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Carmel's Swan Cove Debate Leads to Verbal Brawl

By David Propper

If not for the purchase of Swan Cove off Route 6, Carmel would've been a sleepy town the last few months.

Instead another scorched earth debate ensued at Carmel's town board meeting last Wednesday about the waterfront property that led to shouting, name calling, hurt feelings, and the apparent resignation of the parks and recreation committee chairman. The town bought the property in downtown Mahopac earlier this year for \$1 million, in hopes of enhancing the area and attracting more people.

Advocates for the project say the property would add much needed parking to the business district and has the potential for a new park near Lake

Mahopac. But detractors question if it's worth pouring millions into the property that currently has several decrepit bungalows that need to be torn down.

Those two sides collided last week. Loudly.

Mahopac resident Norman Marino questioned why the purchase of Swan Cove wasn't put up for a voter referendum, which town attorney Greg Folcheltti replied wasn't required to buy the property. Marino, who is a former Carmel town councilman, argued now that the property is town-owned, it's off the tax rolls and would cause other residents' taxes to increase.

"This shouldn't have been done this way," he said. "It's wrong."

Marino also brought up that



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The purchase of Swan Cove in Mahopac has led to sharp disagreements and explosive meetings the last few months.

Councilman Michael Barile bought the property for \$413,000 in 1996 and owned it for 20 years. Barile then sold it three years ago to another developer for \$725,000, Marino said. He questioned why the town purchased the property soon after Barile joined the board this year.

Barile revealed that he offered the property to the town three years ago, but nothing ever materialized. He is confident everything with the sale of Swan Cove property was done properly.

Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said he didn't pursue the property a few years back because the town was still recovering from the Great Recession and couldn't

afford it. During the meeting, it seemed other town board members were unaware that Barile and Schmitt had discussed Swan Cove three years prior.

When asked about the past offer to purchase Swan Cove by Mahopac resident Robert Buckley, Schmitt said it was never a formal offer, but he took responsibility for not informing the rest of the board at the time about it.

From there, the fireworks began. Once Buckley told Schmitt he cost the town \$275,000 by not buying the property earlier, Schmitt called the criticism a political attack.

"Now (residents) know, now they

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Medical Assistant Students Present Wellness Workshop



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What are the effects of cholesterol on the body? What about sodium? How good (or bad) are carbs? All of these questions and more were addressed by Medical Assistant students on The Tech Center campus of PNW BOCES, when they presented their findings in a recent workshop. "My students thoroughly researched their topics and presented a nutrition/wellness information workshop in conjunction with National Nutrition Month," said their teacher Maria Pontbriand. The students presented their findings to visitors on the campus, including students from other Career and Technical Education programs, teachers, and staff. "We need cholesterol to maintain health, but there is good cholesterol and bad cholesterol," said Lakeland student Samantha Mills. She and Nicole Loayza, Fox Lane, and Sherenne Barrera, Putnam Valley, explained that too much "bad" cholesterol can clog arteries. Erykah Nadal (Carmel), Brianna Lux (Somers), and Ankita Thumma (Brewster), who are left to right in photo above, presented their findings on the pros and cons of eating carbs. Using sugar cubes, they displayed the amount of sugar in an apple vs. that in a package of candy. While both have sugar, the apple also has fiber, they said, which fills you up more and is better for your body. Other topics included plant-based proteins, GMOs, the health aspects of foods like nuts, and how to get the most health value out of packaged or canned foods.

Local State Leaders React to Plusses, Minuses in New Budget

By David Propper

Up against a deadline with the Passover and Easter holidays looming, the New York State Legislature squeezed through a state spending plan over the weekend that averted a possible government shutdown.

Governor Andrew Cuomo and top legislative leaders from the Assembly and Senate found common ground late last Friday that resulted in a \$168 billion state budget. The budget includes a \$1 billion increase for state education aid, while still closing a \$4.4 billion deficit that made this year's budget process more strenuous. New measures were passed to possibly help taxpayers avoid a new federal cap on state and local tax deductions by giving employers the option to shift to a payroll tax.

An expansive sexual harassment policy was also voted through that would end most nondisclosure agreements and mandatory arbitration when a complaint surfaces in state government. Any government worker found to have committed harassment would need to refund any taxpayer-financed payout, the law states. Companies that want state bids for business would need to develop anti-harassment policies and training.

But the budget once again left out substantive ethics reform, despite the conviction of a former senior aide to Cuomo, Joseph Percoco, on corruption charges last month. Early voting reform was also left out and the Internet Fairness Act, meant to tax Internet sellers, also didn't find its way into the final bill.

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Local state lawmakers had various thoughts on the budget with all Assembly and Senate seats are up for election this year.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), in a press release, said lawmakers made tough sacrifices to ensure that budget was approved on time while preserving critical services, enhancing programs and keeping within a 2 percent tax cap. Murphy highlighted education funding and infrastructure investments included in the budget and stressed New York upheld its commitment to fight the opioid scourge by placing \$245 million to help residents addicted to drugs.

"We will not back down, we will not give up, and we will continue to support our neighbors and their families," Murphy said.

Murphy pointed out the budget included \$24 million to assist local communities in Westchester County that will be affected by the closure of Indian Point in a few years. He boasted about the comprehensive sexual assault policies that were approved.

"Protecting victims of sexual harassment and assault has been on the forefront of our minds and has remained a priority throughout this

legislative session," Murphy explained. "The provisions included in this year's budget put New York miles ahead when it comes to protecting those who have experienced such terrible acts."

State Senator Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park), in a statement, said she supported the Senate's rejection of \$1 billion in tax and fee increases that was proposed by Cuomo and was happy to see an additional \$1 billion for school aid. She voted against the final budget bill though, because it could give state lawmakers a pay raise (A commission would be set up to explore a pay bump). The budget also failed to include any of the school safety bills the Senate approved, including for School Resource Officers or mental health programs, she said.

"I cast my vote in opposition tonight to send a clear message: I am not here

for a payday," Serino said.

State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R/Mahopac) complained that the budget process was again filled with flaws, including a lack of transparency. He said

most of the bills connected to the budget were voted on when most New York residents were asleep. The Assembly didn't finish voting until after 4 a.m. on Saturday.

"We're voting on budget bills before a budget deal is agreed to," Byrne said. "When we're voting on spending, we don't know how we're going to pay for it, we don't know what taxes are in the deal, what taxes

are outside of the deal."

He said he's upset an opioid manufacturer tax was included, which could eventually be passed onto consumers. While some of the money will go to fighting addiction, some of it will go to the general fund, he said.

Byrne said he was pleased new sexual harassment guidelines were put into place, but said more state leaders should have been included in the process, including Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins (D/Greenburgh), who is the Minority Senate Leader. (Cuomo and three male legislators put the policy together.) He was pleased with funding for veteran services, schools and libraries, and roads.

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining) noted this is one of the toughest budget seasons she's been a part of because of the \$4 billion deficit that needed to be closed and policies enacted by the federal government. Galef said the state put legislation to give communities the option to possibly get around the GOP tax law passed last year.

She said she was pleased with the \$24 million set aside for communities affected by the Indian Point closure and noted the increase in school aid, though the Assembly wanted more money for schools.

However, she was disappointed bail reform and early voting measures didn't make the cut in the final budget, though she noted the state legislature could get that legislation done later in the year.

"So many things dropped off the table," Galef said.

'We're voting on budget bills before a budget deal is agreed to.' - State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne



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Q: What is a bunion?

A: A bunion is a bump on the inner side of the foot at the base of the big toe. If you've never experienced a bunion, you might think this bump is an enlarged bone or even a growth, but it's not. A bunion is actually a normally-shaped bone that has drifted into an abnormal position. As part of the deformity, the big toe becomes crooked, pointing more and more toward the second toe.

Q: Why are some bunions so painful?

A: It depends on the person. There are people with large bunions who are asymptomatic, and yet I have patients with small bunions who truly suffer. A bunion patient may develop painful symptoms due to footwear, activities, or other foot issues. Continually wearing poorly-fitting shoes that force the toes into certain positions may put additional pressure and pain on the bunion.

Q: How do you treat bunions?

A: The first step in treating pain and discomfort is choosing shoes that are wider, softer, and more comfortable. For women, I'll suggest shoes with a lower heel and a wider toe. Sometimes the right shoe is all it takes to relieve the pain.

If you have a smaller bunion and aching near the base of the big toe try a foam or silicone rubber toe spacer. The spacer, inserted between the first and second toe, corrects the alignment of the first toe and improves the mechanics of the joint, often leading to improved symptoms. Placed over bunions, circular donut-like bunion pads may also provide comfort inside shoes.

Q: Do you recommend surgery for a bunion?

A: I don't recommend bunion surgery for a bunion that's not painful. It's not about the X-ray, the size, or the look of the bunion. It's about how the bunion impacts your life. At Northern Westchester Hospital, bunion procedures are same-day surgeries and surgeons use nerve blocks and sedation. Patients should expect to remain home with feet raised to minimize swelling, from three or four days to one week. Ten days after surgery, patients come for an office visit for removal of stitches. Six to eight weeks following surgery, most patients will be allowed to walk in a roomy sneaker. If you have bunion surgery on the right foot, you won't be able to drive until your doctor gives permission. Full recovery takes about six months to one year.

Health Quest and West. Conn. