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County Officials: Three Drug Overdose Deaths This Year

By David Propper

As attention continues to grow over the drug epidemic that's hit Putnam County and the Hudson Valley region, county officials set the record straight on how many drug overdoses have resulted in fatalities so far this year.

During a Health Committee meeting of the county Legislature last Wednesday, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Joe DeMarzo said there have been three confirmed overdose deaths so far in 2017. Over the past several weeks, there has been rampant chatter and rumor that there were already double-digit overdose fatalities this year, but county officials stressed that's wildly inaccurate.

"People throw around these overdose numbers like they know what they're talking about and it's very scary and frightening," DeMarzo said. "If someone is giving you a number please find out where it came from."

DeMarzo still stressed, "Three is way too many."

Two of those overdoses are from mixed drugs including heroin and one death included fentanyl, DeMarzo said.

Acting Commissioner of the Department of Health, Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, who is also a county coroner, said there have been 19 coroner cases this year. Of the 19 cases, eight have been confirmed natural deaths, four accidental deaths (three are from drug overdose), and seven cases are pending.

Overall, there have been 77 fatalities from drug overdose since 2012, Doreen Lockwood of the National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies/Putnam (NCADD), said. Most overdoses come from mixed intoxication, Lockwood said.

Nesheiwat, in an interview, said there were 15 drug overdose deaths in 2016; in



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Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Joe DeMarzo and Doreen Lockwood of the NCADD.

2015 there were 14 overdose fatalities; in 2014 there were 11 overdose deaths; in 2013 there were 14 drug overdose deaths; and in 2012 there were a whopping 20 deaths because of drugs.

Talking with colleagues from other states in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, DeMarzo said they've seen a spike in fentanyl. The synthetic opioid is cheaper and can be created by dealers with the right ingredients.

Lockwood added the opioid could actually be deadlier than heroin and DeMarzo said it's dangerous to the touch because it absorbs into the skin.

While it's perceived that the heroin crisis is only hitting younger people, that's not necessarily the case. Twelve overdose deaths since 2012 are people 25-years-old or younger. The biggest spike in drug overdose deaths comes from residents between 26 and 35 and 41

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Carmel Knights of Columbus Donate to Local Church



GAIL SILKE PHOTO

Carmel's Knights of Columbus council has made a \$5,000 donation to a local church for capital improvements. On January 14, Our Lady of the Lakes Council # 6318 ran their second annual Men's Beefsteak Parish Fundraiser at their hall on Fair Street in Carmel. The event is now named in memory of their dearly departed brother, James J. O'Neill, who passed away last summer at the age of 59. O'Neill conceived of the idea to raise funds for St. James the Apostle and Our Lady of the Lake/Mount Carmel parish through a "beefsteak," a form of traditional men's banquet dating back to mid-1800s New York City. Carmel's Knights of Columbus presented the ceremonial donation check to Monsignor Joseph Martin (back row, center) for church building improvements at their monthly meeting on April 12.

After Missing Deadline, State Budget Finally Approved

By David Propper

The long drawn-out New York State budget process came to a close on April 10, when state lawmakers finally reached a deal on the \$153.1 billion spending plan.

Nine days after the April 1 deadline passed, Governor Andrew Cuomo, the state assembly and state senate put the final pieces together that included a couple of initiatives getting nationwide attention. Most notably, the state will begin offering free college tuition to students of families that earn less than \$100,000 per year and then by 2019 earn less than \$125,000 per year. Dubbed the Excelsior Scholarship, it would cover just tuition and not room

and board and textbooks. Additionally, the free tuition would only be offered to full time students and available at public schools. Once a student that uses the scholarship graduates, they must remain in New York for four years.

State lawmakers also agreed to remove most 16- and 17-year-olds from criminal court. The new law sends 16- and 17-year-olds charged with a misdemeanor to Family Court and non-violent felonies would be sent to the youth part of criminal court. But violent felonies like a murder, rape and arson, regardless of age, would

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Patterson in Talks with Volunteer FD about Supplemental EMS Service

By Neal Rentz

Though they clashed in the past, the Town of Patterson and the town's Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 are continuing talks that could have the department provide supplemental emergency medical services for the town.

At the April 12 town board meeting, Supervisor Richard Williams said talks between the town and the Patterson fire department were continuing. Following the meeting Williams said part of the potential supplement EMS that could be provided to the town would have the fire department provide coverage either four

or five nights a week. The fire department could also provide supplemental EMS when the town EMS is out on a call.

The town began its own EMS program last month. The discussion leading up to the town taking over EMS has led to tension between the fire department and town board.

Williams said the town recently received an offer from the fire department and the town replied.

"We look forward to working with you in a partnership," Patterson Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Chief Matt Szpindor told the town board.



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The Patterson Town Board at its April 12 meeting.

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In a matter related to the EMStar contract, the town has agreed to allow the company to have individuals with Basic Life Support Certification staffing their ambulances. Following last week's meeting Williams said a person will BLS certification can provide medical services an EMT cannot.

Fire department contract change

Also at last week's meeting the town board made an amendment to its annual contact with Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, which was originally approved on March 22.

In 2016 the town paid the fire

department \$814,000 and this year it is paying the department \$791,202.

The contract amendment will provide, at the request of the fire department, 70 percent of the town's payment in April and the town will make two subsequent payments of 15 percent each later this year, Williams noted. The original contract mandated that the town may 50 percent of the payment this month, he said.

Councilman Kevin Burns asked why the amendment was needed. Williams said David Garwood, an attorney representing the fire department, made changes to the contract that the town did not anticipate.



Pain Shooting Down One Leg? What you need to know about symptoms and treatment of sciatica...

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Q: Do I have sciatica?

A: You probably do if you feel a sudden and severe pain, along with numbness and weakness, radiating from the buttocks down the back of one leg to the foot. The pain can be crippling. It is usually intense when you walk, diminishing when you lie down.

Q: What causes sciatica?

A: The *sciatic nerve* branches from the spine in the lower back through the hips and buttocks and runs down the back of each leg to the foot. Sciatica occurs when this nerve is pinched in the lower back by spinal disc herniation – protruding disc material – or by a larger fragment of disc material. Disc herniation usually occurs during normal activities, such as rising from bed.

Q: Am I at risk for sciatica?

A: Sciatica is common. More than three million Americans are diagnosed with the condition annually.* Apart from the fact that 10 to 15 percent of patients have a family history of back problems, there are no risk factors. No behavior predisposes you to it.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: If you have sciatica and it is not severe, you will typically receive oral steroids (anti-inflammatories) for seven days. Once you're more mobile, you will engage in physical therapy for a period of time and then be re-evaluated. If your symptoms persist, you may receive an injection of steroids at the nerve root to reduce pain. If this regimen fails, physicians will offer surgery. However, if a patient comes in unable to stand – basically bed-bound – we advise surgery sooner. It is important to know that 80 to 90 percent of patients get better without surgery.

Q: What can I expect from surgery for sciatica?

A: This minimally invasive procedure takes under an hour, and consists of removing the disc material pressing on the nerve. Most patients are pain-free following surgery. We have seen patients who arrived unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes, walk out the same day after surgery, completely asymptomatic. Sciatica recurs in ten percent of people, who may suffer recurrent bouts of the condition throughout their life.

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Lakeland Board to Seek Reimbursement from School Trustee

By Rick Pezzullo

The Lakeland Board of Education is planning to ask one of its own to reimburse the district after he allegedly violated state law by exceeding a \$750 annual earnings limit while serving on the board.

In an April 6 statement posted on the district's website, the Board of Education, mentioning its "fiduciary duties," stated it will "seek to recover the overpayments made to Board Member Steve Rosen."

According to a published report, Rosen earned about \$23,000 since 2008, receiving more than \$750 eight of the 10 years he has served. President of the

Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), Rosen earned the money working for the district, either providing security or operating the scoreboard at sporting events.

A week earlier, the Board of Education issued a statement praising Rosen's contributions on the board and with the SOAC.

"Steve Rosen is known to be a tireless and dedicated youth volunteer in the school community," the board stated. "He is also an important and contributory member of this Board of Education."

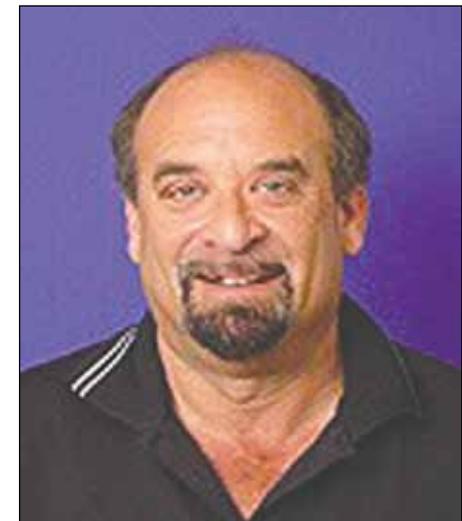
Rosen, who did not attend last week's board meeting, has declined to comment

on the article that triggered the board's review, but noted he had received a lot of support from the community through phone calls, emails and text messages.

Meanwhile, the Board of Education also stated the Lakeland Audit Committee will undertake a review of internal controls and procedures.

"Internal controls are reviewed annually by the district's external auditor and have been reviewed in the past by the district's internal auditor," the board stated. "Existing controls will be reviewed this year without waiting for the annual audit."

Last year, Rosen, who resides in Mohegan Lake and works in sales, was reelected to another three-year term.



Steve Rosen

Candidate for Carmel Town Board Clashes with Supervisor

By Anna Young

Following weeks of meetings where residents stepped forward to harshly criticize the Carmel Town Board on the town's property tax reevaluation project, tensions remained high as a town board candidate condemned Supervisor Kenny Schmitt Wednesday night.

Since roughly 13,000 disclosure notices were mailed out on March 1, residents have packed meetings addressing their concerns over the substantial increase in property taxes some are facing on their homes.

During that time, the board has ensured the community they will look into the property assessments while reminding residents that after roughly 20 years without a reevaluation, they did the right thing because it had to be done.

"We knew going into this one-third of the residents wouldn't be happy. We never assumed to this level and I feel terrible for those who have suffered the way some homeowners have with their assessments and their market values that they've gone up as much as they did," Schmitt said during the Apr. 12 meeting.

But longtime resident Michael Barile, an oft-critic of the board who is running for town board, said while the reassessment should have been done, it should have been done correctly. He also complained that New York City land is not assessed fairly.

"I've heard your statements in public

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Carmel's Chicken Ordinance Remains Under Review

By Anna Young

Carmel's proposed chicken ordinance remains under review following a public hearing during the Carmel Town Board meeting Wednesday night.

While many residents are in agreement with the law that will allow six chickens per half acre, others feel the minimum acreage is not enough to raise chickens humanely while respecting the neighboring homes.

"The proposed change is so drastic it will virtually allow the raising of background chickens to just about anyone in this town affecting the over 33,000 residents that live here," Joyce Mooney said during the Apr. 12 meeting. "More people will be allowed to raise chickens and the integrity of the traditional residential nature of our town won't be preserved."

Diane Henry, a 30-year Mahopac resident stated how difficult it is for her to walk in her backyard due to the smell of her neighbor's chickens.

"It's really unpleasant for me as a homeowner who pays my taxes and lives in this town to be able to go into my yard, the wafting smell of chickens is pretty disgusting," she said. "I wouldn't want any other resident in this town to have to put up with that kind of environment."

Chicken owner Danielle Lawton added the importance of educating people on



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO
Gary Margolis informs the board of the health issues of raising chickens.

maintaining their coop, stating if done properly there won't be a smell.

The idea of raising chickens on residential property first came before the town board last summer when Mahopac resident Robert Lena created an online petition urging town officials to revise the town code.

Following a public hearing where residents favored the option to raise chickens, the board began crafting the

'...if our residents want to raise chickens, let them raise chickens.'
- Supervisor Kenny Schmitt

new ordinance.

"In principle I'm in favor of this ordinance, I think an ordinance protecting our rights and helping codify a few things is a good idea," said Wolfgang Lawton, a chicken owner for several years. "It's an important part of the environment to raise our own food, prepare our own food and serve it."

The proposed law states that every coop must contain a four-inch deep nesting place for each chicken to lay eggs, an elevated perch are for chickens to sleep, ventilation, insulation to prevent drafts and dampness, and accessibility to eggs and ability to clean out properly.

All feed shall be kept in rodent-proof containers and coops and runs must be kept clean neat, free of debris and be in compliance with all state and local laws pertaining to animals. Additionally, the law states coops may not be allowed in any front yard and shall be situated in a side or rear yard, at least 15 feet from all

rear and side property lines.

Roosters are also prohibited.

Kricket Dyckman, an animal control officer in Carmel assured the board that people in the town are responsible when it comes to their animals.

The law adds that anyone who violates any of the provisions will be fined \$50 for their first offense and \$100 upon their second offense. A third offense will result in a \$200 fine and the removal of chickens, coops, and run from the premises.

"I think this is a great law, we have a lot of great people that are here and if our residents want to raise chickens, let them raise chickens. But they're going to raise those chickens and keep those chickens and maintain the coops according to the spirit of the law," Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said.

Schmitt added that he believes a half-acre is too small to maintain a chicken coop with accordance with the law.

While the board was in agreement that the proposed law forces chicken owners to treat their animals humanely while also respecting their surrounding neighborhoods, they unanimously agreed to increase the half-acre minimum to a full acre.

A public hearing will be held on May 10 in order to republish and vote on the proposed law.

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remain in criminal court. It was called by advocates, "Raise the Age."

Other details in the budget include making ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft legal in the entire state, extending the millionaire's tax, and putting \$200 million toward the fight against drug addiction.

Local state lawmakers mostly reacted positively to the budget approval however contentious it might have been.

State Senator Sue Serino, a Republican, said Cuomo's free college education plan keeps students in New York after

graduation, a provision she fought for.

"The provision will ensure that we see a direct return on our investment and slow our state's 'brain-drain' by incentivizing highly educated students to set roots here, and actually contribute to our local communities," Serino said.

As for "Raise the Age," Serino said violent criminals won't get a free pass, but the criminal justice system now gives young people a chance to reform their lives. She also highlighted tax cuts remain in place for the middle class and businesses and the newly created workers' compensation reform could create jobs

and reduce costs on businesses.

Serino's office also noted the budget offers foundation aid for schools at record levels, a strong investment in infrastructure, and a commitment to combat Lyme disease and drug addiction.

"While no budget is perfect, in this regard, this year's budget delivers," Serino said.

State Senator Terrence Murphy, a Republican, said while he's disappointed the budget wasn't on time, it delivers several critical points that will help New Yorkers.

He said the budget takes major steps

toward making college more affordable in the state. Stressing college affordability is at a crisis level, the provisions agreed on would help more young people obtain a college degree. He noted students that receive free tuition must meet certain GPA standards and live in New York for four years after graduation.

"This plan will significantly expand financial assistance opportunities to more middle class families all while making sure our students have some skin in the game and fulfill certain obligations to remain compliant," Murphy stated.

Murphy also hailed record funding for drug addiction prevention, top level funding for clean water initiatives, and increased funds in education, with each school district in the 40th senate district getting more money in foundation aid.

"No budget is perfect, especially New York's," Murphy said. "The process we have endured over the past few weeks was unacceptable mostly due to the insertion of public policy into a budgetary process. Ultimately, the end result does advance a number of important initiatives."

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who experienced his first budget season since being elected, called the process "extremely frustrating." Similar to his predecessor--ex-assemblyman Steve Katz--Byrne decried the budget process. The Republican said lawmakers vote in piecemeal that doesn't allow them to make informed decisions. He said the current status quo is ineffective and is the reason for dysfunction in Albany. Policy decisions, like "Raise the Age," should not be included in budget deliberations, he said.

But unlike Katz, Byrne found several positives from the budget, including statewide ridesharing, more infrastructure funds, increased education money, new workers compensation reform, and continual funding in the fight against the drug scourge.

"(The budget) still lacked many of the reforms our state needs to get back on track," Byrne said. "Unfortunately, the state budget continues down a trajectory that supports over-spending, back-door borrowing, high taxes, new regulations, as well as more unfunded mandates on local governments."

Despite the long wait, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, a Democrat, said the final product was good.

Galef said she was pleased with the foundation aid for local school systems with the formula based on enrollment, disabled students needs, and community income. Overall, foundation aid toward schools was about 700 million, which Galef called a record increase.

Galef said possible federal cutbacks toward the state concern her. If less money comes in for either health, Medicaid, education, or transportation, the state

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Putnam Tourism Chair's Case Adjourned Another Month

By David Propper

The saga of the Putnam County tourism chairman allegedly swiping newspapers from a local Cold Spring store could be concluded next month as the case has continued to drag on the past few months.

In front of Cold Spring Justice Thomas Costello Wednesday afternoon, village resident and leader of the Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors Barney Molloy and his defense attorney Steven Patterson once again appeared to answer a misdemeanor theft charge. Molloy is accused of stealing a copy of The New York Times from the

Main Street business Cupoccino Café on four separate occasions in November and December 2016 before the business opened.

During the brief appearance, Patterson and assistant district attorney Patricia Rau both said they might be able to resolve the case next month when Molloy comes back to court on May 10. Molloy has paid restitution amounting to ten dollars, which is roughly the cost of four weekday editions of The Times.

Patterson said his client was still seeking an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal. Rau didn't indicate whether the district attorney's office would agree to that, but the hope is to resolve the matter in May and the two sides said they would continue to discuss the case before Molloy

appears again.

Rau said last month the district attorney's office was not ready to offer ACD, but a disorderly conduct charge instead of the theft charge.

Molloy told the Putnam County News and Recorder in February that as a regular customer of Cupoccino before the charge was brought against him, he would settle his account every couple days with a debit card. The owners of the Main Street coffee shop have declined comment so far.

Molloy, who is an aide to Republican Westchester County Legislator John Testa, has been active in Cold Spring since

moving to the village a few years ago. He ran for village board twice, once vying for mayor, but lost both times. As chairman of the county tourism bureau, Molloy has worked to get the embattled non-profit back together with deputy director Frank Smith and current director Bruce Conklin after the resignation of former executive director Libby Pataki. He appeared in front of the county Legislature last month to discuss the bureau's progress.

On hand for the court proceeding was village Trustee Steve Voloto.

Molloy is expected to be back in court May 10.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Cold Spring resident Barney Molloy at a legislative committee meeting last month.



Cupoccino Café.

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Robert A. McCaffrey Realty Cold Spring

By David Propper

Robert McCaffrey Realty has been a longtime institution in Cold Spring--and Putnam County. With the man whose name is on the business stepping aside, new owner Bill Hussung looks to continue a tradition of real estate excellence.

McCaffrey's covers all of Putnam County with the center of gravity west of the Taconic State Parkway. The firm also sells in southern and eastern Dutchess County, northern Westchester County, and the other side of the river in Cornwall. Its owner might be relatively new to real estate, but the passion he has runs deep.

Hussung, a Garrison resident, started working at McCaffrey's four years ago as a real estate agent and then a year ago he started managing the office. When Bob McCaffrey, 74, indicated he wanted more time to himself and was looking to sell the business, Hussung made an offer that was accepted.

"I couldn't be more excited about the Hudson Valley," Hussung said. "Really selling a way of life, not just selling houses. I really believe in the Hudson Valley."

Hussung only recently veered into the real estate industry and the Hudson Valley. He originally worked as a journalist and documentarian and lived in Manhattan. Now as the father of two young children,



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Bill Hussung, the new owner of McCaffrey Realty.

Hussung wanted to find a career field that better accommodated less travel.

As someone who has fallen in love with Garrison, he believes the best way to showcase the area is to be involved with real estate.

"Kind of helping people discover the area," he said. "It seemed like a natural fit."

As an outdoorsman, Hussung and his wife discovered Garrison when they were looking for hiking destinations. When they were looking to move, Philipstown

was a place that was close enough to the city, yet beyond the suburbs.

