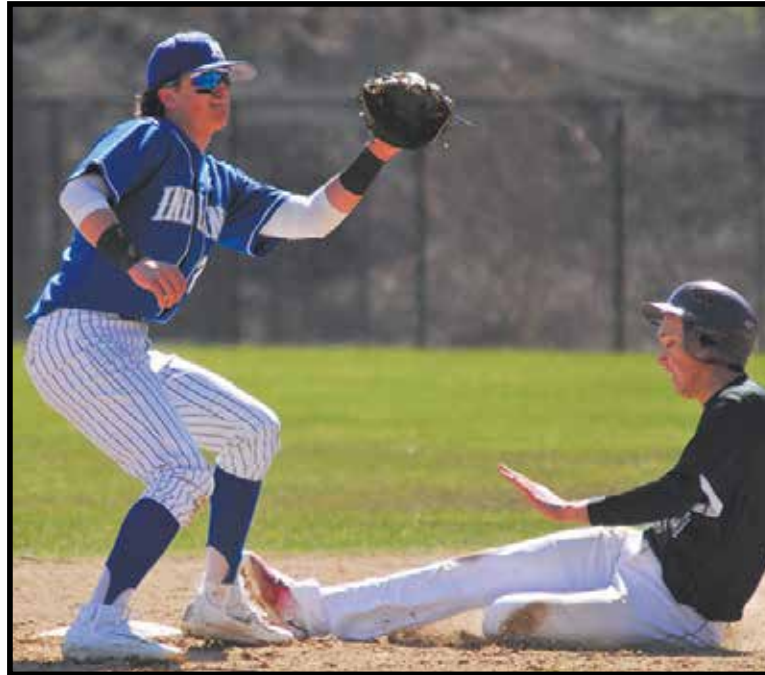
By Ray Gallagher
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Section 1 baseball lost two of its loved one's last week, including longtime legendary Eastchester Coach Dom Cecere and Ossining's Bill Casey, a beloved, genuine, soft-spoken soul.

Casey, a 46-year-old Middle School teacher at Ossining, who also worked for The Journal News, and the old North County News as a sports reporter between 1990-2000, passed away last Friday after battling squamous cell carcinoma for several years. He leaves behind four-year-old twins and a wife, Kelly, who was married to one of the nicest, kindest men I've come across in all my years on the local sports circuit.

Unassuming, yet so pro-active, Bill Casey, affected more kids in a day than most do in a lifetime. A loving dad, devoted husband, teacher, coach and media member; there was nothing he couldn't conquer... save for cancer. Like he did in all walks of his life, Casey went down swinging. He battled this rare form of cancer for some two years before succumbing, going as far as to pursue experimental treatments in the Philippines. His approach to cancer was like his slant to coaching: you try anything to win: Different methods, different ideology, whatever it takes to survive the day-to-day battles and get the most out of life.

Ossining played its season opener on



Ossining's Manny Sanchez slides in safely under tag of Mahopac SS Pat McGee in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Saturday, not even 24 hours after Casey's passing; because that's what Casey would have wanted. As free a spirit as we've seen around the Section 1 diamond in a long time, Casey would want the Pride to thrive in his honor, and that's what Casey's old team did at Mahopac High, just a few miles from his home. The Pride outlasted Mahopac, defeating the Indians 8-6, while avenging last year's season-ending playoff loss; Casey's last game behind the bench. How fitting!

Pride Manager Scott Deleso admitted it was a tough 24 hours, but he and the Pride basked in the glow of what Casey would have demanded from them; a winning effort and attitude.

"The whole day I tried to get my emotions in check to be strong for our team," said Deleso, who was torn up inside but held things together like a champ. "On the way to the game today I think I cried the whole drive over. When we got to the field, I took the players together and just talked to them for a little bit about how much Coach Casey would want us to play today. I told the kids it's ok to be emotional today, it's ok to cry."

"One of Coach Casey's favorite quotes was 'You can only control your attitude and effort', and I told the kids that's what we will do today," he added. "I told them that today's game is so much more than a game of baseball and that it was about honoring the memory of Bill, who did everything in his power to make sure he was on this field with the kids. The kids were extremely emotional before we took infield/outfield and slowly settled into the game that Bill loved."

