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Brewster Schools Face Heat After Vacation-Pay Snafu

By Anna Young

After the Brewster Central School District came under intense scrutiny last week for allowing administrators to cash in on additional unused vacation days immediately after eliminating several teaching positions, administrators took steps to salvage their relationship with the community.

Following Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, where some board

members approved a resolution to increase the number of vacation day compensation for administrators from 15 to 20 days, contractual decisions were made to restore a position that was eliminated from the school budget.

"There was an embarrassing item placed on the agenda involving vacation buy back days that caused anger and rage

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From left to right: Brewster board vice president Sonia Mesika, president Dr. Stephen Jambor, and school chief Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedemonte faced throngs of unhappy residents last week.

She's Crafty! Brewster Senior Nets 200th Career Goal



Brewster senior middle Lauren Craft scored the 200th goal of her prodigious career in last Thursday's 11-6 win over visiting Mahopac, in which Craft bagged a hat trick and set up another goal for the surging 6-1 Bears.

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Brewster Cub Scouts Compete in Annual Derby



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The Cub Scouts of Brewster Pack 1 held their 2018 Pinewood Derby on Saturday March 24 in JFK School cafeteria. More than 40 Scouts participated in this year's race. Each Scout builds a car using the car kit provided, and must meet strict specifications. Help is provided from family members if needed. Scouts compete first by rank and grade, and the top three winners from each rank and grade compete in the Pack Finals to determine the top three winners. This year's 1st grade Tiger Cub winners were Cole Ruggiero (1st), Matthew Calamari (2nd), Adam Schnatz (3rd). The 2nd grade Wolf Cubs winners were Henry Naughton (1st), Jackson Corry (2nd), Graydon Galluzzo (3rd). The 3rd grade Bear Cub winners were Troy Ruggiero (1st), William Mattson (2nd), Michael Calamari (3rd). The 4th & 5th grade Webelos winners were Matthew Vanbuskirk (1st), Mark Gil (2nd), Noah Gebing (3rd). The Pack Finals winners were Michael Calamari (1st), Cole Ruggiero (2nd), Henry Naughton (3rd).

State Tests Opt Out Rates Decline Across Putnam

By David Propper

In a trend seen across the region, the number of Putnam County students that opted out of the New York State English Language Arts standardized exam last week dropped off from previous years, according to data released by local school systems.

The Carmel school system once again had high opt out numbers, with 35 percent of eligible students not taking the test, but it was still an seven percent decrease from the previous year. In Putnam Valley, 16 percent of students didn't take the ELA test, which is a sharp decline from the previous year when almost 30 percent refused the test. The Brewster school system saw 17 percent of students opt out, also a sharp decrease from the previous year. Within the Garrison school system, 20 percent of students didn't take the test and in

Haldane, 14 percent of students opted out, according to a database compiled by The Journal News, which is much less than last year's opt out numbers for the western Putnam schools.

Attempts to attain opt out numbers from the Mahopac school system were unsuccessful before press time.

School officials within the county encouraged parents to allow their students to take the tests, citing numerous positive changes to the exams. The state tests are for students 3rd through 8th grade, with math exams being held in a few weeks.

In a letter to the community, Putnam Valley school chief Fran Wills said the testing would provide teachers with "valuable information" about a student's growth and achievement and the effectiveness of the school's instructional

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practices.

She noted many of the improvements like shorter tests and involving teachers in crafting these tests are the result of teacher and parent advocacy.

"To further student learning, our teachers have employed new instructional strategies aligned to New York State Standards," Wills said in a note to the school community. "The information gathered from these assessments help us make adjustments to our curriculum."

In an interview, Brewster Board of Education president Dr. Stephen Jambor said the state education department has worked to address some of the concerns they've heard about the state exams. The test is shorter with clearer questions, Jambor said, and most importantly, there is more of an educational approach that doesn't rely on scores.

He said he hopes parents that have followed news about the state exams are more encouraged with what they've seen and are allowing their children take the exams.

Jambor said the school community is still worried about possible

ramifications if too many students opt out, particularly from the federal government. Jambor said he hasn't seen as many organizations, including teacher unions, make a strong push this year to get students to opt out.

This year, the Carmel school system took a firmer stance encouraging parents to allow their child or children to take the state exams, explaining there could be consequences for the local school systems that have high opt out rates.

Carmel Superintendent of Schools Andy Irvin wrote to parents with the implementation of the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act starting with the 2017-18 school year, students that don't take the tests will be included in a new Composite Performance Index that publicly reports school performance.

"Non-participating students will have a negative impact on the reported academic performance of the school," Irvin wrote. "Since this new Composite Performance Index will not accurately reflect the performance of our schools, we are encouraging all students to participate in the state assessment program so that our schools are accurately reported."



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Q: What advantages does it have over a total knee replacement or fixed-bearing partial knee?

A: The main advantages are faster recovery time and less pain. Total knee replacement is major surgery involving the removal of a substantial portion of bone in the knee and half the supporting ligaments. The less invasive partial knee replacement preserves all the ligaments and two-thirds of the healthy knee. Patients can often go home the same day and recovery time is cut in half.

Q: Why do some doctors recommend a total knee replacement even if the problem can be fixed with a partial knee?

A: Historically, physicians have favored total knee replacements over partial for almost all patients with severe osteoarthritis because they last longer than fixed-bearing partial knees.

But statistics show that the mobile-bearing knee is comparable to a total knee replacement in terms of durability. Twenty years post-implant, the mobile-bearing knee is still viable in 91 percent of patients. The comparable figure for total knee replacements is 93 percent.

Q: How do I know if a mobile-bearing is right for me?

A: Knee replacements are done only for people whose osteoarthritis is severe or "end-stage." Your doctor will determine which type of replacement you need based on a physical exam and x-rays. In about 30 to 40 percent of patients, the osteoarthritis is contained only on the medial or inner part of the joint. If the rest of the knee is healthy, you might be a candidate for a partial knee replacement with the mobile-bearing device, whereas someone with arthritis throughout the knee or a torn ligament is not.

Brewster Schools' Budget Cuts Numerous Positions

By Anna Young

The Brewster Board of Education adopted the school district's proposed \$99 million budget for the 2018-19 school year, which resulted in the elimination of more than a dozen full-time positions.

During the April 10 meeting, school officials explained that a lack of state aid funding and a significant increase in health insurance, pensions and debt was to blame for the loss of 18 positions throughout the district. Board president Dr. Stephen Jambor said at the beginning of the meeting that the board needed to

reductions would result in larger class sizes, but said they would comply with board policy.

The budget, which is tax cap compliant, contains a budget-to-budget increase of \$3.6 million, or 3.75 percent, over the current year. Under the approved budget, Brewster would see a 2.22 percent tax levy increase, along with a 2.9 percent increase in state aid.

Under the adopted budget, spending on salary will rise 0.6 percent with employee benefits increasing 4.3 percent. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and

Operations Victor Karlsson explained the increase to employee benefits is due to an 8.5 percent hike in the teachers' retirement system and a 3.7 percent rise in health insurance premiums.

He added that the district is insuring more employees next year than previous years.

General support will increase 2.9 percent due to a higher operations and maintenance budget. Transportation will rise 2.4 percent with civic activities decreasing 7.0 percent. Debt services will jump 14.0 percent. Karlsson explained that

the increase is due to district payments on capital improvement projects.

Karlsson added \$1 million would be transferred to the capital fund for a paving project at JFK.

Along with the budget, voters will also be presented with a \$754,000 proposition for school bus replacement.

The state mandated budget hearing will be held on May 5, with the annual statewide budget vote and school board election scheduled for May 15. For further information on the budget, visit www.brewsterschools.org.



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Victor Karlsson at last week's meeting.

close a roughly \$363,000 gap before the budget could be adopted.

Superintendent of Schools Valerie Henning-Piedmonte insisted that reducing an additional seven positions on top of the 11 already proposed in the budget would close the gap. She added that eliminated positions would be based on retirements and resignations.

"None of these are positions we want to freely give up," Henning-Piedmonte said. "We can make a compelling case for every position on this list, but the reality is we need to close a fairly large budget gap. This is not a decision we want to make."

The high school will see a reduction in social studies, special education, world language, and ENL. The board also approved to dismiss the assistant principal position along with two science teachers. The middle school will lose an English and social studies teacher, along with an ENL teaching assistant.

CV Starr Intermediate will lose a third and fifth grade classroom teacher and a social worker. Five district wide aides have also been eliminated.

While parents in attendance spent nearly three hours commenting on the budget, several stressed students would be most hurt by the loss of the two science teachers at the high school. While the board struggled to eliminate the positions, they agreed the reduction presented an opportunity to restructure the science department.

"I think that certainly this is an opportunity to look at how to increase the offerings and to refresh the offerings so that we are not focusing on test prep, but we need to focus on engaging students to love science," Henning-Piedmonte said.

She added that the district wide

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Putnam Legislature Wants to Start Anti-Bullying Campaign

By David Propper

With bullying a common plague that affects students in Putnam County on a daily basis, the county Legislature is exploring ways it can reduce the teasing and hurt feelings among youths.

Legislator Toni Addonizio requested the topic be brought forward to the health committee meeting last Wednesday, calling it an important subject that should be addressed. She noted bullying can lead to low self-esteem and other problems for a young person, which in turn can lead to harmful behavior, including drug and/or alcohol abuse.

"I want to integrate a way that we can maybe stop it before it starts," Addonizio said.

Vice president of CoveCare, Liza Szpylka, who works in behavioral health services, recited statistics that show how prevalent bullying and teasing can be across the country. She said one in five students reported being bullied in some way. That bullying can either be verbal, physical, or emotional, Szpylka said. She added cyber bullying is also part of the problem as social media becomes entwined in a young person's life.

She suggested compiling stats from school districts in Putnam to get a firmer idea how often bullying occurs in the county and what type of bullying it is. She said CoveCare is involved in the Putnam



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Lawmaker Toni Addonizio wants the county to start an anti-bullying campaign.

Valley, Mahopac, and Haldane school systems. School prevention programs to fight against bullying actually can reduce it by 25 percent, Szpylka said.

"It's very key to get the other students involved in this so they are the best line of defense for someone who is being bullied," Szpylka said.

Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES is implementing an anti-bullying app in the region and Putnam Valley is the first

school system that is using it. Students can anonymously report possible bullying situations on the app.

Szpylka pointed out adults can be bullied as well, including 30 percent at the work place.

"If you're a bully as an adult, you have had some experience with that as a child," Szpylka said.

Legislator (and Brewster high school administrative assistant) Ginny Nacerino

'It's very key to get the other students involved in this so they are the best line of defense for someone who is being bullied.'- CoveCare Vice president Liza Szpylka

said the Brewster school system is very progressive when tackling bullying. She mentioned cyber bullying is a major problem, where the taunting can be 24 hours a day.

Social services commissioner Michael Piazza said his department is working with schools to develop a program to fight back against bullying. He said one of the causes of suicide is bullying. He added a peer stopping others from bullying is critical.

"This is a really serious issue," Piazza said. "A child who sees the world as a happy place, as a place to learn new things and all of sudden by middle school it becomes a place where there's fear and there's danger and people like victimizing certain people."



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Carmel School District Addresses Student Safety

By David Propper

With an uptick in school shootings occurring across the nation, school officials in Putnam County continue to evaluate how safe their students are, including Carmel, which discussed ways to better protect them last week.

The discussion took place during last Tuesday's school board meeting, in which Carmel school chief Andy Irvin explained how the district keeps students safe on a daily basis and its training and planning in preparation for any incident the district might face.

Irvin said there have been multiple additional mandates since 2015, including emergency response training and required drills. Safety plans are put together, but are not available for public view because of obvious safety precautions.

"We cannot and don't think that we can prepare for every single possibility, but we try to put as many possibilities into our training as possible," Irvin said.

Irvin said following the Sandy Hook school shooting he had a hard time imagining having armed guards at the doors of elementary schools. But this year's budget would include Special Patrol Officers (SPO) for each elementary and primary school, Irvin said. An SPO is less expensive than a School Resource

Officer (SRO), Irvin said, because an SPO is retired law enforcement. An SRO is part of the sheriff's department and one of each is at the high school and middle school.

Irvin said visitors are not allowed to enter any school building unless it is the main entrance or in the high school's case, the library entrance or front of the building. There is a project to build fencing around the perimeter of school campuses to keep students safe when they are outside during activities like recess, he said. A computer program has also been implemented to detect if certain words are typed into a school computer, like "bomb," Irvin said.

Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES safety coordinator Frank Guglieri said at the meeting the state passed down safety mandates in response to other school shootings that have occurred in the country in recent years. Guglieri lauded Carmel for taking additional training and planning steps to buff up its safety.

"Safety today is not safety five years ago," Guglieri said.

In the next couple of years, the state will likely mandate threat assessment training, Guglieri said, though BOCES has already held a workshop regarding that subject. Situational awareness was also being tackled by Carmel, even

before the Parkland, FL. school shooting that left 17 staff members and students dead in February, Guglieri said.

"If I had kids would I send them here," Guglieri said. "Yes, I would. Not only educationally, but from a safety standpoint."

Sheriff's office Sergeant Michael Szabo, who is the SRO supervisor, said Putnam is ahead of curve when it comes to armed guards attending schools within the county, with training for SROs and SPOs

He said recently there was a situation where it was believed a gun was brought into a school and in less than two minutes an officer on the campus was at the location of the possible incident. Luckily, it was not a real threat, Szabo said.

"I don't want somebody responding to my kids' school if there was an incident that's five minutes away," he said. "I want them there."

Parents also offered their input, with many of them urging the district to do even more.

Parent Jennifer Lambert, who has two children in the district, said her daughters suggested they need better places to hide in the event of a shooting. Lambert mentioned bulletproof glass windows, metal detectors, and other security measures. She noted parent organizations could hold fundraisers to

pay for the extra security.

"We need our children alive," Lambert said. "And not shot."

Parent Vincenzo Albanese, who has one daughter in kindergarten and younger children that'll enter the school system in a few years, said he would like an officer assigned to every school in order to respond to a threat right away.

"I don't want to hear the word budget used in the same sentence (as safety)," Albanese said.

Another parent, Amy Conroy of Kent, suggested a more robust mental health program for the district. She said the hope is to catch problems with troubled students before an incident occurs.

Parent Alison Hooten said she'd be willing to fundraise to improve the safety of the school.

"I know this community and (parent-teacher organizations) will get it done for you," Hooten said.

Irvin encouraged parents to have a family emergency plan in place and said the district will continue to communicate with parents as well as possible, especially in the event of an emergency. Irvin said the school district must balance creating safe buildings with proper codes and compliances.

"We don't stop with our ongoing training and drills," Irvin said.

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in the auditorium,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte explained in a letter to the district Wednesday night. “The positioning of these two agenda items could not have been worse.”

Henning-Piedmonte, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Victor Karlsson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle Gosh, and Director of Human Resources Kathleen Culligan agreed to freeze their salary for the 2018-19 school year, reduce the vacation buy back to 10 days and contribute an additional 3% to their health insurance.

Following a heated three-hour debate between parents and officials on the school's \$99 million budget that resulted in the removal of more than a dozen positions to close a budget gap, frustrated parents accused Henning-Piedmonte and her administrative team of cashing

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in on money the district doesn't have.

Henning-Piedmonte explained that administrators often forgo their vacation time due to their responsibilities to the district. But parents collectively agreed a “use it or lose it” policy be enacted for vacation time and encouraged administrators to use up their vacation days.

“We all have careers and busy lives, so take your days is what we're saying rather

than steal it from the budget where we obviously don't have it to spend,” one parent said.

But the resolution that was on the April 10 agenda had previously been approved during a board meeting last July, board president Dr. Stephen Jambor said. According to Jambor, the board crafted last week's “clarifying resolution” after they realized the relevant materials related to the compensation policy were not made available to the public following the July 11 meeting.

Jambor explained the topic had been discussed in executive session, but the background information was never transferred into a public viewing folder upon their vote.

“In fairness to the public, there is a procedure and I'm acknowledging that procedure was not followed,” Jambor said. “I'm taking that responsibility.”

The board unanimously approved the resolution during the July meeting, but Tuesday's meeting resulted in a 4-1 vote in support of the increase. Newest board

members Kerry Cunningham and Glenn Niles abstained and vice president Sonia Mesika voted against it.

“The lack of transparency is disgusting,” one parent screamed after the vote.

Jambor, who is not seeking reelection, explained in a letter to the community why the board considered the contractual change last summer. After the district's capital improvement project restricted Henning-Piedmonte to the school campus, she sought compensation for five unused vacation days.

Following the board's July vote, she cashed in on her days, which amounted to nearly \$5,000.

“Many school districts offer this benefit to superintendents whose duties sometimes preclude taking vacation time,” Jambor stated in his letter. “Brewster Central School District has done so in the past, and stands by its decision to offer this benefit to Dr. Henning-Piedmonte.”



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Kent Town Board Appoints New Councilwoman Again

By David Propper

After there was a technical error in appointing a new councilperson to the Kent town board last month, the town board voted again last week to appoint Christine Woolley to the local governing body.

The vote was 3-1, with the GOP majority on board approving the appointment of the Woolley, who is replacing former councilman Scott Chin. Chin stepped down with a little more than one year left on his first term because he moved to another town. The same night Chin's resignation was voted on, the Republican members of the board quickly took action to bring Woolley on the town board, blindsiding Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, a Democrat, in the process. The vote to appoint Woolley the first time was

3-1.

Fleming once again voted against the appointment because she thought the rest of the board members circumvented the process to interview and vet candidates and allow the public to comment on possible replacements for Chin.

“We left the community out of the process,” Fleming said. “We've always been a town board that was open to the public that took the voice of the public very seriously.”

She stressed her no vote had nothing to do with Woolley's qualifications, but the flawed process in which she came onto the board.

Fleming said while Chin's resignation was accepted to go into effect immediately, it was written on the resolution that his last day was March 21--the next day. Because Woolley was appointed right away after the vote while Chin was technically still on the board for another day, Fleming said it needed to be rescinded and done again properly.

Councilman Paul Denbaum questioned why the resignation and appointment needed to be rescinded and suggested the measures simply be amended. He noted there have been three special meetings since Woolley was brought on board and Woolley attended two of them, casting votes.

Woolley served on the town council for two terms in the 1990s and resigned due to health issues. She said she plans to only stay on the board for these next eight months and won't run for reelection.



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Report Suggests Redevelopment of Indian Point Land Possible

By Anna Young

A report outlining plans to redevelop more than 200 acres of Indian Point land was revealed last week as members of the state Indian Point Closure Task Force met to discuss the future of the property.

During last Thursday's meeting at Cortlandt Town Hall, D.L. English Consulting released its preliminary report identifying four parcels on the 240-acre property that could be available for both near and long-term reuse opportunities after the plant is tentatively scheduled to close in 2021.

The report identified three parcels consisting of two 50-acre lots and one 18-acre unit that were classified as non-impacted land and could be available for development while decommissioning activities occur. According to the report, the properties could be used for commercial development or a renewable energy production facility.

The first 50-acre site warrants a more detailed property review between site owner Entergy, the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan to determine the boundary definitions of the land. The parcel includes Entergy's training building and right-of-way easements for electric and gas transmission lines.

The second 50-acre site is heavily wooded with an underlying terrain which

'We believe the study will be invalid because it does not involve input from anyone with expertise in pipeline rupture dynamics.'
- SAPE cofounder Susan Van Dolsen

could present development challenges and permit an environmental review. The area borders the independent spent fuel storage installation and could be home to protected wildlife species.

The fourth parcel, which contains the three nuclear reactors on the site, consists of roughly 140 acres. Outlines of the report suggest the parcel could be available for development 10 to 15 years following the start of the decommissioning process, but reuse suggestions were not provided.

Alyse Peterson of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), who presented the study, said identifying reuse opportunities would be highly speculative without knowing the independent spent fuel installation boundaries.

With an official report expected to be completed by April 30, state Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) questioned if D.L. English could accurately assess the property without the risk assessment report on the high-pressure gas pipeline near the nuclear plant. Governor Andrew Cuomo ordered the study on the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline project two years ago and the results have yet to be released.

Consultant David English said they were able to outline the easements of transmission gas pipelines on the property but having the risk assessment report would provide "great insight into what's being considered as an issue."

"We're at a disadvantage there," English said.

County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) asked if any third-party safety assessments were considered when preparing the report. English said they "briefly looked at" the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) analysis that suggested there was no issue with

the pipeline being close to property.

"I think that my comment after that is that we really need the risk assessment," Borgia said.

Some 50 residents in attendance held up signs throughout the two-hour meeting and were discouraged that the risk assessment wasn't available to appropriately analyze the property to create a sufficient reuse study.

"They are preparing a reuse study without fully analyzing the unique impacts of the co-location of gas transmission pipelines at a nuclear power plant that will have 1,500 tons of spent fuel on-site for the foreseeable future," said Stop the Algonquin Pipeline (SAPE) cofounder Susan Van Dolsen. "We believe the study will be invalid because it does not involve input from anyone with expertise in pipeline rupture dynamics."

Peekskill resident Courtney Williams added that the reuse study seemed highly speculative and lacked significantly. She suggested the state is wasting taxpayer money on a reuse study when the decommissioning plans and long-term nuclear waste storage plans haven't been considered.

Task force chair Tom Congdon said the risk assessment report is currently being completed and the task force will have the results in "due course."

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Committee Finds Murphy's Challenger With Unfair Campaign Practice

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee upheld all three complaints recently lodged by state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) against his likely challenger in the 40th state Senate District race later this year.

In a ruling released on Apr. 8, the committee agreed with Murphy's campaign that Robert Kesten lacked sufficient evidence to accuse the senator of receiving as much as \$2.5 million in contributions from

hedge funds and charge that Murphy opposes closing the carried interest tax loophole.

Murphy's third complaint arose from the posting of a photo on the Kesten campaign Facebook page showing the challenger at a protest where he stood near a sign which read "Murphy = Corruption." Kesten said he was not holding the sign nor was it his.

While Kesten said Monday he and his campaign will be extra vigilant regarding the wording on literature, social media postings and public

comments that he makes, he charged that the committee nitpicked and failed to see the larger picture.

For example, Kesten said Murphy's representative at the committee's hearing, Christopher Arnold, acknowledged that the senator had accepted at least \$11,000 in direct contributions from hedge funds. However, that fails to measure how Murphy has benefitted from outside sources not listed in contribution filings, including in his last two general election campaigns.

"These are not monumental charges," Kesten said of the committee's findings. "I think anyone who has observed the way campaigns have been run and how much money has been poured into them from various sources, recognizes the fact that far more money has been spent in previous Murphy campaigns against Ali Boak, against Justin Wagner."

In the first complaint regarding the alleged \$2.5 million in hedge fund contributions, the committee concluded "A candidate should make any data he/she presents in campaign literature (or other communications) as specific and detailed as possible. Claims must be accurate with regard to detail and context and clearly indicate the time-periods and the amounts involved, and the source of the information."

The committee stated that there was no evidence to link Murphy with any opposition to closing the carried interest tax loophole.

Kesten argued that is one of a growing list of issues where Murphy has refused to take a position, one of the reasons why he jumped into the race last year.

Finally, the committee concluded regarding posted Facebook photo that "there was no evidence presented which substantiated the corruption charge."

Murphy's campaign took full advantage of the committee's findings, saying that Kesten was caught lying.

"Robert Kesten has already lost all credibility with voters and he isn't even his party's nominee yet," said Murphy campaign spokeswoman Martha Ruiz Jiménez. "Most candidates wait until October for desperation to settle in but apparently Mr. Kesten is already there."