Working for Bob McCaffrey for a few years, Hussung said he picked up a million things from the longtime real estate guru. The most important lesson he learned was persistence.

"Call people everyday, get things done, don't take no for an answer, find a way around all obstacles and really keep moving forward to get the deal," Hussung said. "Nothing's really over until the house is sold to someone else."

Hussung said he doesn't believe a client can ever be forced to buy a house if their heart isn't in it. The job of a broker is to serve as an honest educator for the client about the market and the area, Hussung explained.

Hussung said the real estate firm has always been and will remain a local brand. Bob McCaffrey's family has lived locally for four generations and all of the real estate agents live in the area. Each month, the firm even hosts local artists and has pieces of art hung inside the office.

"People want real estate brokerages that really embrace the community," Hussung said.

Robert McCaffrey Realty is located at 140 Main Street in Cold Spring. Its phone number is 845-265-4113.

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Letters to the Editor

PV Library Board Prez. Finds Contradictions in Anti-Rec. Center Campaign

Reading your article by David Propper on the proposed Recreation Center in Putnam Valley, I had to comment on Ms. Patty Villanova's claims that the Town Board misled the residents. First, the Town Board has had a number of public meetings on the Rec. Center over the course of the past year, including public hearings at the Town, Planning, and Zoning Boards. Of course, she doesn't present any actual facts to back up her claims that the Town misled us. If she felt misled, I wonder why she didn't make her views known at any point over the past year; It's as though she just now started paying attention.

But what really surprises (and amuses) me, is this quote from Ms. Villanova: "...residents should decide on a new

recreation center, not a few town officials."

I guess she forgot her vitriolic campaign against the Putnam Valley Library's attempt to attain sustainable funding through last year's 414 proposition. At that time she repeatedly claimed that the residents were not qualified to decide on Library funding for themselves, and that those very same town officials ought to determine for all of us how much money the Library should have. Remember, the Library was asking for a tiny fraction of the proposed Rec. Center costs, yet Ms. Villanova suggested that the residents weren't intelligent (or wouldn't care) enough to decide that budget for themselves. She made it very clear that such hefty financial matters ought to remain in the more qualified hands of the

Town Board.

(Ms. Villanova also claimed the Library was misleading residents too, but as usual, she couldn't provide any evidence of that, either.)

So one resident has an axe to grind -- and, depending on her agenda, a willingness to flip-flop on whether "a few town officials" have or don't have the ability to make responsible, public-minded financial decisions -- and now the taxpayers have to shell out \$25,000 for a special vote. Ms. Villanova says when she tells people about the cost of the proposed Rec. Center "they can't believe it." I wonder whether she's also telling them what the referendum will cost them as she gathers signatures for her petition; if not, it may be she herself who is misleading

the residents.

Now that Ms. Villanova has made it clear that these decisions should be made by the residents themselves, and not just a few town officials, when the Library attempts sustainable funding initiatives in the future I fully expect her public support.

Priscilla A. Keresey
President, Putnam Valley Library
Board of Trustees

Editor's note: Villanova wasn't directly quoted stating "residents should decide on a new recreation center, not a few town officials," but rather it was a paraphrase of what she communicated in an interview.

Recreation Center in Putnam Valley Sorely Needed

As a resident of Putnam Valley for over 47 years, and proud to say so, I would like to take this opportunity to mention my thoughts regarding the proposed construction of the recreation center at the PV town park. I will say that rarely have I felt inclined to chime in formally on town issues. However, this is an issue that I feel strongly about.

Having seen our wonderful recreation department struggle with space issues for decades, a project such as this has for many years in the making and something have hoped for. As to why, reasons are plentiful but at the core of it, the benefits

this center will bring to the entirety of Putnam Valley's citizens cannot be disputed. I emphatically hope that the members of our fine and distinguished town board will not allow the few naysayers interrupt this opportunity to put in place a facility that in my opinion is long overdue. The time is right, the monetary circumstances are right and the grant should not be wasted.

In all honesty, from what I can see and what I have been told, only Patty Villanova and her disgruntled cronies are opposing this project. As a long time resident of Putnam Valley, I find her actions to be

disruptive to the positive agendas our elected officials have previously put forth. It is very apparent that she only enjoys listening to the beat of her own drum as apposed to the taxpayer advocate she claims to be.

Indoor recreation space in this day and age is a massive commodity, which we all know. The possibilities are endless and the attributes this town will encounter with this center are immense. This I can say with great certainty! It is quite hard to imagine that this recreation center cannot sustain most or all of its costs while providing classes, programs and

recreation for all to enjoy.

I can only hope our town board does what is right for the greater population of this town while not caving in to the few squeaky wheels. In addition, I see absolutely no need for a costly referendum to better guide a decision.

I ask that this decision be quick, decisive and one that will allow this town's citizens of all ages prosper as a community within the limitless bounds of our esteemed recreation department.

John Orlando
Putnam Valley

Proposed PV Rec. Center Bond Deserves Voter Referendum

On April 5, the Putnam Valley town board passed a bond resolution to spend \$3.8 million on a new Recreation Center in the town park. The bond issue has not been widely publicized and most residents remain blissfully unaware. There was no public comment allowed at the meeting and Councilman Steve Mackay threatened to call 911 on me because I tried to speak. Parks & Rec. head Frank DiMarco bragged that he did not "waste" money on a feasibility study. Nor has there been a cost/benefit analysis or a demographic study to see if our future population could support such a center.

Despite the fact that Supervisor Sam Oliverio and his sycophants claim that there is overwhelming support for the proposal, the truth is that few people in town know about the center let alone be willing to pay for it. This boondoggle was conceived in the back room and brought to us by the mostly unknown and unelected volunteers and officials who run our town like it's their own personal fiefdom. If it's such a great project and has so much support, then why not let us vote on it in the first place?

By law, the board has the power to hold a referendum on their own initiative. They could have asked the taxpayers if we want to burden ourselves with another bond and boondoggle, but they chose not to for fear the proposal would go down in flames. Instead they invoked a permissive referendum, which means that now the burden is on us to gather signatures and force a vote that should have been ours by right. Was it legal? Yes. Was it morally correct? No.

Sam and the other politicians know that the petition process is never easy, even in the best circumstances. Most people are reluctant to sign their name to a piece of paper that is a public record. They also knew that it would particularly hard for us to get the petitions signed in time. We have less than 30 days and many people were out of town because of the holidays. Funny how they went out of their way to avoid a referendum even though they claim that there is overwhelming support.

Meanwhile, we are out there every day getting signatures on our petitions. The response has been incredible: most people have never heard about the rec

center and are upset that the town board would not let us vote before they decided to spend the money. People are glad to sign and tell their neighbors.

This is our only chance to force a vote. If we don't get enough petitions, this is a done deal and the taxpayers will be on the hook for \$3.8 million plus. Regardless of whether you want the Rec Center or not, you should be allowed to vote on it. Please contact me if you want

to carry a petition or just sign your name on one. The clock is ticking and we don't have much time. Send Sam and the town board a clear message: It's our town, our money and our vote. Taxation without representation is still tyranny.

Patty Villanova
Putnam Valley

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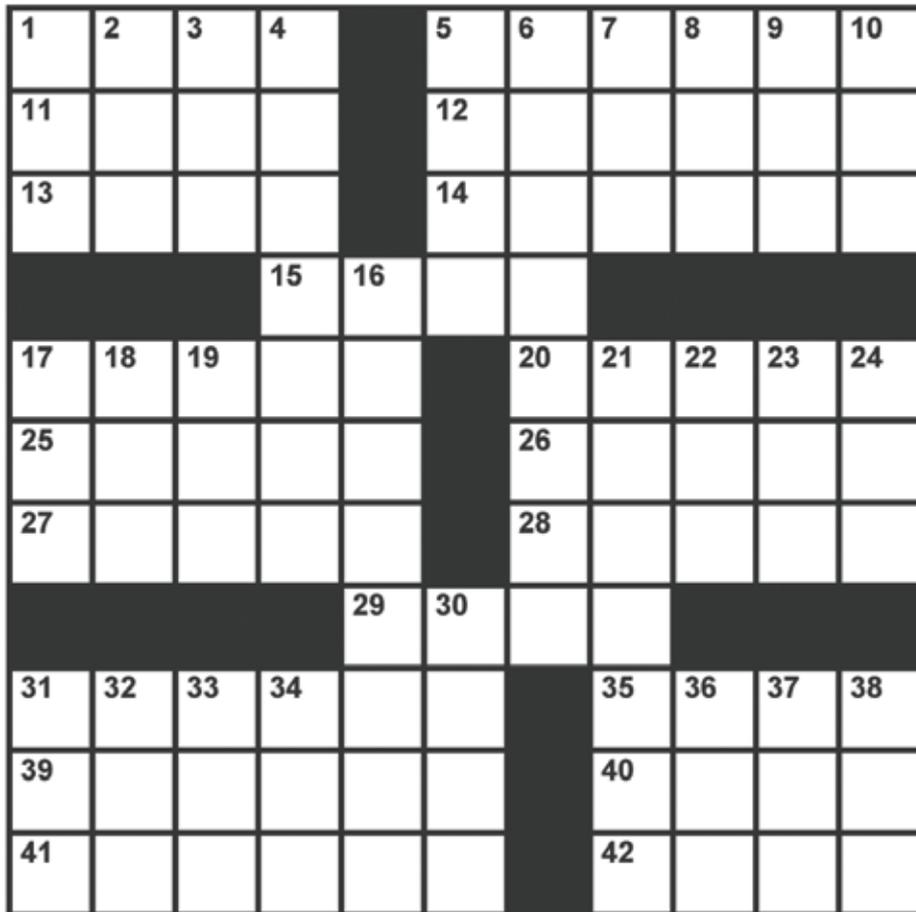
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. Way to go
5. "Down in the ____" or Garrison restaurant
11. Trial phase
12. Fight combo
13. Model/actress from Somalia
14. Netherlands city
15. Homey
17. Bacon bit
20. Story in a French home
25. Sierra ____ (African nation)
26. Employment terminator
27. Despot's duration
28. Sounding right
29. Dork
31. Maintenance costs
35. Border
39. Musical with the song "Summer Nights"
40. Film unit
41. Final transport
42. Plops into a chair

Down

1. Baseball score
2. Computer reseller, for example
3. Lead-in for "loss" or "glance"
4. Ballroom activity
5. Cortlandt Manor Chrysler/Jeep dealership
6. Ability to judge something
7. Bouquet
8. Inc., abroad
9. Mrs. sheep

10. "Silent Night" adjective
16. Honesty
17. Camera type, briefly
18. Golfer's prop
19. Louis XIV, e.g.
21. Fire starters
22. Deluge refuge
23. "Holy cow!"
24. Suffix with mock
30. Duel tool
31. "Yuck!"
32. Historic opening?
33. Mauna ____ in Hawaii
34. Place for a plug
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County Officials: Three Drug Overdose Deaths This Year

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to 55, Lockwood said. She noted residents even older than 70 have died from a drug overdose.

"The perception is that it's kids and it's not," DeMarzo said. "It goes across the board."

DeMarzo said many drug addicts have used other substances like alcohol and/or marijuana and Lockwood added more than half of heroin addicts started with prescription drugs.

So far, year to date, DeMarzo said the county has collected more than four tons of unwanted prescription medication that residents drop off. There are two dedicated medication take back days each year and several boxes throughout the county where residents can dump unwanted prescription drugs.

"Any death from this epidemic of addiction is a preventable death because

addiction is preventable," Lockwood said. "And there is a lot of help available."

According to a scientifically based survey from 5,000 local students, 26 percent have tried or used marijuana and 32 percent of teenagers are actively drinking in the county. DeMarzo said in focus groups, teenagers are confused about the mixed message they get from the medical society about how marijuana is an acceptable medication. Teenagers question how marijuana can be dangerous if doctors prescribe it for patients, DeMarzo said.

One bothersome stat is 18 percent of local high school juniors and seniors have gotten into a vehicle with driver who is intoxicated, DeMarzo said. He said the stat doesn't reveal whether that teenager got into a car with an older sibling, a friend, or even a parent under the influence.

"It's a scary thing going on," DeMarzo said.



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Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Neshiewat at a legislative meeting last week.

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Candidate for Carmel Town Board Clashes with Supervisor

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and I've heard your statements outside this building and I think they are all disgraceful," Barile said following Schmitt's remarks.

Schmitt became increasingly irritated raising his voice telling Barile he shouldn't

say things that aren't true and Barile told him, "Don't make me quote things you've said outside this building."

"I take offense to that, and I like you and I think you're a good guy, but for you to come up in a public meeting and make that statement about me as hard as

I work in this town to make this a better community, that's disgraceful," Schmitt said.

Barile stormed out of the building after Schmitt said he felt the assessments were done correctly.

At the end of the meeting, Schmitt

addressed the audience and apologized for raising his voice.

More residents spoke against the town reassessment plan Wednesday night. Town assessor Glen Droese is expected to affirm the new tax roll this month.

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Obituaries

Grace A. Ahrlich

Grace A. Ahrlich, a longtime resident of Carmel and a former resident of Town of New Castle and Mt. Kisco, died at the age of 99 at Salem Hills Healthcare Center in Purdys on April 1. Daughter of the late Joseph and Nora (Ehren) Vetter. She was born January 28, 1918 in New Castle. Grace grew up in Westchester County. During World War II she worked in several factories to aid the war effort. Later in life she became a cafeteria worker in the Chappaqua School District. Survivors include three children; Roy (Vera) Thompson of Bedford Hills, Robert Thompson of Carmel, and Shirley Conklin of Staatsburg; eight grandchildren; Teresa (Chris) Rivers, Robert Thompson of Bedford Hills, Ronald Thompson, Penny Thompson, Robert (Debbie) Thompson of Ky., Allen Thompson, Karen Dennis and Michelle Cusack; four great-grandchildren; Keith, Alyssa, Ashton and Nicole; several nieces and nephews including Stanley (Alexis) Jablonka, Michael and Ronald Jablonka and Jeannine (Jose) Guerra; also many great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews along with many friends and relatives and the staff at Salem Hills. Grace was preceded in death by her two husbands, Clarence Thompson and Herman Ahrlich; her infant son, Allen Thompson, her son, Ronald Thompson; her siblings, Ruth Hudgins, Corrinne Rodosky, George Vetter, Robert Vetter and Nora Jewell.

Services were held on Friday, April 7 at McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction and interment followed at St. Denis Cemetery in Hopewell Junction. Memorial donations can be sent to the

Wounded Warrior Project c/o Castle Point V.A. Healthcare Facility, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590 or Dutchess County SPCA, Hyde Park NY 12538.

Gloria M. Antoci

Gloria M. Antoci, 90, a longtime resident of Carmel, died peacefully on April 9, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Antoci was born on March 5, 1927 to Herbert and Gertrude (Branagan) Gent in the Bronx. On April 19, 1947 she married the love of her life, Mario Antoci and together they were blessed with

two daughters; Linda and Joanne. Mrs. Antoci, dedicated her entire life to her family, she was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-mother, sister, aunt and a friend to many. In her spare time, Gloria volunteered her time at Putnam Hospital Center, but most of all she loved spending her time with family and friends. She is survived by her two loving daughters; Linda (John) Lloyd of Millerton and Joanne Colombo of Carmel, five cherished grandchildren; Gabriel Lloyd, Matthew Lloyd, Brianna Lloyd, Katharine Maloney

and Thomas Colombo, five adoring great-grandchildren; John Francis Lloyd, Elisa Lloyd, Lillie Lloyd, Ian Lloyd and Adeline Maloney all of whom she adored and each grandchild and great-grandchild held a special place in her heart. Gloria will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Mario who had passed on August 6, 2016, her brother; George Gent and her sister Lorraine Conte.

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This year Earth Day Network has proclaimed a campaign for environmental and climate literacy. Tackling great challenges begins with smaller local steps. On Friday, April 21, Putnam County Department of Health staff will be out in the community at lunchtime, volunteering and cleaning roadside litter along the stretch of Route 312 near the main health department office. Additionally beginning Sunday, April 16, the department will be tweeting and posting information daily to spread the word and improve environmental and climate literacy.

"Roadside litter is more than an eyesore," explains Vicki DiLonardo, the health department's recycling coordinator. "It can harm wildlife and damage the water supply, and the quantity of roadside litter

is staggering. Last year, the litter patrol operated by the PARC organization collected more than 26,000 pounds from 493 miles of Putnam County roadside."

To reduce roadside litter, the health department runs a program that lends community members clean-up kits, complete with litter bags, litter "grabbers," roadside safety instructions, safety vests and highway flags. Roadside cleanups are a great activity for community groups and neighborhood associations. Park and school campus cleanups are great community service projects for girl scouts, boy scouts and other youth organizations. For more information or to borrow a "clean-up kit," contact the health department at 808-1390.

The litter clean-up program is one of a number of environmental improvement initiatives the health department spearheads. Last September the department launched a campaign to increase plastic film recycling in the county. Unlike bottles and cans, plastic film must be dropped off at a store that

collects it. Currently 25 drop-off spots in the county are required to collect plastic film, which includes store "carry-out" bags, shrink-wrap plastic (e.g. beverage cases, paper towels packs) and newspaper delivery bags.

Other environmental initiatives and events in Putnam County include a push for more residential composting, an easy and convenient way to reduce solid waste, and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days sponsored by the health department and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. These events provide a way for residents to safely dispose of environmentally hazardous materials (e.g. cleaners, pesticides, oil-based paint, automotive solvents, mothballs, gasoline, small propane tanks). The next one is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, in Fahnestock State Park. Electronic waste is not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. To get rid of "e-waste," residents should call their local town for disposal instructions.

To register for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, or for information on any other of these programs, call the department at 808-1390 or visit the website below.

For more information on the Earth Day Network, which brings together 55 environmental organizations and government agencies including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, visit www.earthday.org.

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Medication Take Back Day Coming Up

If you have a medicine cabinet full of old medication, you will want to mark your calendar for an upcoming medication take-back day on Saturday, April 29.

The Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, in collaboration with the Putnam County Health Department and Putnam County Sheriff's Department, will be holding the "Spring Medication Take Back" event at the Putnam Hospital Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medication Take Back Day is safe, good for the environment and can save lives. By bringing in expired or unwanted medications to a take back day, you insure that it will be disposed of in a safe manner, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Members of the Sheriff's Department will be present to secure and dispose of the medications. By doing so, you also insure that there are no "accidental" poisonings/overdoses by leaving unwanted prescriptions in your home.

When you participate in Medication Take Back Day, you don't have to worry about causing harm to the environment by flushing medications down the toilet or disposing of them in your trash. Medicines that are flushed down the drain or that leach from landfills eventually end up in our waterways. Pharmaceuticals have become a significant water pollutant nationwide.

In addition, prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the U.S. today. Home medicine cabinets can be now be seen as the "new" drug dealer. Every year, prescription painkillers cause more than 16,000 deaths and 475,000 emergency room visits.

To take part, please enter through the Putnam Hospital Center Cancer Pavilion entrance. Signage will be posted leading to the disposal area. Individuals can dispose of prescription medication, over the counter medication, and pet medication.

Syringes will not be accepted. Please keep all medications in their original packaging and remove personal patient information.

For additional information, contact: Robert Morris of the Putnam County Health Department at 845-808-1390 ext. 43166 or Bruce Kelly of the Putnam CTC Coalition at 845-225-4646.

For those people who cannot make the event, there are MedReturn boxes in the following locations: Carmel Police Department, Kent Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Office in Carmel, Philipstown Town Hall, Putnam Valley Town Hall, Patterson Town Hall and the Kern Building in Brewster. The boxes in the police departments are open 24/7. In Philipstown and the Kern Bldg., the box is open Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4pm, in Putnam Valley, the box is open Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm and in Patterson, the box is open 9am to

4pm. Those boxes can take all unused or expired prescription medications, OTC medicines, prescription ointments, pet medications & vitamins. They will not accept any needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, lotions, liquids or IV bags.



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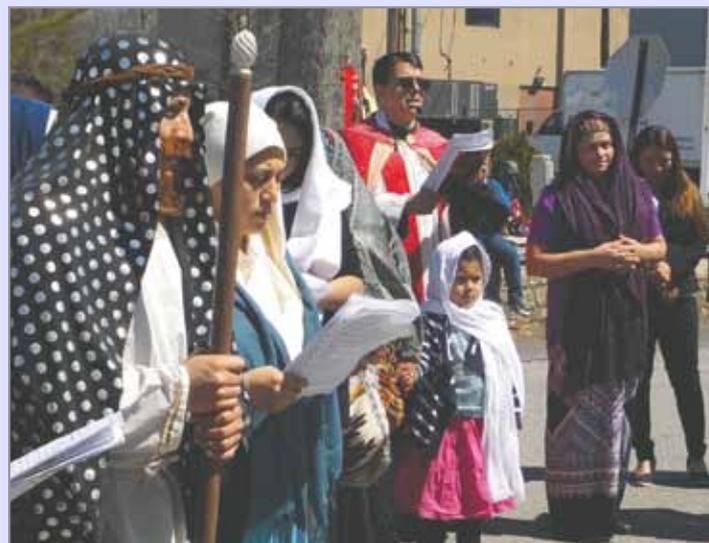
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The Passion in Mahopac Marks Good Friday

There was an outdoor Passion play at Route 6 and a procession on E. Lake Drive on Good Friday by St. John the Evangelist Church. Father Arthur Rojas led the congregation of over 80 people in this public, reverent presentation. Many were costumed as Roman soldiers and men and women of the first century, including Pontius Pilate and Jesus Christ. The police provided a safety escort.

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Master Gardeners to Teach Latest Garden Design Theories

Putnam County property owners are invited to attend Cornell Cooperative Extension's 2017 Spring Garden School on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Mahopac Library 668 Route 6, Mahopac 3rd floor. Extension educators and Master Gardener Volunteers will teach how to evaluate your property with a critical eye so you can make planting decisions that are site-appropriate and eco-friendly, incorporating current research. Tuition is \$25 and includes materials.

Attendees will learn about soil microbe management, Hugelkultur composting, plant communities, matrix planting and the New Perennial Movement (exemplified by the New York City Highline). The emphasis will be on using native plants that are beautiful as well as attractive to pollinators and beneficial



insects. The day will also include sessions on how to manage the soil and water on your property for maximum benefit to you and our ecosystem.

To register, please visit our website putnam.cce.cornel.edu/events

If you have questions about the program, contact Kate Everitt at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County 845-278-6738.



Carmel High School Rock 'n Roll Club Welcomes Alumnus

Carmel High School alumnus, Jeremy Anderson and his band "Jovan" opened at the school's Rock 'n Roll club concert recently with a very interactive and entertaining set. Anderson was also on hand to assist club members during rehearsals with an eye to attract more people to come out for the concert. In addition to his time and expertise, he was able to secure a donation from ACE Endico to provide a pre-concert meal for

all of the entertainers as well.

By all accounts, the concert was a success. The pre-concert jam session featured a stunning unrehearsed drum solo by Carmel High School junior Chris Paraggio, as he performed with Jovan. Then the Carmel High School entertainers performed songs from well-known bands such as, Cage the Elephant, Led Zeppelin, Radiohead, Green Day, The Cranberries, 3 Days Grace, Nirvana, The Black Keys,



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Fall Out Boys, Childish Gambino, and the Arctic Monkeys.

In addition to Mr. Anderson, the club would like to recognize Mr. Phil Paraggio for his dedication and time as the sound engineer for the concert. George Fisher Middle School technology teacher Tony Sottile and Carmel High School technology teacher Tim Raney are the advisors for the club.

Club members include Carmel High School students Kira Bond, Chris Paraggio, Amit Gomes, Hannah Block, Michael Stringer, AJ Silvestro, John Baguette, Adam Friedman, John Marino, Anthony Cartaino, Trevor Jones, Eri Guadagnoli, Steven Papa, Kenzie Christman, and Francesca Cabrera.

All proceeds from the concert went to the club to purchase music equipment.

DEP Hosts Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that it will host Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida in Carmel on April 29. The event is being co-sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which will supply fishing poles and bait to those who do not have their own. Families that have their own tackle are encouraged to bring it. As part of the "I Fish NY Program," the New York State fishing license requirement is waived for adults who want to fish during this event. Adults who do not have a free DEP Access Permit are encouraged to get one before coming to the event. Participants can get their free permit and print it from home by visiting DEP's online permitting system at www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit.

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The 178-acre Lake Gleneida is home to many species of fish, including brown trout, largemouth bass and panfish. DEP and DEC staff will be available to teach participants how to fish and assist with fishing equipment. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking will be located along the lake on Route 6. For more information about the event contact DEP recreation supervisor Tom Davidock at (845) 340-7812 or email watershedevents@dep.nyc.gov.

DEP encourages participants to register before the day of the event. Those planning to attend can register by clicking here, or through DEP's watershed Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/NYCWatershed.

DEP manages New York City's water

supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70

million payroll and \$166 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.7 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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might need to readjust the budget to fill in those gaps, she said.

As for the new free tuition program, Galef cautioned the title sounds a bit better than what it really accomplishes. While it helps students, Galef said costs like textbooks and room and board aren't covered. She said it would enable more students to go to college or have less of a loan to pay off. The state should monitor the affect the tuition program has on

private universities, Galef said. She said the requirement that makes students stay in the state for four years after graduation prevents people from taking advantage of the program without contributing to the state.

"I hope in the long run over many years we can grow the program," Galef said.

She lauded raising the age for a teenager to be placed in criminal court.

"These are not kids that have committed a murder or anything like that," Galef said.

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Law Book: Planning in Advance of Changes to the Healthcare System

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

With Congress about to break for a two week Spring recess, the repeal of Obamacare appears to have stalled and remains uncertain. Notwithstanding, we must pay attention to the various proposals that have been put forth by the current administration and the effect they may have on our clients.

One of the underlying themes of the failed American Healthcare Act, also known as Trumpcare, is to shift the burden of health care costs, largely Medicaid costs, from the federal government to the States. Currently, the federal government shares the cost of Medicaid with the States. New York already pays almost fifty percent of the Medicaid cost associated with its residents. The current administration has proposed to achieve this burden shift through a block grant system or per capita spending.

Under a block grant system, each State will receive a fixed dollar amount from the federal government regardless of the number of enrollees in the program. In theory, a block grant system is supposed



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to make the States more disciplined as to how they administer their social welfare programs. Opponents of the block grant system argue that there is no way to determine the amount of funds to be blocked for each State and that block grants do not keep up with rising costs or more importantly, population growth.

Under a per capita system, federal funding is provided to the States based on the number of enrollees in the system. Spending per enrollee is capped at a certain amount. Proponents of a per capita spending system argue that it allows for population growth while also implementing a limit (cap) on spending per enrollee. New York currently spends a significant amount per enrollee.

If Obamacare is replaced and repealed with either a block grant system or per capita system, it is likely that changes to the Medicaid program are forthcoming in some capacity. If the States receive less funding from the federal government, they will in some way need to make up the difference. In doing so, it is conceivable that there could be significant changes in the Medicaid program such as changes to the Medicaid eligibility rules. By way of example, if the State increases the current five-year look-back period, the effect would be to exclude a certain number of people from Medicaid coverage, thereby allowing the State to bridge the gap in funding.

Although we have no current

knowledge of changes described above, it would behoove you to take advantage of current elder law planning opportunities before there are changes. One such technique is the irrevocable Medicaid trust which has proved to be one of the most viable planning techniques for clients who want to preserve their assets if long-term care is required. As many of you know, if you create the Medicaid trust and do not need nursing home care for five years (the current look-back period), the assets of a properly drafted trust cannot be considered available resources by Medicaid. If there are changes on the horizon, such as changes to the look-back period, the technique remains viable, but with a longer waiting period. If you are someone who has been procrastinating on meeting with an elder law attorney to discuss your planning, including the benefits of a Medicaid trust – now is the time!

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Clear & Clean the Woodland Trail at Boscobel

Spring has arrived and Boscobel House and Gardens needs your help. The Frances Reese Woodland Trail is an extraordinarily beautiful feature of their site. Its 1.25 mile trail leads visitors through 29 acres of forested land as it traverses a dramatic ravine



The octagonal pavilion and rustic benches on The Woodland Trail at Boscobel overlook the Hudson River. Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 with family and friends by volunteering to help clear and clean the trail. Register at Boscobel.org.

leading down to Constitution Marsh. Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, April 22 to help clear and clean the trail in order to maintain, enhance, preserve and promote appreciation of this natural landscape. What better way to celebrate planet earth with family and friends!

Bring your water bottle and work gloves, and wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Tools will be provided to clear overgrowth and downed branches. This program is FREE and open to all ages. Please register at Boscobel.org and check-in at the Carriage House upon arrival.

Boscobel is located on scenic Route 9D in Garrison New York just one mile south of Cold Spring and directly across the river from West Point. From April through October, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (first tour at 10 a.m.; last at 4 p.m.); November and December 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.) Boscobel is open every day except Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, visit Boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

Crossword Answers

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Spring Garden Chores and Memories of Mother

Ah, that first breath of spring, even after a moderate winter, really revives the spirit, doesn't it? Along with that feeling of near euphoria each year, always comes the anticipation of getting out into the garden.

But, oh my, this is the first year I do not have the pleasure of a garden, ensconced as I am on the top floor of a beautiful condo building. However, I can rely on the fond memories of all those springs when I got down on my knees for the first time to accomplish some pleasant garden chore.

I can remember vividly the excitement of projecting the growth and color I'd be enjoying in the weeks ahead, but invariably I also think of my mother.

My mother was my first gardening adviser and one of her strict rules was to avoid kneeling. Although she never gave me a good reason for complying, she was convinced that one should bend over, rather than kneel, for garden chores that required closer proximity to the ground. I do know that my mother was very pleased with her agility into later life and probably wanted to demonstrate that ability in all her activities. Or maybe she had heard of



By Bill Primavera

"gardener's knee."

In recent years since my mother has passed on, I had become aware that my back seemed to go awry more often than my knees. So, with no small amount of guilt, I kneeled to plant those first seedlings that I bought from my local supplier. But I protected myself with either a garden kneeler or knee pads, which I don't remember being around when I was a child.

Of course, squatting is a good in-between measure, but I found that more taxing than either bending or kneeling.

Because I was always as time-conscious in the garden as anybody with a full-time job, every step I took to plan and plant my garden was orchestrated to reduce labor and maximize enjoyment of color and greenery from early spring to late fall.

For instance, while I envy those people who can build outdoor frames for planting seeds early or do it inside, I relied on garden centers for my annual seedlings that are all ready for popping in the ground. Vicariously I enjoyed the planting from seed activity by watching my young grandson proudly nurture his

own vegetable garden.

Here's my earliest spring garden routine:

I first cleaned up all that nasty debris that I left last fall that kept the ground from heaving and, at the same time, fed the birds, lying in a state of rot in my annual and perennial beds.

Then, if I was quick about it, I would prune my apple and cherry trees before they develop buds. (I really had to scurry to do this if I didn't have time the previous fall.)

I lost interest in vegetable gardening after giving it a whirl the first couple of seasons, but for those of you who still are, you can put lettuce seeds in the ground right now. Every couple of weeks, start a new row to get results throughout the summer. If you're into planting onions and other hardy vegetables, now is the time to do it.

Light thinning can be done in April to any shrub or tree except lilacs. The latter should have been done after blooming last year, because if you do it now, there will be no bloom this year.

Prepare your flower beds by adding compost or fertilizer right now. I kept a natural compost pile that I cultivated for a long time, and each year I robbed this black gold to enrich the soil, depleted from the previous year's growth.

Mulch now for a weed-resistant summer. Each year, I would call my trusty tree man to drop off a load of finely chopped chips. One load that I would hide behind my garage would serve my property for a season.

As you are preparing for planting your annual and perennial beds, the earliest spring bulbs will be blooming. Afterwards, be sure to deadhead them (remove the remains of the blossoms) but don't remove the leaves. Let them die back naturally so that they can feed the bulbs for next year.

Also, remember to schedule the time needed to trim spring-flowering shrubs, everything from forsythia to azalea, right after blooming, for thicker growth and more blooms next year.

And, for anyone who gardens like I do, kneeling rather than bending, remember to protect your knees with those pads or kneelers. Sorry mom.

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The Changing of the Guard for Presidential State Dinners



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week a subject arose that I've enjoyed reporting in past columns: Presidential State Dinners.

The longstanding tradition of entertaining world leaders at the White House typically provides a valuable insight into the current state of affairs between nations and their representatives.

Toward the end of his presidency, President Obama hosted a traditional state dinner for China's President Xi Jinping. It was the finale to a cordial visit by the Chinese leader, replete with the pomp and circumstance that surrounds such dinners: a well-curated menu, carefully selected domestic wines and all the glitter that emanates from ballroom gowns and toothy smiles.

But that is the past. President Trump approaches state visits and the dinner finales a bit differently.

Although early in his presidency, he has set a unique tone when

entertaining world leaders.

Last week's return visit by President Xi to the United States is illustrative of our president's tendencies and preferences. The traditional White House dinners were usurped by less formal dinners at the president's Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago.

Traditionally, White House state dinners fall under the purview of the First Lady. But for this First Family it's not the White House – it's Mar-a-Lago. Ensconced in New York, Mrs. Trump journeys to Florida on weekends and for special occasions to be with her husband. She has yet to select a White House chef.

Traditional state dinners are carefully planned by the White House chef; the wines are selected by the White House Usher for Wine. But it's not the White

House – it's Mar-a-Lago.

President Xi traveled to Mar-a-Lago, not the White House, to meet President Trump. Dinner was served resort-style, in a private dining room, with a resort menu and resort wines. If you've ever

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attended a business or wedding dinner at a resort, you'll recognize the menu: Caesar salad, followed by a choice of fish or beef and for dessert, a choice of chocolate cake or sorbet. Your wines? A white or a

red, both from domestic wineries.

This menu clearly does not have the trappings of an elegant, sophisticated menu a la decades of White House tradition. It's Mar-a-Lago.

I would be remiss not to mention the two wines: 2014 Chalk Hill Chardonnay from Sonoma and a 2014 Girard Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley. Both offer a reasonable palate of aromas and flavors that satisfy a broad cross-section of wine consumers. Resort wines. But then again, the president is an avowed teetotaler.

However, the dinner seems quite upscale when compared to the president's description of his preferred meals of fried chicken, diet Coke and Big Macs.

And don't forget his quip about President Xi during the primary last year: "I would not be throwing him a dinner. I would get him a McDonald's hamburger and say we've got to get down to work."

"I would give him a double, probably a double-size Big Mac."

The Mar-a-Lago menu seems quite upscale in comparison.

President Trump's predilection for

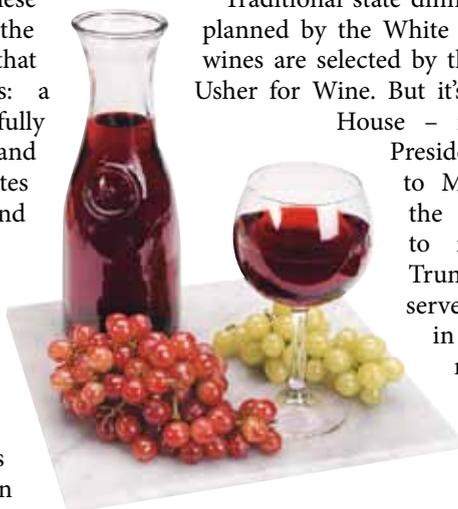
mundane meals is in sharp contrast to the flamboyance of several of his predecessors.

Thomas Jefferson amassed a White House wine cellar of 20,000 bottles of mostly high-end French wines, all purchased from his presidential allowance. He – and several of his successors – entertained world leaders rather extravagantly from this cellar.

Richard Nixon was a wine snob. During state dinners at the White House, he secretly enjoyed his favorite wine, Chateau Margaux, one of the most expensive Bordeaux wines, while he served his guests a much lesser wine. How? He would have the servers wrap bottles of wine in cloth napkins, singling out the Chateau Margaux for him.

Will President Trump's dinner taste find its way into American lore? Will he set a precedent for future [residents? Will he change his mind and revert to tradition? Stay tuned. I'm sure there's more to come.

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Happenings

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

Ongoing:

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.

Wednesdays: Coloring for Adults: 8 p.m., Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, Mahopac Library 7 p.m.-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 Capodiecchi @ 914-382-2671

Thursdays: The Putnam County Computer Learning Center Seniors Registration: The first Thursday of every month at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours in Mahopac are from 9:30 - 11:00AM. Putnam Valley registration is from 10 a.m. - Noon. For more information you can call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call Judy Kolt as above.

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 p.m. 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 4th 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 a.m.-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.

Tuesday, April 18

Clutter Support Group: 5 p.m. This new Clutter Support Group is open to anyone facing issues with mild to chronic disorganization and will provide non-judgmental accountability to help inspire you to focus better on your current issues with clutter. The group will be facilitated by a NAPO professional organizer with 18 years of experience from Garrison Concierge. Everyone is welcome to attend this one-hour meet & greet session. For those participants who want to continue meeting, future dates will be set along with a discussion on policies and procedures to honor the privacy of all in attendance. This support group is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison, NY. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

Litter Clean Up: To reduce roadside litter, the health department runs a program that lends community members clean-up kits, complete with litter bags, litter "grabbers," roadside safety instructions, safety vests and highway flags. Roadside cleanups are a great activity for community groups and neighborhood associations. Park and school campus cleanups are great community service projects for girl scouts, boy scouts and other youth organizations. For more information or to borrow a "clean-up kit," contact the health department at 845-808-1390.

Wednesday, April 19

Fix Your Car with Chilton: 1:30 p.m. Learn to use the Chilton database to look up information specific to your vehicle, and find out how to make repairs yourself. Class take place in the Learning Lab at Mahopac Library; registration is required.

Why the Great Swamp is So Great: 7 p.m., hear from its designers what the Great Swamp Quilt is saying about the wetland, and see the amazing Great Swamp video. Patterson Library Community Room. Free, but please register with the Patterson Library -- www.pattersonlibrary.org. Learn how the swamp impacts our drinking water, helps flood control and impacts the areas wildlife in this wonderful presentation featuring a discussion and screening of a new film about the swamp. To register visit www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x 10. Free program.

Thursday, April 20

New Family Services: Gilead Presbyterian Church. Every Third Thursday. FMI: www.gileadchurch.org or call 845-225-4586

Understanding The Electoral College: How much do you know about the Electoral College and how it impacts our election process? A panel discussion about the Electoral College, coordinated by the Putnam County League of Women Voters, will take place at Mahopac Public Library on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 pm. Registration for this program is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Friday, April 21

Community Conversations: 1 p.m. Sign-up to talk with other local residents about your aspirations, concerns, and personal views about our community. Your participation will help Trustees and staff members create a new long-range plan for Mahopac Library. Visit www.mahopaclibrary.org to sign-up!

Saturday, April 22

The Lost Polar Bear, A Tale for Earth Day: Local artist and actor Rebecca Rabinowitz is the creative force behind this original production featuring large-scale puppets to tell the story of a polar bear whose life is upset by global warming. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Brewster Library (outside back courtyard) 79 Main St, Brewster. Admission is free. Volunteers needed, no experience necessary! If you would like to help please contact Rebecca Rabinowitz at (914) 497 - 8998, or email rebecca@icepond.com.

Military Collectables, Knife and Antique Muzzle Loader Show: Patterson, Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson. Historical items for sale will include Insignia, Medals, Uniforms, Equipment, Swords, Knives, Headgear, Books, Artwork, Antique Muzzle Loading Guns, etc. The material will cover the years from the American Revolution to the present day. There will also be several uniformed "Living Historians" who are ready to answer questions about the eras they represent. Vendors come from all over the Northeast. Great food will be available for breakfast and lunch. This family friendly show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Admission is \$5...Children under 12 Free with an adult. Part of the proceeds of this event goes to Patterson Recreation Center & The American Veterans Historical Museum. For additional information on this event, contact The Patterson Recreation Center, 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag, 845-878-7106.

Film - "The Gold Rush" (1925) with live musical: 7:00 p.m., accompaniment by Cary Brown. The Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave.,

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Yorktown Stages Miracle Comeback in 11-10 Win over John Jay

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In an epic clash of Section 1 lax titans, Yorktown senior Kyle Casey (inset) and sophomore Shane Dahlke scored four unanswered goals in the last 10:42, including the game-winning and game-tying goals, respectively, in the Huskers' 11-10 come-from-behind triumph of rival John Jay on Holy Saturday at Murphy Field. Yorktown players -- including Casey (L), Justin Cavallo (43) and Jamison Embury (3) -- celebrate Casey's game-winner (above) after knocking off John Jay for the 13th consecutive time dating back to 2010... see Boys' Lax Notebook

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Boys LAX Notebook

Yorktown Rallies Behind Casey, Dahlke, Beats Jay, 11-10

Lakeland/Panas Topples Mamaroneck, Continues to Ascend Among Section 1 Ranks

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Two potential obstacles in Yorktown's playoff path were put on Husker Coach Sean Carney's regular season schedule, including likely Section 1 championship foe John Jay CR and reigning NYS Class B champion Jamesville DeWitt, and Yorktown made sure that each knew who's steering the ship this spring in a pair of resounding wins.

The Huskers (4-2) worked a 15-11 win over J-D by hitting a solid 58% of their shots, including three goals apiece from Shane Dahlke and Kyle Casey (1A). Jamison Embury (2G, 4A) went all ballistic on J-D, too. Justin Cavallo and Hunter Embury each scored twice for the Huskers, who saw G Louis Ragusa make 13 saves and M Anthony Altimari win 14 of 22 faceoffs by scooping nine GBs. Then, Yorktown followed that up with an 11-10 come-from-behind win over Jay, which squandered a five-goal lead after looking like the better team on the field for the game's first three quarters.

But Albany-bound Yorktown senior Kyle Casey erupted for three goals in the comeback effort, putting the Huskers on



Huskers celebrate their 11-10 come-from-behind win over John Jay Saturday.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

his back and Section 1 on notice; Yorktown is still the team to beat in this neck of the

woods. Casey's final tally was the last of six unanswered Huskers goals with 2:31 to play on Saturday at Charlie Murphy Field.

"That's the best team, the best program and the best players in the section, maybe the state," said John Jay boss Tim Schurr, himself a former Husker All-American. "We played three great quarters but last time I checked it took four to win. They must be better than us because we never beat them. They win all the games. They are a better program. Their better coached. Give them credit. Offensively, they pushed the ball very well in the late states, and Casey is really good this year, twice the player he was last year. He's so strong. We had to play a lot of defense and need to get better to beat these guys should we be lucky enough to see them again."

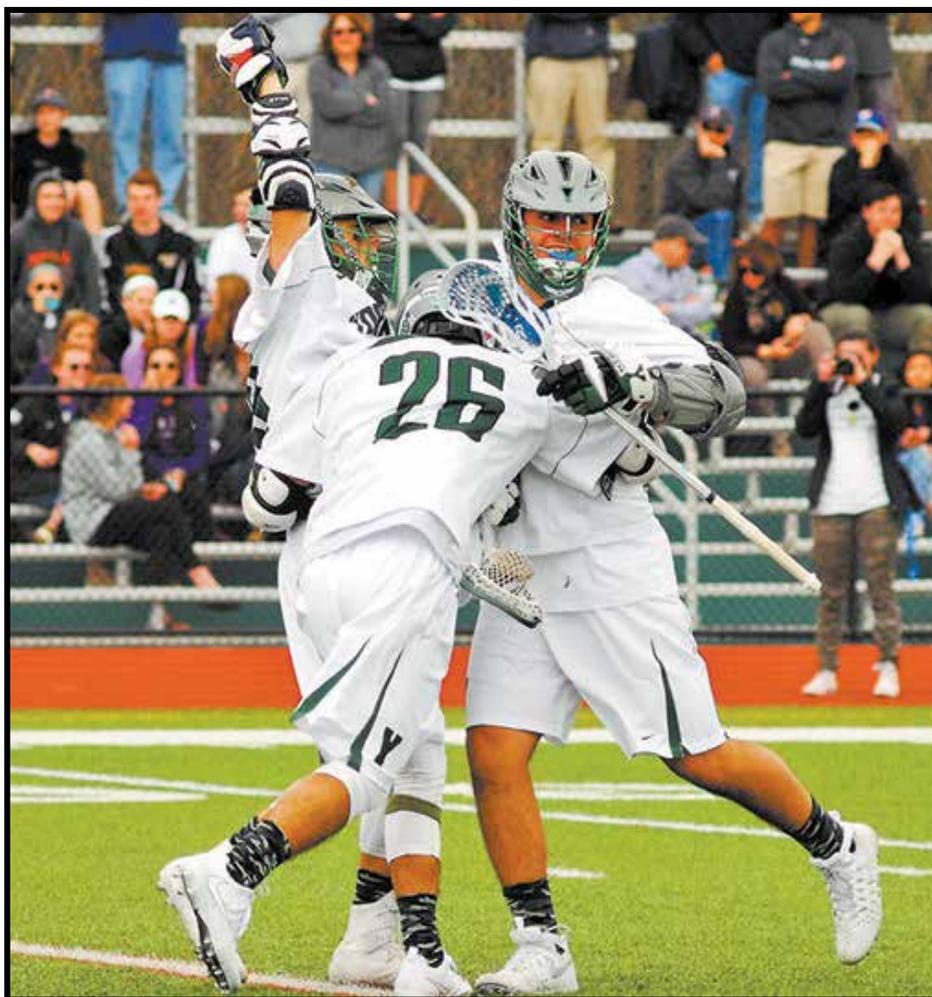
Yorktown slept-walked through the first three, enabling Jay to take a 10-5 lead while taking it to the Huskers in every phase of the game, until Casey and Husker sophomore Shane Dahlke took over.

"I tried not to show too much emotion," Casey of the game-winner in the waning moments. "But that goal, especially against John Jay, made us feel a whole lot better. I let it all loose. I know if I can get to my spots, I can get a shot off and hopefully they go in."

Dahlke finished a feed from Dom Cioffi to tie it at 10-all. Dahlke, who had scored twice earlier to make it 10-8 and 10-6, looked the part of an up-and-comer, a legit stud. Jamison Embury also bagged a hat trick for the slithery Huskers, who, truth be told, were outworked for three quarters.

"We need to play better, for sure," Husker Coach Sean Carney admitted. "It was good for us to learn that we can fight back if we have to, that's always a valuable lesson. I just don't want to make it habit."

The fact that a healthy Notre Dame-bound All-American D Jose Boyer and stout Maryland-bound D Brett Makar were finally side by side on the field is no coincidence to the Huskers matching their capabilities. When these two are in front of G Louis Ragusa, the Huskers are complete on the back line, but nothing was going



Huskers Dom Cioffi (26) and Justin Cavallo (R) show sophomore A Shane Dahlke some love after his come-of-age effort in win over Jay.



Yorktown's Dom Cioffi (26), Hunter Embury and Justin Cavallo (43) mob Kyle Casey (R) after his late goal gave Huskers lead for good in 11-10 win over Jay.

right through three quarters against the Indians, who, mark our words, are self-possessed to shed the Yorktown monkey from its back. Having lost to the Huskers for a 13th-straight time dating back to 2010, including five straight title tilts from 2011-16, Jay appeared to have inched closer. And when Syracuse-bound junior G Shahe Katchadurian, who was benched

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Sports

Hud Hud Goes Dutch on Winning: Coach & Players Split Share



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

I've known Hen Hud baseball Coach Dutch Pritts so long I feel as though I went to high school with him, though the Dutchman was a generation before me. But when I first burst on to the Section 1 baseball scene as a cub scribe back in 1989, Coach Pritts was one of the first guys to make me feel welcomed, and I'll never forget the way he made me feel a big part of everything Hen Hud while I cut my teeth at the now-obsolete North County News.

In these truly sad days on Section 1 diamonds – what with the recent passing of two loveable coaches (Eastchester's Dom Cecere and Ossining's Bill Casey) – it sure is great to see Dutch Pritts putting out a product the old blue-collar Sailors would be proud of.

Dutch Pritts is about as much a Sailor as 17th century explorer Hendrick Hudson himself was, adapting to the changing currents as well as any old-school coach in the region has. Pritts has been on the Sailor sideline in more capacities than most;

Yorktown Rallies Behind Casey, Dahlke, Beats Jay, 11-10

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Yorktown G Louis Ragusa gets a lift from teammate Brendan Williams after Huskers held on for 11-10 win over John Jay Saturday.

for the Yorktown game, is back between the pipes, Jay's chances, debatably, will get better, so the last thing Yorktown can afford would be another five-goal deficit should they meet again.

"We came out of the gate slow and we knew they were going to be fired up," Makar said. "That really put us in trouble

assistant coach to Paul Natale for decades, including a 2000 Section 1 championship season, a sidekick to former venerable pitching Coach Ed Lent, a scorekeeper in the winter months, a security dude in a yellow jacket opposite Patti Dias-Peters for years, a dad and coach to sons Michael and Doug, and now head coach of the hottest baseball team in the section.

"Coach Pritts has been a staple of Hen Hud athletics for the past few decades," Hen Hud A.D. Tommy Baker said. "His knowledge of game and ability to teach are phenomenal. He loves the kids and loves to coach them, and we love having him around."

Through Sunday, Pritts' Class A Sailors (6-0) were unblemished, with a couple of feisty wins over Lourdes and another against reigning Section 1 Class A champion John Jay CR: Plus, a combined no-hitter from hurlers Nick Caruso, who started and went into the sixth, reliever Dan Regueiro and closer Jack Attinelly, who shut the door on Ossining in a 3-0 win last Thursday.