When the Pride lined up for the national anthem and the moment of silence,

they fought back tears. Mahopac Coach Chris Miller said he would have bought in bagpipers to honor Casey, but Deleso said the wounds were too fresh.

"Once the moment of silence was over I pulled our team together and told them one of Coach Casey's favorite quotes: 'Any day on a baseball field is a good day' and win or lose just go have fun and honor him the right way," said Deleso, who used Casey as his own personal rock upon the passing of his beloved mom to cancer just a few years back.

The game was just a blur for Deleso,



Ossining's Tyler Hernandez scurries back to bag as Mahopac 1B Matteo Avalone awaits throw in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians Saturday.



Mahopac C Chris Montuoro picks up Coach Chris Miller's signal in Indians' 8-6 loss to Ossining.

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Mahopac LF Dylan Brehm comes up just short of diving catch in Indians' 8-6 loss to Ossining.

who was at a loss for words in the post-game huddle after the Pride's impressive sophomores Matt Miniham, who sparkled at 3B, and P/OF Peter Bossinas knocked in three runs apiece to secure victory in the late innings.

"The team huddled afterward and I could barely get any words out before I just started crying along with the kids," he said. "I just said what better way than to honor Bill then to beat Mahopac; the place where he coached his last game. We always talk about family and that is what we are and we lost a huge part of our family and Coach Casey would be proud of us. Clearly, today was so much more than a baseball game. It showed how many lives that Coach Casey touched."

Countless, comes to mind...

AROUND THE DIAMOND

Games are backing up left and right due to the crummy weather/field-related conditions throughout the region, but **HEN HUD** is off and running at 3-0 after wins over Yonkers, Byram Hills and a most-impressive 6-5 win over reigning Section 1 Class A champion John Jay CR.

Against Jay, the Sailors rallied in the bottom of the seventh for the win, erasing a 5-3 deficit when Jack Kelly doubled to start the rally. Jack Attinelly (2 hits, 2 RBI) singled him home, C Dan Weimer doubled home Attinelly, Joe Grullon hit by pitch and Pat McGovern ensured the walk-off win when he singled in winning run.

In the 11-1 in over visiting Yonkers Sailor ace Jack Attinelly allowed one hit over five innings for the win. He was supported by junior slugger Jack Kelly, who mashed two triples and knocked in five. Jordan Grullon added three RBI for the Sailors.

In the 4-1 win over Byram, No.2 hurler Matt Luis was the story. The senior lasted 6.2 innings, allowing just one run, five hits and two walks. He was supported by Weimer, who went 2-3 with two RBI and McGovern (2-3, RBI).

The Sailors are on a collective mission, where no one player is above the team; just ask senior OF Nick Cunningham.

"While guys on our team might not be recognized as the top players in the

section, we have a lot of good players and the whole of our team is greater than the sum of our parts," Cunningham said. "We are going out there trying to have fun and play baseball like we've done so far this year. We are just taking it game by game and the most important game is the next one."

LAKELAND managed to get in one game, an 8-3 opening-day win over visiting Carmel last on Monday, April 3rd.

Against the Rams, Lakeland senior OF Austin Cassese showed some serious potential when he went 2 for 3 with a double, a bomb and three RBI to support lefty chucker Matt Mikulski. The senior was dominant in his Lakeland debut, allowing a pair of earned runs over 5 1/3 innings. He worked ahead in the count and managed eight whiffs to earn the win.

"We saw their No.1 and he looked the part," Carmel Coach Joe Hackert said. "He got ahead of us and was really comfortable in the counts and had us taking some bad approaches. It was one of our first days on a field with live pitching and he's a good one."

MAHOPAC played typical Mahopac ball in a 4-3 season-opening win over host Clarkstown North when Chris Montuoro drove home the winning run with a suicide squeeze in the seventh. Anthony Simeone scored twice for the tribe and Matt Montera had an RBI. Indian reliever John Ravoli struck out two in the seventh for the win.

But the Indians weren't particularly sharp against Ossining, as six walks were issued, leading to eight earned runs. The Indians left 10 men on base. Mahopac 1B Matteo Avalone doubled twice but was stranded in scoring position on both counts. Dylan Brehm scored twice and knocked in another for the Indians, who were set to face rival Carmel Monday.

CLASS B

CROTON-HARMON is surging out of the gate. The Tigers started the week by defeating host Rye Neck, 4-3, Keio, 5-1, and Blind Brook, 7-2, before closing out the week with a 7-0 win over **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Saturday.

Croton took full advantage of five PV errors, which opened the flood gates to runs in each of the first four frames, including two in the first and three in the fourth, and that was all senior P Chris Colombo would need in an overwhelming effort. His fastball had too much zip for Put Valley hitters, who hadn't faced a live pitch all spring. Colombo fanned 11 Tigers in five frames, ripping through a PV lineup that needs some quick fine tuning.

"Put Valley made a couple mistakes that helped us take an early lead," Croton boss Eric Rosen said. "Our bats are off to a great start. Through four games we have



Hen Hud Coach Dutch Pritts has some sage advice for C Dan Weimar in Sailors' 4-1 win over Byram Hills last Wednesday.

position with two outs our guys come through; in particular Luke and Casieri. Our pitchers have not allowed an earned run yet either and they are striking out guys regularly. We need to clean up some stuff defensively while we are down south



Mahopac SS Pat McGee can't get tag down in time on Ossining's Tyler Hernandez in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians Saturday.

six hitters over 300. Senior Max Ambos has really jump started our offense going 7-11 through the first four games with three or four walks to boot."

Croton 2B Nick Casieri added a couple of RBI hits with two outs. With a 4-0 lead and two outs in the fourth, Colombo crushed a three-run yard bomb over the left field wall for the final margin.

In general, Croton is crushing it. Freshmen phenom Max "Bubba" Luke is hitting .500 and has had several clutch hits.

"We have done an outstanding job hitting in the clutch," Rosen said. "It seems like every time we have a runner in scoring

(Fla.). If we can do that and continue to hit in the clutch good things will continue to happen as our schedule becomes more challenging (including defending Class C champion North Salem)."

Against host Blind Brook, Croton P Gabe Corser threw a complete game and did not allow an earned run while getting major support from Brian Mackay (2 2Bs, 2R, RBI). Against Rye Neck, All-League P Chris Colombo had two double and three RBI for the Tigers.

Baseball Coaches are encouraged to send stats/results/web page info to raygallaghersports@gmail.com

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Yorktown's Julianne Strauss barrels up a ball in Huskers' 28-1 win over visiting Hen Hud Saturday.



Yorktown players mob Kaitlyn Bennett after she went yard in Huskers' 28-1 win over Hen Hud.



Yorktown, Lakeland Come Out Swinging in Routs



Hen Hud's Angie Serrano can't tag down on Yorktown's Kami Johansen in Huskers' 28-1 rout of Sailors.



Lakeland 2B Cameron Lischinsky tripled, doubled, scored twice and knocked in a run in 21-0 rout of visiting Beacon.

Girls LAX Notebook

Yorktown's Fusco Scores 100th Goal, Adds to Family Lore

By Tony Pinciario

Yorktown senior Rilea Fusco was not aware of her accomplishment, even after her teammate said something to her prior to the draw.

"After I scored, we went back to the draw circle and McKenna Duff asked me if I had just scored my 100th goal because she thought she just heard that said," said Fusco, with a laugh.

Duff was correct as Fusco hit the century mark for career goals, doing so during a five-goal effort in Yorktown's 18-9 victory over Guilderland (Section 2).

Fusco also collected seven assists.

"I had no idea I was coming up on 100," said Fusco, who will join older brother, Austin, at Syracuse this fall. "After the game everyone was coming up to hug me and congratulate me. It's definitely an accomplishment and something to be proud of."

Fusco said her goal was nothing fancy. She picked up a loose ball and put a shot on net. What made the goal special is that it came in a victory and Fusco explained that it was on the same field where Yorktown won its 2016 regional final.

Fusco is continuing the family tradition established by her father, an All-American member of the first Yorktown boys' lacrosse team to play for a state title. Her older brothers Frank and Austin also played for Yorktown. Frank played at Drexel and Austin is a red-shirt sophomore and defensive midfielder for the Orangemen. Fusco said she is excited about going to Syracuse with Austin.

"Rilea is one of the hardest workers we have ever had," Yorktown assistant coach Lauren McAulay said. "She loves the game and her team. She wants to do whatever she can to help our team win."

The victory over Guilderland followed up a 15-9 triumph over Walton (Ga.). The consecutive wins were just what the Cornhuskers were looking for after Darien (Ct.) controlled the second half in a recent win over the Huskers.

Following the Darien game, Yorktown was angry because it trailed, 6-4 at halftime, but did not score in the second half.

"We couldn't get the ball," said Fusco of the Darien game. "They played really well and I think we could have played better, like we showed in the first half. I think we had a lack of patience on attack and we were getting frustrated. We were disappointed and talked about it in the locker room and the next practice."

Yorktown addressed what it felt it needed to do from the Darien game and responded.

"Coming from that loss, we needed to play two halves and we came out with intensity and momentum," said Fusco of the Walton game. "The next couple of days in practice we worked hard to be the best we can be."

Michelle Seger netted eight goals against Guilderland and Caroline Keenghan added a goal and five assists as Yorktown improved to 3-1 this season.

Yorktown will host 2016 Section 1 Class A champion North Rockland and travel to perennial Class A power, Suffern, Thursday.

SOMERS opened the week with a 13-3 victory over HEN HUD, but Mother Nature failed to cooperate so the Tuskers' game with Rye was cancelled.

Loyola-bound Livy Rosenzweig led Somers with a hat trick. Katie Campbell added two goals and two assists and Teagan Lucchese finished with two goals. Sophia Fiorino, Hannah Tiso, Emma Kittredge, Caitlin Spor, Jen Campbell, Jordan Cavaliero each had one goal. It was Spor's first varsity goal.

"We played a solid full 50 minute game and continue to work on gelling and building our chemistry," Somers' coach Jamie Prysclak said. "We're looking forward to our next game to continue to improve."

Fiona McGovern had one goal and one assist for Hen Hud. Kira Varada and Kamryn Sherman also had goals.

MAHOPAC split two games, dropping an 11-6 verdict to defending Section 1 Class A champion North Rockland before rebounding with an 11-9 triumph over Briarcliff.

Gabby Light had three goals and two assists against North Rockland and Caroline Raymond added two goals.

Mahopac held a 6-1 lead over Briarcliff at halftime and extended its lead in the second half. The final score was indicative of Mahopac's control.

"After a tough loss it is nice to get right back on track and defeat a hardworking team like Briarcliff," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "Briarcliff never backed down and pushed us to the limit, and I am

grateful we were able to hold on and finish the week off with a victory."

Marella Verde, Morgan Kirby and Katie McDonough had two goals apiece and Caroline Raymond added a goal and two assists. Emily O'Shea allowed one goal in the first half. Natalie Scanlon led Mahopac, scooping up eight groundballs and Kirby picked up six.

PUTNAM VALLEY went 1-1 for the week. The Tigers devoured Blind Brook, 18-3, but dropped a 15-5 verdict to North Rockland.

Jackie Phillips and Emma Rippon each had four goals against Blind Brook. Madelyn Deegan finished with three goals and Gillian Hanson had two. Melissa Clements, Maria Dedvukaj, Kaitlin Cohen and Jessica Denike all had a goal and an assist. Colleen Cassidy scored and Lindsay Cohen had an assist.

Cohen finished with two goals and an assist against North Rockland and Deegan scored a goal and set up two others.

BREWSTER, like Somers, had a game washed out because of April showers so the Bears lone action was an 18-9 loss to Mamaroneck.

"It was a tough game for us, but we learned a lot," Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. "Mamaroneck came out strong and we needed to make a few adjustments."

Lauren Craft had a hat trick for Brewster and Meagan Beal and Marina Souza had two goals apiece. Maggie DePaoli had a goal and an assist, Haile Ratajack scored and Dani Regan collected two assists.

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Boys' Lax Notebook

Yorktown's 2-2 Start: A Concern or Just Part of Grueling Schedule

By Ray Gallagher
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There are whispers out there already: Folks taking aim at Yorktown's almost unblemished image. With so much promise and so many players returning from a NYS Class B championship loss to Jamesville DeWitt, Coach Sean Carney's Huskers were supposed to come ripping out of the gates. Instead, the Huskers are 2-2 following Saturday's 11-8 setback at the hands of NJ power Bridgewater-Raritan (4-0).

Okay, so before we go ahead and put the cart before the horse, let's remember Yorktown's schedule, which is what we need to bear in mind every time we think: Wow, maybe this is the year John Jay knocks off six-time defending Section 1 champ Yorktown for the Class B title; or wow, Lakeland/Panas should win the coveted Murphy Cup this year for just the fourth time since 1990.

We'll remind you in this particular Lax Notebook that Yorktown has owned John



Jamison Embury's Yorktown Huskers are 2-2 through four games, leading skeptics to wonder when they will hit their expected stride.

Jay and Lakeland/Panas to tunes nobody else can sing. And, yes, the Huskers would prefer to be 3-1 or 4-0 after the first 10 days of the season, but it is what it is when you put Darien, ranked No.15 in the country (USA Today poll), and B-R, fresh off a 19-1 season in NJ, on the docket. Husker M Dom Cioffi had three goals against B-R. Them Embury boys, Jamison and Hunter, had two goals apiece and senior Kyle Casey set up four tallies, but the whispers continued into Sunday.

Here's the rub. John Jay is fresh off a 17-16 overtime win against perennial LI power Smithtown East, once ranked No.16 in the country (USA Lax); the country, dude, not the county or the state. Additionally, John Jay went toe-to-toe with LI power Manhasset, ranked No.25 in the country (USA Today), in an 11-10 OT loss. Simply put, Tim Schurr's Indians cannot be overlooked, not that Yorktown, which is still waiting for Notre Dame-bound

All-American D Jose Boyer (back strain) to get healthy, would ever do so.

And Lakeland/Panas has been nothing short of magnificent in wins over Section 2 power Shenendehowa and a 15-12 win over visiting CHSAA power Iona Prep last Saturday. Both Jay and L/P have been impressive in the early going.

Here's the point: While Yorktown is still Yorktown; the team that should – on paper – waste the rest of Section 1, it's doesn't appear, at least in early April, to be the foregone conclusion we anticipated in our preview issues. Still, there's a panic button out there, but no one in Yorktown is remotely close to pushing it, while the naysayers are ready to pounce.

The beautiful part about all of this is we'll get a better idea of the future this Saturday when the Huskers host John Jay at the Murph

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LAKELAND/PANAS worked a calm, cool and collected win over a quality Iona Prep club. Lakeland senior Tim Fallo had four goals and one assist for the undefeated Rebels (4-0). Junior A Jo-Jo Janavey sniped and dished, going for three goals and two assists while senior Sean Makar had three extremely huge goals.

No matter what happens across town, the reigning Class A champion Rebels are a competent bunch.

"I believe we have gotten off to a very good start," Makar admitted. "I think this is due to the hard work and dedication from our off-season and practice every day. Also, our experienced coaching and knowledge of the game helps. We are all

fired up to get back to the section championship and the sideline energy and competitiveness is going to get us there."

The Rebs will see Mamaroneck this Thursday in a game that should go a long way in determining everything from the Class A pecking order to who walks in with the most swag in late May...

Don't look now but **CARMEL** is 5-1 after an 18-6 win over Clarkstown North, a 10-7 win over New Rochelle, and 13-3 win over Haldane and a feisty triumph of Putnam Valley last week.

Against New Rochelle, Jaden Pellino notched a hat trick and John Melito scored twice for the suddenly-surgeing Rams, who are noticeably better but still

got waxed by Tappan Zee, 16-4, so let's keep it in perspective.

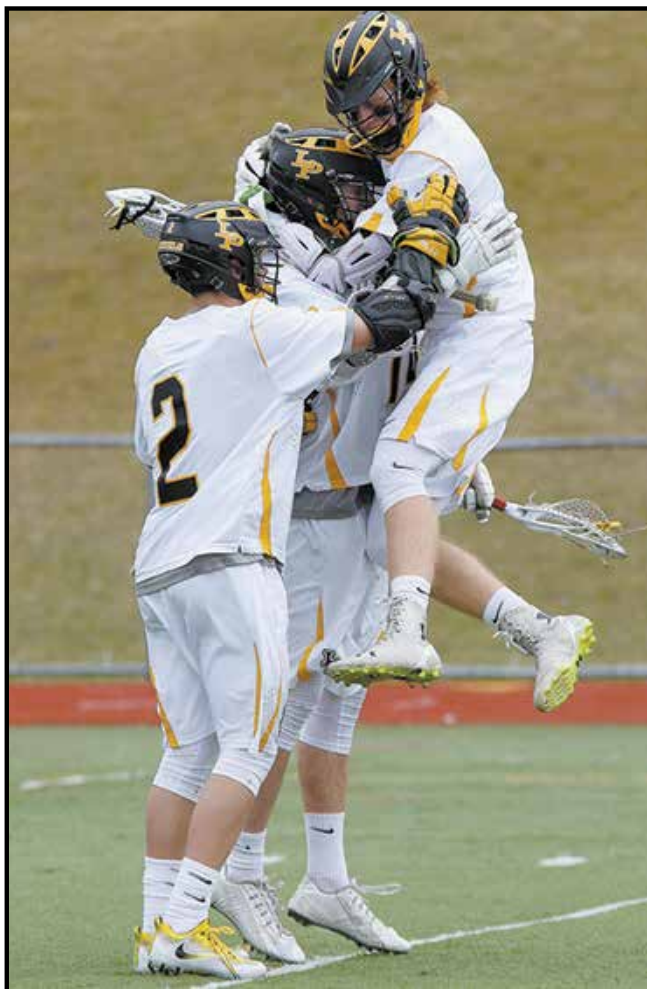
Mike Telesco scored a career-best eight goals against North and Richie Duffelmeyer added a hat trick. Joe Meyers scored five goals for the Rams in the win over Haldane. What the keen eye notices is the fact that Carmel's scoring is way balanced...

Little known Reese Andrews made a name for himself last week, bagging his first career hat trick and adding an assist to lead **YORKTOWN** to a 14-2 win over Suffern. Jamison Embury had a goal and two assists. Burly Justin Cavallo added two goals and one assist. Hunter Embury (5 of 6 on draws) and Anthony Altamari each scored twice for the Huskers while Kyle Casey added a goal and two assists...

MAHOPAC suffered an 11-9 loss to Mamaroneck as the pecking order began to develop in Class A, which shows an impressive defending champion – Lakeland/Panas – leading the way; though the Indians (2-2) proved early on they will be among the prime-time players for the crown. Mamaroneck, though, has had Mahopac's number since 2011...

SOMERS is probably the best 1-4 team we've seen in quite some time. Don't be fooled by the losses. The Tuskers are better than the record would indicate...

PUTNAM VALLEY saw Brian Conti bag a career-high four goals to lead the Tigers to an 11-7 win over **OSSINING**. PV middle Mike Nolan added three goals and an assist in the Tigers' first win of the year. Liam O'Connor had five goals for the Pride.



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Lakeland-Panas has had much to celebrate during a torrid 4-0 start.



Our Daily Bread!

Ossining Tops Mahopac, 8-6, in Vigil to Pride Coach



Mahopac junior OF Steve Daly tracks flight of a well-struck RBI single in Indians' 8-6 loss to Ossining and C Luke DeAngelis last Saturday when the visiting Ossining Pride paid homage to their recently-deceased Coach Bill Casey (jersey #9 inset), a Mahopac resident and Ossining Middle School teacher who succumbed to cancer last Friday after an arduous two-year bout. Memorial services for Casey were set for Monday-Tuesday (4-8 p.m.) at Cargain Funeral Home in Mahopac with burial to commence Wednesday at St. John's Parish (11:30 a.m.)... see Baseball Notebook

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