This was the second time Murphy filed complaints with the committee against Kesten. During the first filing of complaints last October, one was upheld while several others were not heard by the committee because they were deemed irrelevant.

Kesten, who remains the Democrats' only announced candidate in the race, said Murphy's playbook will be to run to the committee every time he disagrees with or dislikes a comment.

"I guess they will keep doing it as much as they can, trying to tarnish other people because that's the MO of their campaign," he said.

The committee consists of 19 members from assorted political backgrounds. It has no enforcement powers or authority to stop candidates but from using misleading statements or materials but it hopes to set an acceptable standard for political debate.



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These Are Not Your Grandfather's Manufacturing Jobs

The following is from the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation.

Why are so many local manufacturers struggling to find the help they need?

The Mid-Hudson Valley region with its easy access to markets regionally, nationally and internationally and its exceptional quality of life is ideally positioned to nourish the continued growth of manufacturing. Manufacturers here are presently offering a wealth of opportunity including excellent wages and benefits packages to skilled workers who can help them grow.

The Council of Industry, National Association of Manufacturer's look at national trends and figures reports that in 2014, the average U.S. manufacturing worker earned \$79,586 annually, including pay and benefits.

What then is the reason behind so many job vacancies?

That's one of the questions Jill Varricchio, president of the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation (Putnam County EDC) posed to the 76 registered manufacturing companies within her region at the end of 2017.

Their revealing answers prompted her to initiate a series of releases—Meet the Makers—to shed light on some of the findings. This first in the series focuses on Larry Fryer, president of Fryer Machines in Patterson.

Housed in a 65,000 square-foot facility, Fryer Machines manufactures a diverse line of over 50 models of high quality machine tools. In addition to its standard line, Fryer also produces customized machines for a number of major companies in the aerospace and automotive markets

According to Mr. Fryer, manufacturing has come a long way since workers lived near industrial centers and were paid minimum wages for sitting long hours on assembly lines. Yet this misconception prevails and is a major barrier to entry into today's modern, advanced manufacturing field. Many individuals who possess or could develop the skills necessary to have a career in manufacturing often



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Larry Fryer, president of Fryer Machines in Patterson.

don't apply because they don't realize the sector has changed and/or they don't fully understand what opportunities manufacturing now can offer them.

"Today's workers are no longer 'blue-collar,' he says. 'Silver collar is more apt—somewhere between labor and 'white-collar' management.' Many of the repetitive jobs that many people still associate with manufacturing are now accomplished by automated technology, he explains. In this digital age of manufacturing, the lion's share of design and production are handled by computers. People who are creative and computer-savvy are typically first in line for the jobs available today and they're highly recompensed for their skills.

The story of Mr. Fryer's entry into and rise to prominence in the field sheds light on how quickly manufacturing technology has progressed. After completing his studies in electronic engineering, he sought a career as a recording engineer: music was his passion. But soon he discovered an affinity for a different kind of heavy metal: CNC machining captured

his imagination. Like many successful start-ups from the 80's, Fryer started his company in his garage at his home.

CNC Machining stands for Computer Numerical Control. As its name implies, it is a process that involves the use of computers to control machine tools. CNC machining makes it possible to pre-program the speed and position of machine tool functions and run them with software in repetitive, predictable cycles, all with little involvement from human operators. With these capabilities, the process has been adopted across all corners of the manufacturing sector and is especially vital in the areas of metal and plastic production.

Fryer incorporated new advancements into his company's repertoire—from 3-axis machines that can move a part in two directions as the tool moves up and down to 5-axis capabilities that can rotate on two additional axes which helps the cutting tool approach the part from all directions. The process differs from another area of advanced manufacturing with vast potential for growth in the region—3-D printing. Simply put, 3D printing is a process that builds an object by adding materials layer by layer while a CNC machine removes material from a block to create the final product. "3D printing doesn't maintain the same accuracy for our purposes. It isn't as strong as what we require for the kind of metal production we do," he adds.

He soon needed room to grow but the cost of doing business was prohibitive in his hometown in Westchester County. He secured a 10,000 square foot facility in nearby Putnam County. Putnam could serve as a hub to his growing distributorship while providing more affordable expansion possibilities to accommodate future growth. He quickly outgrew his new headquarters and

moved to an even larger—40,000 square foot facility—also within the confines of Putnam. He has continued to expand that location to its current 65,000 square foot footprint.

Yesterday it was rarely possible to work in manufacturing and enjoy the quality of life a community like Putnam has to offer. Today, his highly skilled workforce has the earning potential to enjoy living in a family-oriented location filled with recreational opportunities.

Fryer Machines is a member of the Council of Industry of Southeastern New York, a 100-year-old not for profit of approximately 150 manufacturing firms with 50 or more employees. Harold King, executive vice president, says a smaller number of workers with expert skills can now produce what it took many to accomplish yesterday. Today's skilled manufacturing force can command higher salaries and reap greater benefits than what was available a few generations ago and many diverse paths are open to pursue—from management and supervision to mechanical engineers, mechanics, computer programmers, designers and more. "There aren't enough people ready to take advantage of the many opportunities available," he says. King reports that "there are many existing and in-the-making initiatives that are geared to fill this growing need like apprenticeships that help people learn valuable skills while they earn a paycheck. There are also paid internships that can accelerate the placement of candidates with potential. But the demand for skilled workers is still far greater than the supply."

So where does an employer like Larry Fryer look to find the manufacturing professionals he needs? In addition to high school graduates who have selected a technology tract, the company also seeks older individuals eager for a career change. "Most of our employees come to us at the age of 30 or over. Some can be in their 40's and embarking on a new career. Veterans returning to civilian life are excellent candidates," he says. But in spite of offering a solid living wage and providing a career in a dynamic field, it is still a challenge for manufacturers to secure the workforce they need. "The government needs to do more to help us open doors," Fryer says.

Opening doors is quite literally part of Jill Varricchio's job description. "Putnam already offers manufacturers an inventory of standing properties as well as ready-to-build sites," she says. "We also have the quality of life that many skilled workers will find ideal along with a proximity to the centers they will want to visit—like New York City," for example. "What we need to do now is spread the word about what manufacturing in general and our region in particular has to offer. We're hoping that our Meet the Makers initiative will do exactly that."

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Obituaries

Jean Marzollo

Jean Marzollo, award-winning author of the best-selling I SPY series and over 150 books for children, died peacefully of natural causes in her sleep at the age of 75 on April 10. She lived in Cold Spring, New York with her husband Claudio. Jean Martin was born on June 24, 1942 in Manchester, Connecticut to Richard & Ruth Martin. She grew up with two older siblings, Allen and Katherine. After graduating from Manchester High School in 1960, Jean earned a B.A. at the University of Connecticut in 1964 and a Masters in Teaching at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1965. In front of the classroom or on the page, Jean was a born teacher. After earning her Masters, she taught high school English for a year in Arlington Massachusetts, and then became assistant director of Harvard's Project Upward Bound in 1967. Later that year, she moved to New York City, working on early childhood development projects for the General Learning Corporation and getting to know sculptor Claudio Marzollo. They were married in February of 1969. Her tremendous sensitivity to children and crackerjack ability with words led the National Commission on Resources for Youth to name her their Director of Publications in 1970. Around that time she started, along with a few friends, an educational company to write materials for, and about, children. With this company she wrote the first parent/teacher guide to Sesame Street when it debuted on PBS, as well as articles for Parents Magazine, Redbook and other parenting magazines. In 1972, her first book for parents, entitled Learning Through Play, was published by Harper & Row. That same year, Jean became editor of Scholastic's "Let's Find Out" monthly school magazine for kindergartners, a job she loved for twenty years. It was here Jean worked for the first time with many wonderful artists and friends she collaborated with for the rest of her career. Jean's love of rhythm and rhyme led to her first published children's book, Close Your Eyes, (1978) illustrated by



Susan Jeffers. To the delight of readers young and old, she went on to write over 150 more children's books. Among her own favorites were Pierre the Penguin, The Little Plant Doctor, Soccer Sam, Mama Mama/Papa Papa, Happy Birthday Martin Luther King, and the Shanna Show books. Jean is, of course, best known for the best-selling I Spy series with the photographs of illustrator Walter Wick. Scholastic published the first I Spy book in 1992. Seven more I Spy classics would follow: I Spy Christmas (1992), I Spy Funhouse (1993), I Spy Mystery (1993), I Spy Fantasy (1994), I Spy School Days (1995), I Spy Spooky Night (1996), and I Spy Treasure Hunt (1999). These original classics have been published in over 20 different languages worldwide. Spin-offs include 6 more I Spy Challengers, 18 easy readers, 10 board books, a phonics fun box set, a sticker book, board games and puzzles as well as interactive games for Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS, Leapster, CD-ROMs for PC and Mac. The I Spy book series was even the inspiration for a television show on HBO Kids. For a time, I Spy Pudding could be found at your grocer. After the great success of I Spy, Jean began illustrating her own books, retelling and illustrating five Bible stories, three Greek myths, and writing and illustrating two counting books for preschoolers: Ten Little Eggs and Ten Little Christmas Presents. Jean loved writing for and working with children her entire life. She said, "I love all aspects of creating books for kids: writing, editing, working with illustrators or illustrating myself. I was always interested in testing my work with children ages 4-8 in classrooms to see if they 'get it.' If they don't, I fix it. Children are great editors. They teach me what works best for them and what doesn't." Jean and Claudio moved from New York City in 1976 to raise their two boys, and became very involved in their beloved Philipstown community. During the 1980s, Jean was a member of the Haldane School Board for 8 years, including 2 years as its president. She was a founding vice president of the Haldane School Foundation and one of the founders of the Philipstown Depot Theater. In 1996, she was awarded the Alice Curtis Desmond Award for

Children's Literature at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Most recently, in November 2017, the Butterfield Library named and dedicated its new Children's Library to Jean. In addition to her busy life of writing, illustrating, and school visits throughout the United States, Jean was often seen on Main Street "buying local" before it became a slogan. Jean is survived by her husband Claudio, her son Dan, her son David and his wife Melia, their children Gabriel, Westley and Simon, as well as her brother Allen, her sister Katherine, her niece, three nephews and six grandnephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Jean Marzollo Children's Reading Room at Butterfield Library or St. Mary in the Highlands in Cold Spring.

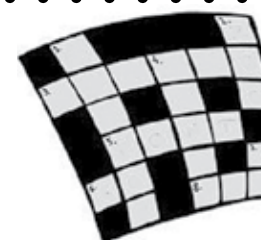
Stanley Rose

Stanley Rose, 92, of Mahopac, formerly of Yorktown Heights, died on April 10, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Rose was born on January 22, 1926 to the late, Jacob and Lillian Rose in the Bronx, NY. He was raised during the great depression and was part of the greatest generation that worked hard to serve Country and Family. During World War II, he proudly served our Country with the US Navy from 1944-1946, as a Navy Corpsmen. He married the love of his life, Kathryn Mansfield at St. John the Divine, NYC and together they were blessed with two beautiful children; Ellen and Brian. He received his Master's Degree at NYU in Physical Therapy. Before he retired in 1997 he was a Physical Therapist for Columbian Presbyterian Hospital, as well as, he provided in-home services for many years. Stanley took an immense amount of pride in everything he did in his life. He loved gardening and tinkering around the house. Although Stanley loved his work and gardening, it was his family he was most dedicated to. He was a wonderful husband, a loving father, brother, uncle and a friend to many. Stanley and Kathryn were blessed with 63 wonderful years together. His legacy and devotion to his family and friends will continue to grow in our

hearts. He is survived by his devoted wife, Kathryn, his loving daughter; Ellen (Michael) Jones, his sister; Rosalyn Rose, two grandchildren; Jonathan Kaplan, Trevor Kaplan; two step-grandchildren; Alicia Partin and Ian Jones and six great-step-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his beloved son; Brian.

Charles E. Fowler

Charles E. Fowler, a lifelong resident of Brewster, died peacefully at his home on April 11. He was 81 years old. Born on February 18, 1937 in Mt. Kisco, son of the late J. Edson and Myra (Drum) Fowler. Charlie was a 1955 Brewster High School graduate and continued his education at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN. Mr. Fowler honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958. On December 9, 1959 he married the love of his life Margaret Edds in Middlesboro, KY. Mr. Fowler was a comptroller with New Milford Nonwovens. Charles was a member of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department for 62 years. He was a longtime trustee of the Milltown Rural Cemetery Association in Brewster. Charlie enjoyed the ocean, particularly visits to Barbados. He was an active member of the 1st United Methodist Church of Brewster. Besides his wife Margaret, Charles is survived by his son; William E. Fowler of Hollywood, MD and many friends. He will be greatly missed.



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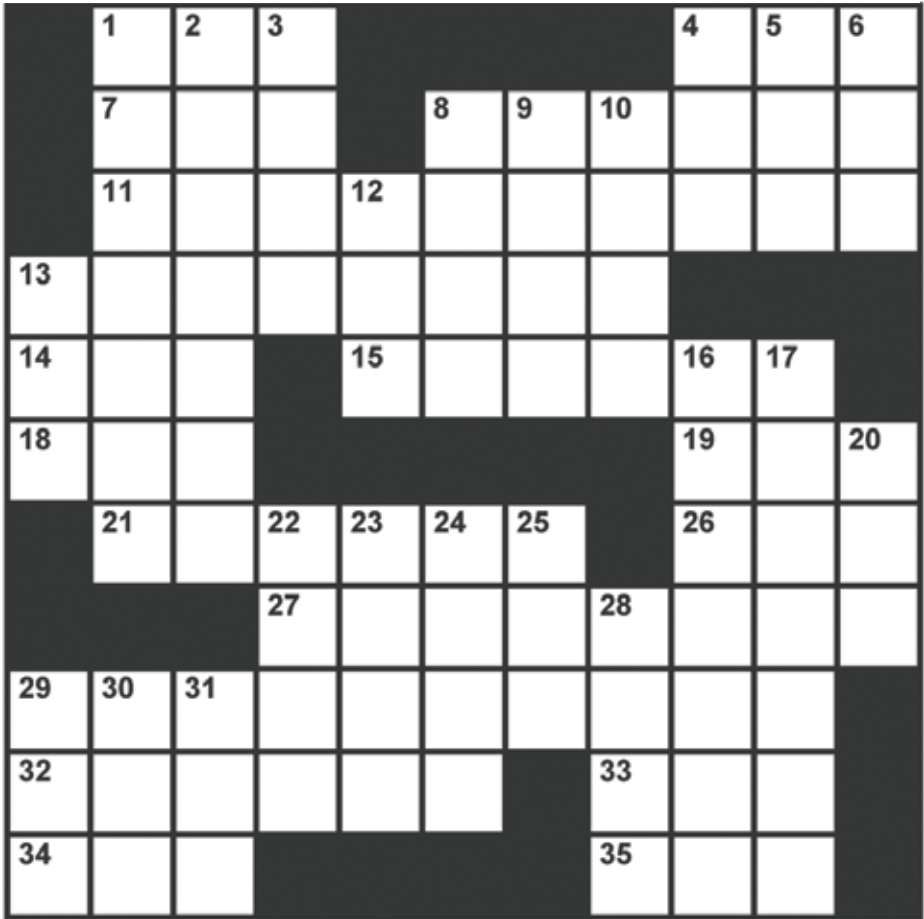
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- 1. It contains genetic info
- 4. Prepare for planting
- 7. It merged with Time Warner
- 8. View from a helicopter perhaps
- 11. Creative thinkers
- 13. Yorktown “superstore” for noshing, Bagel
- 14. Make sense
- 15. Improvises
- 18. Bearded antelope
- 19. “Yadda, yadda, yadda”
- 21. Casual cotton top
- 26. Make haste
- 27. Private
- 29. Lincolndale golf club
- 32. The plateau, in Spanish
- 33. Goes with Maria
- 34. Med. specialty
- 35. Debussy’s “La ____”

Down

- 1. Apparel
- 2. Stump with a difficult clue
- 3. Kind of sax
- 4. Sot’s sound, for short
- 5. Kind of bran
- 6. Golfer Ernie
- 8. “Put ____ on it!”

- 9. Last Hebrew month
- 10. Do followers
- 12. Georgian, for one
- 13. It’s hatchable
- 16. Suit
- 17. Movie that rates no stars
- 20. Clamp shape
- 22. Fox home
- 23. Dom Pedro’s slain lover
- 24. Vocalist McEntire
- 25. Rocky hill
- 28. Linguist Chomsky
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Principal Louis Riolo with student Karissa DiPierro

and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

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Catholic Charities and ShopRite Partner To Feed Hungry Families

ShopRite Supermarkets donated \$96,500 to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York in support of the supermarket chain's participation in the annual Archdiocesan-wide Feeding Our Neighbors food drive in its Hudson Valley market area.

ShopRite President Brett Wing and Tom Urtz, Vice President of Operations, were joined by ShopRite employees from throughout the region to present the donation to Bishop Dominick Lagonegro and Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, at the annual Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange and Sullivan's Celebration of Charity dinner.

ShopRite's 28 stores in the Hudson Valley participated in the annual mid-winter drive to raise food and funds to replenish food pantries throughout the Archdiocese of New York, which includes Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, and Westchester Counties. The funds were raised through customers' cash donations at check-



At Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange and Sullivan's annual Celebration of Charity dinner, ShopRite Supermarkets presented Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese with a check for \$96,500 in support of the 2018 Feeding Our Neighbors food drive.

out. Additionally, nearly 35,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated by customers at participating

ShopRite stores. In all, the donation from ShopRite and its customers totaled the equivalent of 421,000 meals.

"We are so very fortunate that ShopRite, their employees, and customers embrace a commitment to giving back to the community in which they live and work," said Msgr. Sullivan. "They are outstanding community partners whose generosity makes a positive difference in the lives of others. The donations made to Feeding Our Neighbors come at a time when food pantries are struggling to keep their shelves stocked and clients fed. Both the food collected and the funds raised will go a long way in feeding our hungry neighbors."

This is ShopRite's fourth year participating in the Feeding Our Neighbors campaign. To date, ShopRite has collected more than \$405,000 and more than 82,000 pounds of non-perishable food through the generosity of donations from ShopRite customers – the equivalent of 1,708,000 meals. The donations were distributed to food pantries, soup kitchens, and other anti-poverty programs throughout the

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Medication Take Back Day Set for April 28

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 28.

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: Victoria DiLonardo of the Putnam County Health Department at 845-808-1390 ext. 43125 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Putnam Valley, the box is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Patterson, the box is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

Putnam County Government Boosts Organ Donation

Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti and County Executive MaryEllen Odell will be partnering with Donate Life NYS during Donate Life Month to increase enrollment in the New York State Donate Life Registry. Donate Life Month is a national month-long observance aimed at raising public awareness of the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donation, as nearly 9,500 New Yorkers currently wait for transplants.

"April is National Donate Life month, and we are delighted to continue working with Donate Life NYS on a countywide basis to encourage residents to become an organ or tissue donor," Bartolotti said, "Putnam County is proud to be one of the many counties throughout the state participating in this important program and I am pleased to partner with County Executive Odell in bringing this program to the attention of our residents."

There are over 19 million New Yorkers; yet only 30% of adults in New York State are registered donors, compared to the national average of more than 50%. Bartolotti stated that, "While 41% of Putnam County residents are registered



donors, we believe we can do better!"

During the entire month of April, the Putnam County DMV office in Brewster will be encouraging New Yorkers to learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation and the impact it has on

thousands of New Yorkers. County Clerk Bartolotti will be filling the office with promotional items that urge New Yorkers to make a difference and give the gift of life by registering as donors. Enrolling in the New York State Donate

Life Registry is a way to ensure that an individual's wishes about donation will be known at the time of their death.

"400 New Yorkers die every year due to the lack of available organs. 98% of New Yorkers enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry through local DMV offices which makes our efforts on this behalf even more important," Odell said, "We can make a significant difference in increasing the numbers of donors through our constant contact with residents, and I am happy to work alongside County Clerk Bartolotti and Donate Life NYS to make their goal of a significantly increased registry a reality."

Correction

In the April 10-16 edition of The Putnam Examiner, the article "Garden Street School Could Finally Be Sold" the the non-profit, the World Heritage Cultural Center was wrongly identified as the World Heritage Foundation. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

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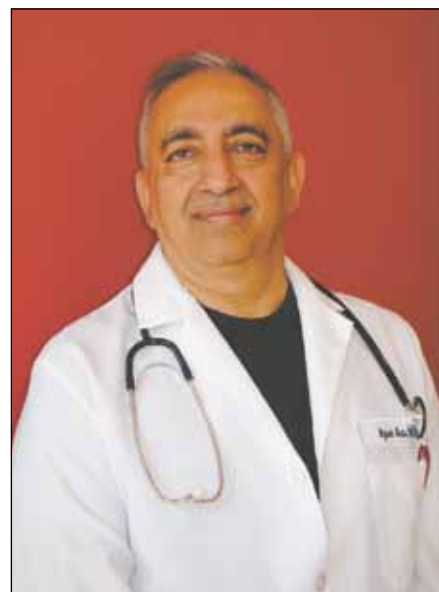
When the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and a light breeze is blowing, it is oh-so-tempting to throw open the windows and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of spring. Maybe you are even itching (pun intended) to roll up your sleeves and tackle some serious spring cleaning. But if you are one of the more than 20 million sufferers of allergic rhinitis, commonly called hay fever, you know that picture-perfect scene brings nothing but misery.

The two most common seasonal allergy triggers are pollen and mold. Beginning at this time of year and lasting into the fall, those pollen and mold spore particles are plentiful, airborne, and inevitably find their way into your home. Two-thirds of those with seasonal allergies are usually also allergic to dust, and the mites it harbors, as well as pet dander.

For allergy sufferers, there's plenty to sneeze at this spring, but there are also ways to keep your home and airways clean and clear.

Pollen Protection

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Leave shoes and pollen-covered clothes at the door or in a designated spot that doesn't track it throughout the house.
- Park the car in the garage.
- Wash your hair at night so you don't take pollen to bed with you.



Rajesh Gupta

- Wipe indoor pets down with animal wet wipes after outdoor play.

Manage Moisture and Mold

Use a HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) purifier in your home to catch and kill airborne mold spores.

Use a dehumidifier to keep moisture below 50 percent.

Replace air filters monthly with HEPA filters to block mold spores and pollen from entering through vents.

Spray visible mold with a vinegar, tea tree oil, water mix.

Clean moldy shower heads by tying a plastic bag filled part way with vinegar to the shower head and let it sit 30 minutes to overnight and then rinsing.

Dust and Dander

- Dust every square inch and surface from the top down.
*Fun tip: Use a lint roller on lampshades and rubber band a dust cloth around the end of a broom for hard to reach places.
- Don't dry dust. Trap dust with a wet cloth using a natural spray bottle mix of one half-cup of vinegar to two cups of water.
- Declutter every day so piles of books and magazines don't become dust (and mite) bins.
- Use dust mite mattress and pillow protectors. Wash bed linens weekly in hot water.
- Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter and empty in an outdoor bin so particles don't stick around.

Pull on some good quality rubber gloves and wear a face mask, when necessary, to keep your spring cleaning from making your seasonal allergies worse. Even a quick touch to your face can set off a series of sneezes and sniffles. While red, itchy eyes and a chronically runny nose are a miserable nuisance, it can affect your ability to get a good night's sleep and can aggravate asthma, eczema and migraine headaches.

Consequences of Divorce When There Are Real Estate Considerations

Depending on which statistics are to be believed, perhaps more than 50 percent of us today decide not to heed the Bible's warning in Matthew: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

We in the real estate business know that divorce is a primary catalyst for selling homes.