There's nothing like a grizzled, veteran

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unit hell-bent on ridding themselves of the sour taste of sudden, unexpected defeat. Seeded No.1 in last year's playoffs with a 16-4 record, the Sailors were knocked out in the first round by upstart Brewster, so the 2017 campaign is one of serious unfinished business, and the Sailors are loving every minute under the legendary coach who essentially coined the phrase, "It's a great day to be a Sailor!"

"Coach Pritts gives us a great deal of leeway to be athletes, which probably contributes to a great deal of our success," said Sailor OF Nick Cunningham (2-for-3, 2B, RBI, runs vs. Ossining). "He has been around, not only

baseball, but sports in general, forever. He likes to say he's been around 200 years, but I like to think it's more like 300."

Kid's right, ya know: It does some more like 300, which brings me back to my initial point; that it seems like I've known Pritts, who loves to bust out trivia to make himself look smart, forever.

"Though he likes to have fun, he has no problem putting us in our place when we screw up," Cunningham said. "If you make a base-running mistake, he will holler at you the whole way back to the dugout."

Whether he's hooting and hollering or



Hen Hud Coach Dutch Pritts offers sage advice to Sailor C Dan Weimer in recent action.

testing the mental minutiae of his players, affable Dutch Pritts is easy to root for, and that's why I'm pulling for Hen Hud to win its first title since the turn of the century, second since 1977...

Can somebody please tell the radical left liberals that their Carter's have worn out, and it's time to put your big-boy pants on and stop with this resistance nonsense: It's not helping our country one bit.

against a team like John Jay. We said at halftime that we've come back from worse than this, and this is what we work for, to be in games like this on Murphy Field. We just believed in each other and came out firing.

"Casey was awesome," Makar, an All-American-in-waiting, added. "He's a leader, and when he makes plays like that guys want to follow. He's a leader on this team, a senior captain and we expect that from him. Justin Cavallo and Kyle bring us a physical presence on offense, they're beasts who are always ready to make plays. In the first half we were losing groundballs and 50-50s and we weren't backing up our goalie, Louis Ragusa. We were giving up wide open shots in front of him, so we decided that's not how we roll and came out physical in the second half, and if we were going to give up goals they were going to have to pay for them."

Seems most everybody in Section 1 pays dearly at some point...

LAKELAND/PANAS has always played second fiddle to Yorktown, but it's high time we give the reigning Class A champion Rebels (6-0) some dang respect after they pared the fat off the regular-

season trimmings with a 12-10 victory over 2016 runner-up Mamaroneck and followed that up with a 12-4 triumph of perennial Section 5 powerhouse Penn Yan Saturday.

Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels have the kind of proficiency that has some in the business wondering if they might have enough in the tank to contend with Yorktown in the annual Murphy Cup game on May 5th. Win or lose, this scribe could care less: Lakeland/Panas needs to be respected for what it currently is; among the top three programs in Section 1 history.

Living in the shadows of Yorktown isn't easy, but the Rebels have gone about their business methodically and respectfully under Lindsay and his staff. It's high time we give a nod to that and the work they're doing. Junior sniper JoJo Janavey jumped all over Penn Yan for four goals and an assist while seniors Sean Makar and Tim Fallo worked in concert, both going for three goals and four assists. Drew Thompson scored twice.

Sophomore TJ Bryan won 20 of 25 faceoffs and scored twice for the Rebels against Mamaroneck, so the Rebs will hope to exploit Yorktown at the X in the Murphy Cup game, which would really have some juice if the Rebs were to somehow come in at 12-0. That won't be easy with Mahopac, Rye, improving Pelham and Somers upcoming. If the Rebels play like they did against Mamaroneck, someone will pick

them off. Coach Lindsay was less-than-impressed with the sloppy, inconsistent effort despite Janavey's four goals and one assist. Makar added two goals and three assists. LSM Griff Shiland, who we love to watch go coast to coast, bagged two goals and Reb G Kevin Dyckman had nine saves...

SOMERS is pretty dang good this season; the only problem is there may be two teams better than Coach Vin DeGregorio's Tuskers (3-4). Still, Somers will be the team both Yorktown and John Jay hope to avoid in the semifinal round of the Class B playoffs after the Tuskers knocked off Mahopac, 6-5, last week...

MAHOPAC's current three-game skid – including Mamaroneck, Somers and Suffern (what up with that one?) -- could get up to five this week if the Indians (2-4) can't stop the bleeding against Yorktown and Lakeland/Panas this week. 2-6 is not what the program hierarchy was expecting...

Never thought we'd see the day when three quality programs like **HEN HUD** (1-3), **BREWSTER** (1-6) and **PUTNAM VALLEY** (1-4) were a combined 3-13, and momma always said, "If ya ain't got nothing nice to say, keep your yap shut!" Not quite as cave-womanish but you catch the drift. The Sailors did restore some order in a 15-7 win over Carmel (5-2) when Connor Gallagher (4G, 4A) and Bryce Caffrey (3G, 1A) got unleashed.

Sports

Girls LAX Notebook

Brewster Knocks of Lakeland/Panas; Yorktown Rolls

By Tony Pinciario

BREWSTER made sure it did not fall into the trap.

The Bears were scheduled to play Lakeland/Panas their second game during spring-break week, but first Brewster opened with Nyack.

Instead of looking ahead to the **LAKELAND/PANAS** game, Brewster went into the Nyack game focused and took care of business in a 15-10 victory. The Bears followed it up with a convincing 16-7 triumph over Lakeland/Panas, improving to 4-1 this season.

The victories were what Brewster wanted following a disappointing loss to Mamaroneck.

"We looked at the Mamaroneck game like one we could have had," said lone Brewster senior Dana Lestrangle. "We had to focus on working together and believing in us. We also knew that we had to pick up our game and knew we were capable of more."

Lauren Craft led Brewster with four goals and two assists against Nyack. Michelle Feighan added three goals and two assists, Meagan Beal had a hat trick and Dani Regan finished with two goals and two assists. Marina Souza dished out four assists.

Brewster came into the Lakeland/Panas game with one thing in mind and imposed its will from the opening draw.

"We set the pace, played our game and forced them to play into us instead of us trying to keep up with them," Lestrangle said. "It was the deciding factor in the game. We played to our level and didn't stop."

"We came into the game composed and focused on our goal. Instead of putting ourselves in a hole and playing catch up the whole game, like we did against Mamaroneck, we won the draw, scored



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L-P's Emily Kness had a six-point game in Rebels' 14-12 win over Fox Lane.

the first goal and that got our blood pumping."

Craft and Beal had four goals apiece while Michelle Feighan, Maggie DePaoli and Souza each scored twice and Regan set up four goals.

Lestrangle, a starter on defense, and her teammates are quite happy with a 4-1 start, considering the graduation departures and Brewster being an underclassmen-laden group.

"I've always been very close with the younger girls," said Lestrangle, who began playing in fourth grade with the Brewster girls' youth program. "I love playing with them because they are always working so hard and always want to do their best. A lot of our returning players are sophomores



L-P's Kristen Kelly is in great position to halt Fox Lane's Gianna New in Rebels' 14-12 win over Foxes.

but they playing like seniors. Even though younger than me they don't act like it..."

YORKTOWN improved to 6-1 this season by sweeping Rockland County - 17-9 over defending Section 1 Class A champion, North Rockland, and 17-15 over perennial Class A power Suffern.

Rilea Fusco and Michelle Seger each had four goals against North Rockland. Caroline scored twice and had five assists. McKenna Duff and Ellen O'Callaghan chipped in two goals and two assists apiece.

Seger was on fire against Suffern, scoring seven goals and setting up two. Fusco netted five goals and O'Callaghan had two goals and an assist...

SOMERS held a four-goal lead at halftime, on its way to a 13-8 victory over Pelham.

Eight players scored goals for the Tuskers, led by Katie Campbell who had three and two assists. Teagan Lucchese, Livy Rosenzweig and Hannah Tiso each had two goals. Lucchese also had two assists. The scoring was rounded out on goals by Sophia Fiorino, Lauren Colavito, Emma Kittredge and Jordan Cavaliero...

MAHOPAC went 1 for 2 on the week, opening league play with an 18-3 thumping of Wappingers before Mamaroneck secured a 16-10 victory over the Indians.

Morgan Kirby led Mahopac with four goals against Wappingers. Caroline Raymond and Katie McDonough each had three goals and three assists. Devin King, Kristen Maxwell and Briana Corace had two goals apiece.

"The girls were putting themselves in good positions and moving the ball a lot better," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "It was a long stretch of games without any practice, but this was our best

performance."

Mamaroneck led 8-5 at halftime. Mahopac opened the second half with a quick goal, but the undefeated Tigers responded with five consecutive goals in four minutes.

"It was a game of possessions and runs, and unfortunately Mamaroneck was more successful than us in both of those areas," Lieto said. "We were never able to score more than two goals in-a-row while they were able to go on a three-goal run in the first half and the backbreaking five-goal run in the second half after we got as close as 8-6."

Raymond finished with four goals and two assists and Maxwell netted two goals...

LAKELAND/PANAS split a pair of games as the Rebels overcame Fox Lane, 14-12, before a 16-7 loss to Brewster.

Carlyn Mucci, who will attend Pace University in the fall and play lacrosse, finished with a game-high six goals against Fox Lane. Emily Kness added two goals and four assists and Jenna McCrudden scored twice.

Mucci scored twice and Kelsey McCrudden had a goal and two assists for the Rebels against Brewster.



L-P's Kelsey McCrudden (L) had six points in loss to Brewster last week.

PUTNAM VALLEY Coach Courtney Hyndman was pleased with her team's play in an 11-8 loss to Arlington as the Tigers trailed by one goal, 6-5, at halftime.

"We had outstanding performances by Jessica Denike, Emma Rippon, Joanna Pelc and Isabella Dedvukaj," Hyndman said.

Madelyn Deegan and Jacklyn Phillips paced the offense with three goals apiece. Rippon finished with a goal and three assists.



L-P middle Carlyn Mucci finished with a game-high six goals in 14-12 win over Fox Lane.