When I got married at a young age, I knew intuitively that it would be 'til death do us part. Through years of developing into maturity, adaptation to each other's changes, enduring disappointments and problems, as well as sharing the heights of great moments, indeed the marriage has flourished and become more cherished each year.

But for those who have a different experience with marriage, a major element of divorce is the division of property, which frequently involves the sale of a jointly-owned home. When a realtor is representing such a sale, in essence, she or he is working for both parties, and that can be an exercise in understanding and diplomacy, especially if the split is acrimonious.



By Bill Primavera

If the former partners are no longer speaking to each other but conducting all business through their respective lawyers and their real estate agent, it can demand double duty in communications.

You would expect that when a home is bought or sold, it would be an occasion for joy because the people involved are either walking away with money or moving into a new house. But with a divorce it can be emotionally and financially draining on the couple and even beyond their control if there is a court order to get the house sold.

For the lawyers and realtor – there can be two different matrimonial and real estate lawyers involved – it also can be a strain. The situation is negatively charged when you're working with people who may have reached the lowest ebb they're likely ever to have in their lives.

Coincidentally, when I was first researching this subject, I found myself in conversation with a woman involved in a divorce whose situation is interesting. She gave me permission to share them anonymously. She was selling a home that has been meticulously renovated

and enlarged from a small cottage-style home to a colonial of almost 3,000 square feet.

"Mine is an amicable divorce," she said, "and it's been going on for five years. My husband agreed that I could stay in the house until my son graduated from high school, but maybe I should have left before that, because it's really too much for me to take care of, inside and out, by myself."

When I commented on how much great work had been done on the house, she agreed and responded, "You can be sure that I never would be giving up this house were it not for the divorce, but now I have no other option."

I know of another situation with a different kind of ending that gives me a great deal of pleasure to report here, again with permission. It involved a couple who showed up at my real estate office unannounced and asked for me. Flatteringly enough, they said they had chosen me to list their home because, as readers of this column, they trusted my judgment. Then they dropped the bomb that the sale of their house was necessary because they decided to get divorced.

I'm certainly no psychologist or divorce counselor, but in the course of a long conversation it became apparent to me that they had enjoyed a solid

marriage for many years. I suspected that they were simply engaged in an argument and using the potential sale of the house as a pawn to get their feelings out with the help of an objective observer, namely me.

Based on these gut feelings, all I could say was, "Wait a minute. Are you sure you really want to do this?"

Both the wife and husband looked at me blankly, probably caught off-guard that they had encountered a realtor who was killing his chances of a deal. But they responded by both smiling and taking my advice to cool down, go home and discuss the situation further.

Bottom line, the couple is still together in the same home, we even become social media friends and they've never again mentioned divorce to me. It gives me a good feeling that, like most realtors, I am engaged in something more than just selling houses.

My handling of the situation lost me a sale, but it did fill my heart with gladness.

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Catholic Charities and ShopRite Partner To Feed Hungry Families

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Archdiocese.

Speaking to the crowd of more than 400 guests at Anthony's Pier 9, ShopRite's Wing said, "ShopRite staff and customers are the best. They are generous and community-minded. It is thanks to them that we are able to support the important work of organizations like Catholic Charities."

Leading the supermarket's Feeding Our Neighbors fundraising efforts this

year was ShopRite of New Rochelle, which raised \$8,070, followed by ShopRite of Scarsdale with \$7,249, and ShopRite of Fishkill at \$7,125.

While the Feeding Our Neighbors campaign takes place just two weeks each winter, the need to feed the hungry lasts all year long. For more information about making a donation of cash or food, contact your local food pantry, Catholic Charities office, or visit www.catholiccharitiesny.org.



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Law Book: The Space Between Golden Years and Death

By Salvatore Di Costanzo

When I meet with people for the first time who are interested in estate planning, their focus is usually on after-death planning. Whether their concern is minimizing estate taxes, planning for minor or spendthrift children, or simply passing assets to the next generation as quickly and efficiently as possible, nearly every meeting begins with a discussion on planning for death and the preparation of related documents, such as a Last Will and Testament or revocable trust. This is a shortsighted approach.

More important than planning for death is planning for that period of time between your golden years and death, where you may become disabled and incapacitated. I like to refer to this period as “the space between”. I often joke with clients that dying is not the problem. Becoming disabled and incapacitated - that is a problem.

It is sometimes difficult to redirect someone's attention to this topic when they have geared themselves up for a discussion about their death. I am very sensitive to this since most people wait many years before they find the nerve to finally talk about their death. Then they meet with me and I throw them a curveball about incapacity and disability. But once we start talking about how “the space between” can be a tumultuous time



Salvatore Di Costanzo

in a person's life, I usually grab their attention.

Once you die, the game is over. Your assets are no longer needed to cover the cost of your care. It is during “the space between” that you run the risk of losing a considerable amount of assets to the cost of your care. In order to fully appreciate this risk, one must consider the probability of falling ill and the possibility of requiring long-term care,

and then the limited options to pay for the cost of that care. It quickly becomes apparent that there are a limited number of ways to pay for the cost of long-term care and without proper planning, there is a high probability that you will spend a considerable amount of assets on your care, whether in a nursing home or while receiving care at home. This is why planning for “the space between” is my primary focus as an elder law attorney.

No one likes to think about becoming disabled or losing their capacity but compounding that with the significant loss of assets is usually intolerable for most. In order to properly plan, one must consider planning techniques such as an irrevocable Medicaid Trust and a properly drafted power of attorney together with a statutory gifts rider. These are documents that work to protect your assets if you require long-term care. A Last Will and Testament does not protect your assets. So often I hear people say to me, “doesn't my will protect me?” or worse, “my assets are protected because I have a revocable trust”. These documents do not protect your assets, they simply provide a mechanism to pass your assets to the next generation.

A typical estate planning package includes a Medicaid Trust in addition to your Last Will and Testament. A properly

drafted Medicaid Trust is one of the only techniques available to you to protect your assets if you fall ill and require nursing home care. As many of you know there is a 5-year lookback period when you transfer assets, including transferring assets to a Medicaid Trust. How many of you only have a Last Will and Testament?

Thus, when you decide to meet with me, be prepared to talk about “the space between” and remember, dying is the easy part. And if I shake your hand and tell you that I hope you die of a sudden heart attack, perhaps you can appreciate my rationale.

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The Appreciation of Wine Through Our Sensory Perceptions



By Nick Antonaccio

At my periodic wine tasting events for consumers I always emphasize that we each have individual, unique palates. Our palate influences our unique senses of taste and smell. Our palate influences our appreciation of one wine over another. Our palate segregates us into varying camps, such as red wine lovers or white wine lovers or dessert wine lovers.

But why is this?

The sensory experience we have with wine is focused and centered on two very distinct senses: our sense of taste and our sense of smell. When we savor a glass of wine it is these two senses that transmit ethereal data points to our brain cells and create impressions of the wine. One person's perception of sweetness may be another's perception of savory. One person's perception of an earthy wine may be another's perception of a barnyard characteristic.

Let's delve into the attributes and influences

of these two of our five senses.

Our sense of taste:

Remember ninth grade biology? We have four components of our sense of taste: sweet, salty, sour and bitter. More recently, science has unraveled and defined a fifth sense – umami (savory) – which I never knew I had but thank laboratory research for helping me discover it in my physiological make up.

We experience these senses when we sip wine and it interacts with our tongue and the lining of our mouth. It is these interactions that send signals to our brains and thereby form impressions of a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Pinot Noir. In turn, our receptors create memory banks for future reference so that the next time we taste a wine, these cells, through the signals from our tongue and mouth, will help identify if the wine is Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir or another wine.

This would be a fine explanation of how we interact with and perceive a glass of wine, but in fact it is

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Through the
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much more complicated.

Our sense of smell:

It is with this sense that we truly experience wine. Our brain receptors, and therefore our experience with wine, food and all things aromatic, are influenced significantly greater through our sense of smell than our sense of taste. Our physiological makeup bears this out. When we experience wine, it is our nasal passages that provide the sensory perception of our encounter, much more than our sense of taste. The body of receptors and interactions through our sense of smell includes more than 10,000 components.

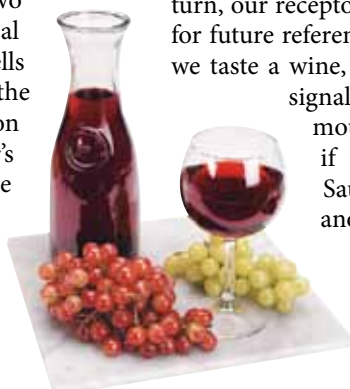
Therefore, our experiences with wine, and our brain's ability to record and remember these experiences, are overwhelmingly centered in our sense of smell. From fruit characteristics such as cherries or blackberries to nature's natural essence of ocean brine or earthy forest, we encounter everything around us primarily through our sense of smell. Without this, we would not be able to distinguish fruity wine from vegetal, or even some red wines from white ones.

These olfactory senses emanate from our nasal passages. This is why I have

my wine guests go through a ritual each time they experience a wine. First, swirl the wine in the glass to open its bouquet and distinctive aromas. Next, aggressively insert your nose in the glass to absorb the aromas. Then sip the wine and swirl it in your mouth. In this way you are opening the aroma receptors in your nasal passages to enjoy the full experience of appreciating, analyzing – and remembering – the wine at hand. It is in this way that I, and my guests and students, are able to anticipate the profile of a bottle of Barolo to be earthy and voluptuous and a Chablis to have elements of ocean brine or seashells.

The next time you encounter a glass of wine repeat the above exercises. From then on, your interaction with wine will have a baseline of comparison and a finely focused approach to fully experiencing and memorizing individual wines for future reference.

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May 31: Oh, My Aching Knees! by Northern Westchester Hospital. 400 Main Street 1st floor conference center Mount Kisco, 6 p.m., - 7:30 p.m. Address your knee pain at our free seminar Join our panel of experts and learn more about: Eric L. Grossman, MD, FAAOS - Total Knee Replacement; Arthritis & Non-Operative Treatment of the Arthritic Knee David Yasgur, MD, FAAOS - Partial Knee Replacement and Patient-Specific Technology Victor Khabie, MD, FAAOS, FACS - Navio-Assisted Knee Replacement and demo David Miller, MD - ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) Brittany Garrett, PT, DPT - Post-Operative Physical Therapy. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oh-my-aching-knees-registration-44455957967>

Ongoing:

Mondays: Family-to-Family Education Course: Kent Library Mondays at 6 p.m. The NAMI Putnam Family-to-Family Education Program will be offering a free 12-week course at the Kent Public Library to help caregivers understand and support individuals that have been diagnosed with brain disorders such as schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, anxiety disorders, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, post traumatic stress syndrome, and borderline personality disorder. 6 p.m. Participants have indicated that they have gained a better understanding of mental illness and how to best advocate for their loved one. Many have described the course as life-changing. The course will be taught by trained NAMI members who have lived the experience of dealing with family or friend that has a mental illness. You must register by calling Wanda Crowley at 914-522-3812 to attend. For more information please go to <https://namiputnam.org/>.

Thursdays: The Brewster Public Library is currently offering a free Basic ESL class. 5 p.m. -6:30 p.m. The class will focus on practical communication skills and is intended for anyone who speaks limited English, but wants help improving their spoken and written English. The instructor, Steve Rome is a retired teacher of 30 years who has taught Social Studies, French and Spanish; he is also a certified TEFL instructor who has taught ESL in Taiwan. The class will run through May 31. For more information visit www.brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Fridays: Lend Me Your Ears - Music with Marlana continues at the Kent Library for those ages 3-5! Fridays, April 20th & 27th from 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Lend Me Your Ears is an exciting interactive music program for preschoolers. Children will have a ball singing along with Marlana as she plays her acoustic guitar. Shakers, scarves and lots of movement guaranteed. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes

Tuesday, April 17

Chat 'n' Chill: Noon. Come gather with your friends or meet new ones, at this monthly get together at the Patterson Library. We will provide the space for you to bring your lunch, play cards, games, crafts or just sit and chat. Adults only. Registration not required but for more information, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Calling all Lego® lovers: 4:45 p.m. -5:45p.m. for our new program, Literary Legos®! Listen to a fun story and build a Lego® creation based on the story. Your Lego® creation will be put on display for the whole library to see. Program is for those ages 7-9 or grades 2nd -4th! Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Board After School: 4:30 p.m., - 5:15 p.m. Don't stay home after school. Come out and play with friends at this new club. This gaming club will feature laptop games, xbox, board games, group games, and Legos. For ages 5-8. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Henna Painting Workshop for Adults: 6:30 p.m., For centuries mehndi, the art of henna painting on the body, has been practiced in India, Africa, and the Middle East, where the henna plant is believed to

bring love, good fortune, and protection. The henna used in this workshop is all natural, made from finely sifted henna, lemon juice, and essential oils. With proper care a henna stain can last between 2-3 weeks. This is an adult program; registration is limited. \$5/person; register with fee at Mahopac Public Library.

Wednesday, April 18

Family University Coming to Carmel: Family University will be coming to the Carmel Central School District. Family University is an event where middle and high school students and their parents come together for an evening of workshops that focus on those issues that teens and families are facing today. The evening begins with a light dinner, followed by workshops for all three groups. An "Escape the Vape" room, fashioned after the current "escape room phenomenon" will be available for 8th and 9th graders, "Got Consent?" an interactive workshop for high school students will focus on healthy relationships and "Hidden Mischief", an interactive workshop where a teenager's bedroom is re-created and parents are asked to find those things that may be associated with substance abuse. These are just some of the workshops that will be available. The evening will end with a "community keynote" by Dr. Jess Shatkin, a noted child psychiatrist and author who recently penned the book "Born To Be Wild - Why Teens Take Risks and How We Can Help Keep Them Safe", which will be the topic of discussion. The event is open to all parents in the Carmel CSD as well as 8th through 12th graders. Pre- registration is highly recommended. The cost is \$5 per person. If you are interested, please go to <http://preventioncouncilputnam.org/carmel-family-u>.

eBay Class: 7 p.m. Looking to buy that special item at the best price? Have items that you want to sell but don't know how or where? Lance Whitney will show you the tricks and techniques for bidding, buying, and selling on eBay. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tots & Tunes: 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Channel all of that wonderful toddler energy. Join us while we share stories, sing songs, and dance, stretch, and jump to music. For ages 2-3. *Caregivers must remain in program. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Baby Brilliance: 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Start the day with stories, songs, and rhymes to help your baby's brain develop.

Improve motor, sensory, and social skills while making new friends during free playtime. *Caregivers must remain in program. For ages up to 23 months. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Story Time on the Road: 10 a.m., Mahopac Library brings a story time event to Dunkin Donuts on Route 6 in Mahopac! Enjoy fun books & songs! Planned for ages 2-6, all siblings & friends welcome! No registration needed.

Teen Jeopardy @ Mahopac Library: 3 p.m. Join us for a game of Teen Themed Jeopardy! Sharpen your knowledge of current events and various other teen subjects in Mahopac Public Library's Jeopardy showdown hour. Compete against other kids and win prizes! Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, April 19

Family History Through Genealogy: If you are interested in discovering the roots of your family, you can learn all about this through a course in Genealogy. Using a free data base and search engine you will be able to trace your family history back before they came to America. You will also be able to create a family tree that will be cherished by you now and for those family members in the future. This course on Genealogy is for people 55 and over and is being held at the Koehler Center in Mahopac 12:30p.m., For more information, please contact Judy Kolt at 845-277-5422

Friday, April 20

Tompkins Corners Presents "The Sacred Run, the lotus and the feather": 55-minute documentary film by Andrea Sadler, will be shown at 7 pm on Friday, April 20th at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is located at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley. Suggested donation is \$10 for tickets that may be reserved on our website at <http://www.tompkinscorners.org/reservations.html> or by leaving a message at 845 528-7280. For further information, email info@tompkinscorners.org.

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition Workshop Face Reading 101: The Basics of Reading Facial Features for Self-Discovery and Compassionate Interactions. 7 p.m., - 9 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$15 and it will be held at The Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main Street, Suite 101, Brewster, 10509 located at the rear entrance of the Southeast Museum and the Old Town Hall Theater. For more information or to register, please contact Elaine Gartner (845) 581-0076 or elaine@everydayfacereading.com

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Heintz Catches Up!

**Brewster Goalie Stones
Mahopac, Notches
200th Career Save**



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster sophomore G Danielle Heintz (1) was in the right place at the right time -- time and time again -- as she stopped eight shots and recorded the 200th save of her career in the Bears' 11-6 win over Mahopac and sophomore sniper Sophia Defrancesco (14), who scored twice for the visiting Indians last Thursday. Brewster senior Lauren Craft (inset, No. 11) scored three goals for the Bears, including her 200th career goal, and dished an assist while junior M Megan Beal added a hat trick and two assists. Mahopac sophomore Lindsay Neilis scored twice for the youthful Indians, who were without leading scorer Caroline Raymond, who got dinged up some in the Indians' 7-6 loss to Lakeland/Panas earlier in the week but hopes to return against North Rockland.

Sports

Boys' LAX Notebook

Balanced Hen Hud Surges Past Put Valley, off to 5-1 Start

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Host Putnam Valley witnessed first-hand the legitimacy of Class C title-hopeful Hendrick Hudson last Saturday when the Sailors posted a 14-7 triumph, improving to 5-1 during a five-game win streak. You name it, opponents, state pollsters, etc.; they're all snoozing on Coach Troy Lepore's Sailors. We will go on record here as being believers since Day 1, and last Saturday was the proof in the pudding when Hen Hud showed incredible balance: AJ Pannella (4G, 2A), Austin Fraser (3G, 2A), Max Popolizio (2G, 3A), Connor Gallagher (2G, 1A), Bryce Caffrey (2G, 1A), Ryan Pritchard (1G) and Braden Ellis (1A) all supported G Vinny Bell (10 saves). Mike Nolan and Joey Macquignon each had two goals for the youthful Tigers.

Seriously, though, the fact that these



Hen Hud's Bryce Caffrey (2G, 1A) makes his move on PV pole Tim Sainz in Sailors' 14-7 win over host Tigers Saturday.

Sailors have been overlooked by state and local pollsters is a crime, especially given the athletes they have on defense, including senior standout Dylan Fraser and Bell.

"They are very underrated," Putnam Valley Coach Tim Weir said before the Tigers took one on the chin. "They're legit, a serious Class C contender."

The Villanova-bound Austin Fraser, a combination of skill, speed and strength, was snapping ankles against the Tigers (3-3), drawing a ton of slides and attention, but, despite having six different goal scorers, second-year Sailors Coach Troy Lepore is taking nothing for granted.

"We played good lacrosse for stretches of time and then we had periods where we didn't value the ball and those turnovers were costly," the coach said. "PV was able to capitalize on them. We need to realize how important every possession is for us to be able to take the next step and continue getting better. As a unit, defensively we did some things well, and offensively we were balanced in our scoring attack. I think our effort and desire for each GB was great. We had our LSM's covering so much field and at times had 2-to-4 kids to a loose ball. We have a packed



Put Valley sophomore Kyle Wassil takes a run at Hen Hud's Mitchell Feldman in Tigers' 14-7 loss to visiting Sailors Saturday



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Hen Hud's Austin Fraser rips one of three goals he would score in 14-7 win over host Put Valley Saturday.

week coming up with three big games, so our goal is to be 3-0 but starts with a good practice Monday."

We see nine Section 1 foes left on the Sailors' schedule, including title-hopeful Pelham, but we like the Sailors' chances of running the table there and entering the tournament as a No.1-2 seed in the hopes of securing the first Section 1 title in school history...



Put Valley sophomore Kyle Wassil offers congrats to hotshot freshman prospect Garrett Leitman after Leitman scored in youthful Tigers' 14-7 loss to Hen Hud.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Pay little mind to the 5-3 record; it's the strength of schedule you must consider when you determine whether or not your buying the state-ranked (No.6) Huskers as the team to beat in Class B, and a 7-5 loss to Class A state-ranked (No.3) power Chaminade does little to dispel the notion.

No.2 HEN HUD – Fraser is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the balance of this attack, and the Sailor (5-1) defense is woefully underrated, as is this entire unit. State pollsters are ignoring

these cats but rating Nyack No.7 and Pelham No.8? Who's in charge, Charles? Still think it could be Rye vs. Hen Hud for the marbles #Don'tFailMeSailors.

No.3 SOMERS – More than anything, including a 13-5 win over Brewster, it's the 10-7 loss to state-ranked (No.1) Class D powerhouse Pleasantville that impresses us most when it comes to these Tuskers (3-3), who we'd like to see at 9-5 or 10-4 (best case) going in to the John Jay game on May 9. Somers A Vincent Cartelli pumped home seven goals and

dished two assists for the Tuskers in the win over Brewster. Lorenzo Sessa added two goals and two assists while Brandon LaSpina added two goals and one assist.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Indians (4-2) had beaten the teams they were supposed to beat until they got handled by Fox Lane, 9-6, which seriously dampens our enthusiasm when it comes to Class A title contention. Reckon we'll know more about the Indians by the end of May 1 when they will have faced Scarsdale, Mamo' and two-time reigning champ

Lakeland/Panas during a grueling upcoming stretch. If they go 2-1, they'll be in the mix in late May.

No.5 LAKELAND/PANAS – There are a couple of buttons on my dashboard; one of them is the panic button, and the 18-4 loss by the Rebels (2-4) to state-ranked (No.4) John Jay has me reaching for it (not pouncing). It's tough to three-peat in Section 1 lax unless your jersey has a Y on it. But Class A is way down this year and it's apparently ripe for the picking, so why not?

Sports

Girls' Softball Notebook

Slugging Somers off to Torrid 5-0 Start; Yorktown, Too

By Tony Pinciario

Opposing pitchers beware when facing **SOMERS**, the Class A Tuskers are wielding thunderous aluminum.

The Tuskers are currently 5-0 and have generated a minimum of 14 or more runs in four of their five games. Somers ran

"From the last pitch of our playoff loss in 2017, the team and I started counting down the days for a stronger, more unified team for 2018," catcher Gabby Mazzotta said. "Our core team has nine veterans and we were more excited than



Panas P Olivia Bordenaro fires pitch in 2-0 loss to Lakeland last Friday.

its winning streak to five with victories over John Jay-Cross River, 14-6, Kennedy Catholic, 16-1, and Rye, 5-1. The Garnets are the only team to hold Somers to single digits in runs.

The offensive eruption is nothing new to the Tuskers. Last year, Somers had a prodigious offense, especially in the second half of the season. And, with the majority of the team back this season, Somers had every reason to be optimistic about is offense, once again.

ever for this season. We felt that Somers was going to be the most underestimated in the league. All of the new players that were added are doing amazing."

No teams are going to overlook Somers any more. The Tuskers are giving opposing pitchers headaches with their lineup. And, Somers' strong second half of 2017 enabled the Tuskers to carry that momentum into 2018.

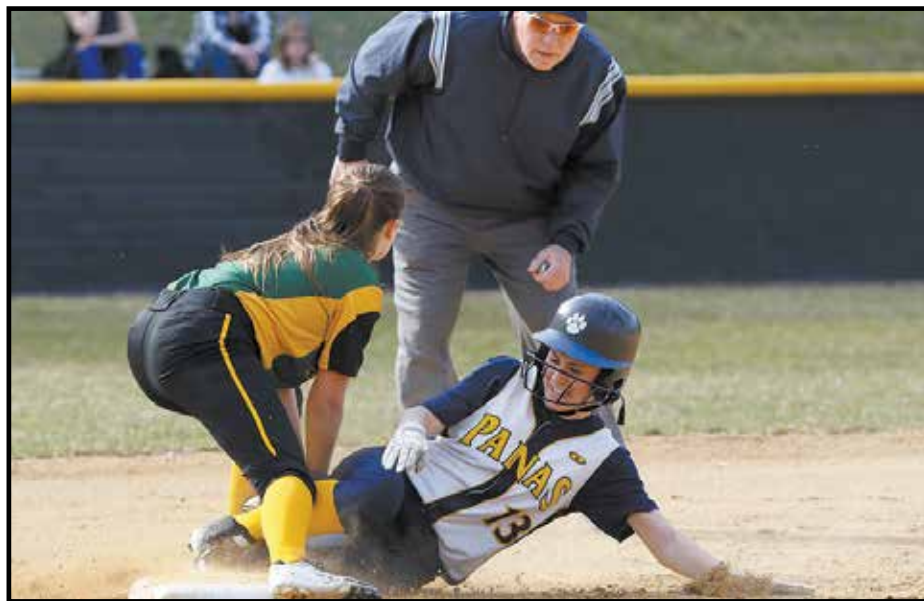
"The team, offensively, is very strong one through nine," Mazzotta said. "The offensive success has carried over into this season but has also improved. I feel like every girl goes up to the plate on a mission to contribute and to hit the ball hard. So far, everyone has been aggressively hitting the pitchers. We are attacking, squaring up the ball with each pitcher and spraying the ball to all fields."

Based on the fast start, Somers is gaining confidence. However, Mazzotta and her teammates know that it's a long season and they still want to continue improving.

"We are always believing in ourselves because Coach Scagnelli has us so well-prepared," Mazzotta said.



Lakeland's Amber Lopez singles and sets up a run she would score in Hornets' 2-0 win over Panas last Friday.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Panas' Bella Feraca tries to swipe 2B in Panthers' 2-0 loss to rival Lakeland last Friday.



Lakeland P Claire Fon whiffed 11 Panthers' in Hornets' 2-0 win over Panas Friday.



Yorktown hurler Erica Salveggi has been her usual dominant self in Huskers' hot 2018 start.

"The solid start we have going makes us feel great, but each practice and each game we are learning and growing.

"I feel like the best is yet to come, but we still have a long way to go. We are playing some very good softball and having fun doing our thing."

YORKTOWN continued its fine play, showing why it is the defending Section 1 Class AA champions.

The Cornhuskers handled R.C. Ketcham, 8-1, had the mercy-rule invoked against Horace Greeley and closed out the week with a 6-1 triumph over Fox Lane. Yorktown is 5-1 on the season.

Windmill Erica Salveggi registered 12 strikeouts and also had a run-scoring double against Fox Lane.

Kaitlyn Bennett led the offensive charge against Greeley with four hits and

three RBI. Julianne Strauss added three hits and drove in four runs and Juliana Piehler also had three hits and had two RBI. Bella Vano contributed two hits and three RBI while Allie Cortino tossed the shutout with eight strikeouts.

Just like Yorktown did against Greeley, the Cornhuskers received balanced contributions from their lineup. Brianna Buck had two triples and four RBI and Courtney Cardea also had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI. Erin Gray went 2 for 2, including a triple, and Angelique Serrano had two hits and scored twice. Christine Ruvo struck out six for the victory.

"It was an awesome week, getting back on track," Yorktown Coach Ryan Iamurri said. "I was so proud of all three pitchers. It's nice to have a staff. Our offense was

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Sports

Baseball Notebook

Parents, Players Irked: Brewster Home Games Moved to Alt. Sites

By Ray Gallagher
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So, the sun came out for a day or two, but it was merely a tease, or so it would seem; what with the dreary forecast on the docket this week. Rain and chilly temps will prevail once again as Mother Nature takes her sweet time ushering in spring-like days. As a result, Section 1 baseball managers will continue to shuffle the deck during this crapshoot campaign. Pitching depth will surely be tested in the days ahead with teams falling further and further behind, but that's nothing compared to what they're dealing with over in Brewster.

WALTER PANAS busted out the brooms and swept **BREWSTER** last week: The Panthers (4-2) won 11-3 at home last Wednesday and followed that up Friday with a 3-1 win at Volunteer Park in Brewster.

The issues at Brewster High, though, relate to its home fields, and, quite frankly, is both shameful and unacceptable. In case you didn't know it, baseball teams traveling to Brewster this season will be playing at nearby Volunteer Park, not Brewster High School, which has had its baseball and softball fields deemed unfit for play by its own insurance company. All home softball games will be played at Markel Park.

The Brewster Central School District, which has done a ton of great stuff in and around its main stadium (there is no denying that), has disturbed too much space in recent years and cannot get the requisite DEP permits to do the necessary work on its baseball and softball facilities, which have needed some love and attention for quite some time.

Clearly, the poor planning on the

part of the district has angered parents, coaches and players alike, who have the town to thank for coming to the rescue by providing its facilities as an alternative. Still, it's not the best-case scenario for the seniors, who, whether the school facilities were in great shape or not, won't get to play or practice on campus this season.

"The district has failed to address a problem that has existed for a considerable period of time," said Joe Charbonneau, a former Brewster BOE member, the current Putnam County ADA and parent of a senior baseball player and a JV softball player. "Their failure to address the fields has led their insurance company to declare the fields unplayable. Sadly, the fields are in the same unplayable condition today as they have been for years. Nothing has changed and now the district has been forced to incur costs to shuttle their baseball and softball teams to town facilities with no definitive end in sight."

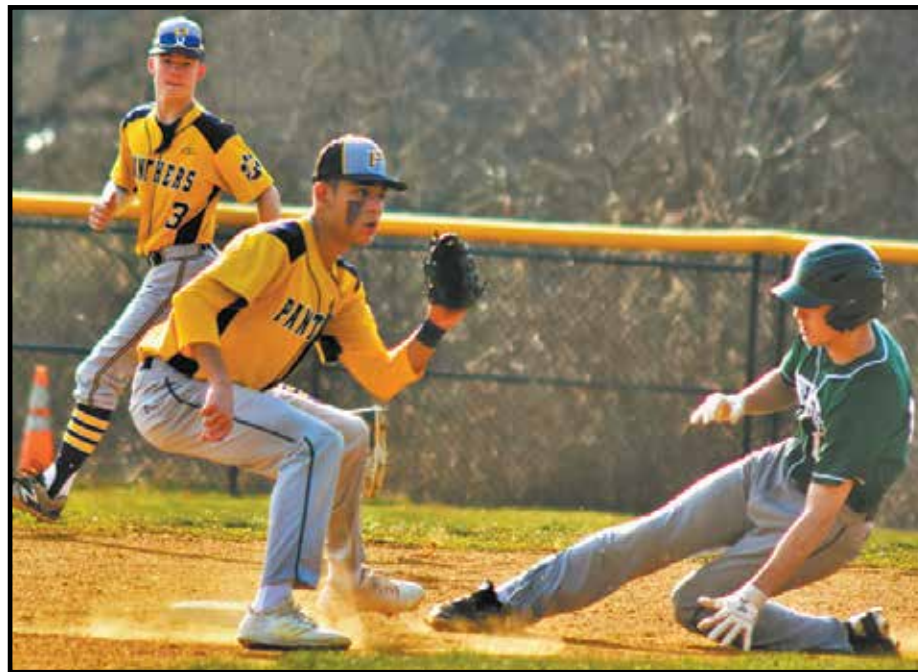
That is some serious monkey business, y'all! Clearly, your kids deserve your immediate attention in the hopes of rectifying the situation. Kids come first: I shouldn't have to remind folks, but every now and then we gotta hold some feet against the fire of my ire...

Diamond Notes: In the win over Brewster at Panas, Panther ace Jake Jemty threw a complete game, whiffing for the win. OF Tim Feliz (5 RBI this year) went yard for three runs and 1B Peter Andersen had two doubles and three RBI. CF John Young went 2 for 3 with a double and an RBI.

In Friday's sweep, versatile Don Hopper clocked a solo homer and pitched 2-1/3rds innings of scoreless relief for the save in relief of winning P Paul DiPaterio, who fanned seven before leaving in the fifth.

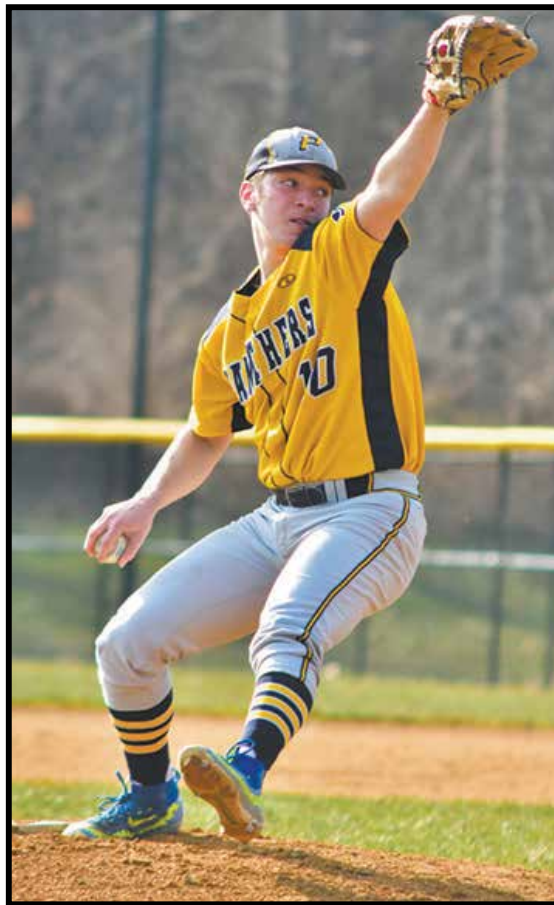
"It's crazy right now the way the season is going," Panas Coach Anthony Fata said after the Panthers suffered a 3-1 loss at Beacon Saturday. "Nobody has enough pitching to keep up with the make-ups. I like to think that we'll be able to qualify for the playoffs, and when we do we can be a dangerous club."

SOMERS (5-2) took two of three last week, finishing off the week with a 9-5 triumph of Sleepy



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Panas SS Lucas Feliciano awaits throw as Brewster's Joe Girard swipes 2B in Panthers' 3-1 win over host Bears last Friday.



Panas P Paul DiPaterio earned the 3-1 win over host Brewster last Friday at Volunteer Park.

Hollow. Tuskers Chris Boncardo (2 for 4, HR, Triple, 3 RBI, 2 runs) had a monster game while Joe Marino (2 for 3, 2 RBI) and Nick Ruggiero (2 for 4, Triple, RBI) all supported winning P Austin Wainer, who did not allow an earned run over five innings. He allowed just two hits and set down seven on K's with just one walk.

In Somers' win over Poughkeepsie Boncardo (3 for 3, HR, 2 RBI, 3 runs),

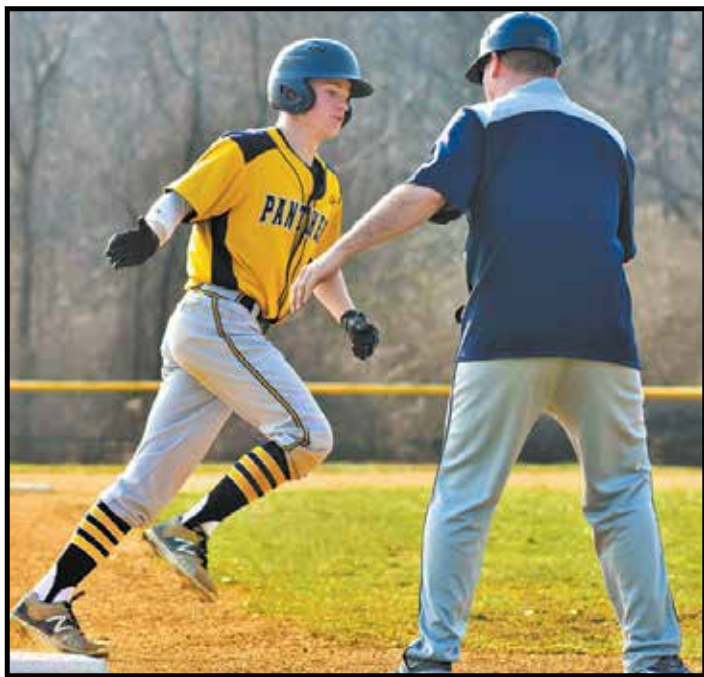
Ruggiero (3 for 4, HR, 2B, 5 RBI, 2 runs) and Marino (3 for 3, 3 RBI, 1 run) were at it again. Mario Caltabellotta chalked up the win with five strong innings (3 ER, 5 Hits, 5 K's). Boncardo and Ruggiero each have five RBI for the year.

YORKTOWN split with Horace Greeley, taking an 8-7 win in extra innings with one of the premier pitchers in the section, Brandon Neeck, starting the game for the Quakers. Yorktown suffered an 8-1 setback in the series finale.

In the Yorktown win, Tyler McDonnell chalked up the win at Greeley where Luan Biberaj and Chris Sica each had two RBI for the Huskers (1-5) and Nick Farda had a hit, three walks, two runs and an RBI. Nick Campanaro had two hits and scored three runs. Anthony Fusco's sac fly plated the winning run in extra innings. Neeck struck out nine and allowed two earned runs over five innings before getting pulled. We talked the struggling Huskers up in our pre-season notes, so let's see if the real Yorktown shows up this week against a powerful Fox Lane outfit.

LAKELAND (2-3) split with John Jay, working a 3-2 home victory early in the week before getting gonged, 14-0, by the host Indians on Friday. In the Lakeland win, Hornet sophomore P Joe Vetrano doubled and scored the winning run when fellow soph Evan Berta (2 for 3)

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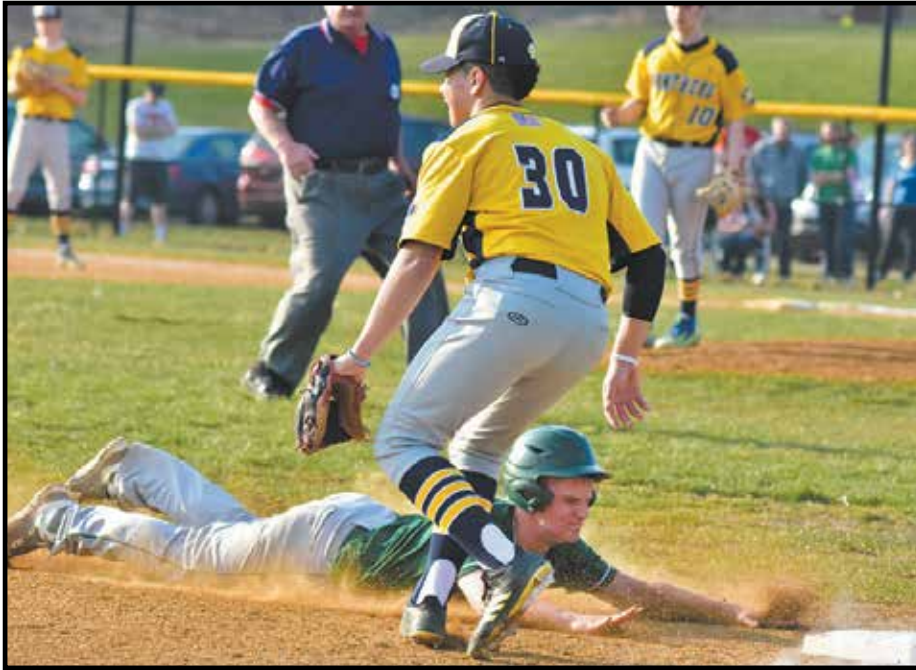


Panas' Don Hopper gets a low-five from Coach Anthony Fata after he went yard for solo homer in 3-1 win over Brewster.

Sports

Baseball Notebook

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Brewster SS Mike Joe Charbonneau slides in safely at 3B as Panas IF Diego Uretta awaits throw in Bears' 3-1 loss to Panthers Friday.

stroked a two-out, game-winning double for the late lead. Vetrano fired a complete game with 12 whiffs one earned run.

"Vetrano threw really well," Lakeland boss Bill Casey said. "He only gave up three hits, and Berta played a solid center field. He hit the ball on the nose all three at-bats, which is nice to see against that kin of pitching (Jay ace Ryan Bryggman and closer Joe Biancone). The big moment of the game was bottom sixth when, tied at 2-2, and Jay had 2nd & 3rd with one out: Our catcher Zach Lerman picked off the runner at 3rd. Then Vetrano struck out the next batter to end the threat."

RCK swept **MAHOPAC**, defeating the Indians 7-2 at Mahopac last Wednesday and taking a 2-1 decision from the host Indians on Thursday. The Mahopac bat were silenced by two RCK hurlers, who fired complete games and allowed just

nine hits. On the bright side, Mahopac's Billy Moeller was shoving it on Thursday, allowing just three hits and two earned runs over six frames. He fanned six and the junior looks the part of a legit hurler with 24 whiffs in 12 IP with a 1.17 ERA.

"Billy has done a great job for us," Mahopac first-year Coach Myk Lugauber said. "He worked hard this offseason and his work is paying off. He does a great job of locating his fastball to both sides of the plate and is able to keep guys off balance with his breaking ball. He is a bulldog on the mound and doesn't get rattled when things aren't going his way."

Dylan Brehm and Joe Usewicz each have four RBI to lead the Indians (2-4), who are barely above .200 hitting as a team.

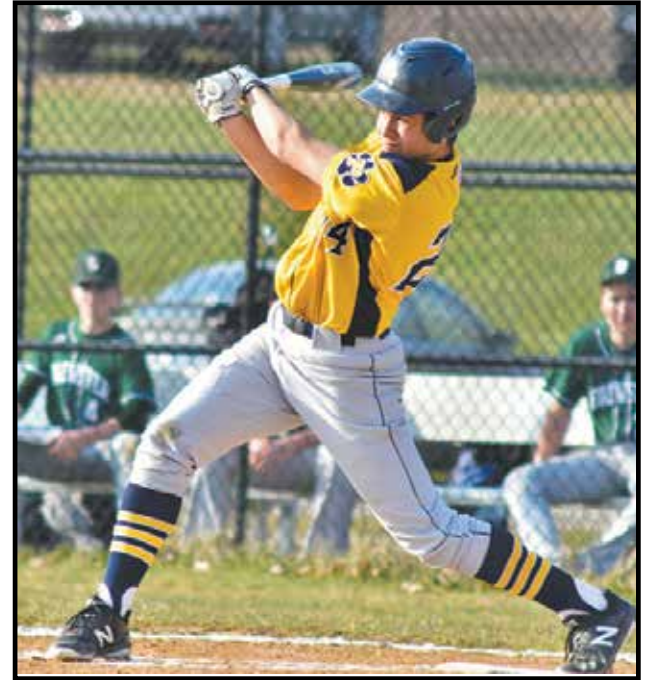
Panas also suffered a 14-7 loss to visiting **CARMEL** on Thursday when

Ram Matt Vitro went out on fire, going 5 for 5 (two doubles) with four RBI and four runs. He did get hit some in relief but earned the win, allowing three runs on five hits. The RHP struck out five over four innings. Carmel (5-2) SS Sean McCarthy (8 RBI this year) added two hits and three RBI while Rams Joe Ciatto, Jon Minotti and Anthony Febo each had two RBI. Young (5 RBI this year) led Panas with three hits, including a laser homer. He finished with three RBI.

Carmel beat Somers on Tuesday, 8-6, in a non-league game. Ram Dan Castrovinci had two hits and three RBI while Vitro (6 RBI for the year) had a pair of hits and two ribs, and also earned the save. Tusker Logan Carriero had 3 hits for Somers.

PUTNAM VALLEY knocked off Hen Hud, 4-3, to advance to the finals of the Briarcliff Tournament where the host Bears sent the Tigers (2-2) packing in a 5-1 defeat. Junior righty TJ Brescia was selected to the All-Tourney team, chalking up the win over Hen Hud and lowering his team-best ERA to 1.97 in 11 IP. Junior RHP John Millicker has provided a steady No.2 hurler with 12 K's in eight IP and a 2.62 ERA. Brian McBride leads the club with six RBI and a .444 BA. PV's depth will be tested this week with five games in five days, including locals Croton and Mahopac.

HEN HUD is off to a 5-2 start and a third-place finish in the Briarcliff tourney



Panas OF Tim Feliz is tearing covers off balls, hitting near .550 through six games.

after Saturday's 7-6 thriller over Irvington. Rocco DiSisto and Nick Hiltzley pitched the team to victor while John Glashoff, Nick Caruso came up with some clutch RBI hits.

Monday defeated Peekskill 12-2

Sailor Sophomore Rocco DiSisto chucked his first varsity career win in a 12-2 rout of Peekskill with Trevor Dowling and Jack Kelly getting multiple hits. Hen Hud also defeated Harrison, 7-2, behind a complete game from senior Tom Pecchia. Matt Olstrom and Billy Reifenhauer had multiple hits for the Sailors.

"We showed great mental toughness against a very talented team," Hen Hud skipper Van Vourliotis said of the Huskies. "Against Put Valley, we just ran into a really good pitcher in Brescia. Down 4-0 early, we fought back late and just came up short in the end."

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lights out Wednesday, but we fell a little flat against Fox Lane. Luckily, Erica Salvaggi was able to keep us in the game until we finally broke it open in the sixth. We have a tough week coming up with four games, including three being back-to-back-to-back, so we're going to need our pitching and offense to click on the same days."

PUTNAM VALLEY improved its record to 3-2 with victories over Edgemont and Pelham before Pawling edged the Tigers by a run.

Freshman windmill Emily McKenna took it to Edgemont with her arm and bat. McKenna had three hits, including her first varsity home run, a grand slam. She drove in six runs and scored four.

McKenna went 4 for 4, including a double, and two RBI against Pawling and Keiko Waters also had two RBI.

Putnam Valley punctuated its week with a victory over Pelham as Frankie Reyes went 4 for 4, including a triple, and two RBI. Sophia Lord added two hits and an RBI.

"The coaching staff is very pleased with how coachable all the kids are and how hard they are playing," Putnam Valley Coach Rena Finsmith said. "The saying, 'Got your back,' is truly the motto for this year's team. Coach Nemecek and I are happy with the team's effort and hope that it continues to grow as the season continues."

LAKELAND, the 2017 Section 1 Class A champions, dropped a 3-1 decision and 4-3 verdict to John Jay-Cross River, making the Hornets 0-4 to open the season. However, Lakeland rebounded to blank intra-district rival, Panas, 2-0, for its first win of the season.

P Claire Fon tossed a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts against Panas. Fon also went 3 for 3, drove in a run and scored a run as the Hornets tallied two runs in the sixth inning. Emily McGrath had a hit and drove in a run and Amber Lopez also had a hit and scored a run.

John Jay shocked Lakeland, scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to unlock a 3-3 tie.

Eighth-grader Stella Bale went 2 for 4 and scored two runs for Lakeland. Freshmen Ava Knopf and Hannah Matusiak each had a hit and an RBI. Fon scattered five hits, struck out six and did not allow an earned run.

Harrison snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to overtake Lakeland.

Bale had two hits and Krystal Badillo had a hit and a run scored.

Lakeland travels to league rival, Brewster, Tuesday, before hosting Pawling, Friday.

MAHOPAC's freakish freshman Shannon Becker whiffed 53 batters in three games and surely looks like an all-time great in the making. The Indians (2-1) have only scored two runs this season, keeping the pressure on Becker to be at her best, but her best is still to come. The potential for a no-hitter/perfect game is there every time she takes the hill, and the Mahopac record books are on full alert as she flirts with record-breaking ability day in and day out. —Ray Gallagher contributed to this story

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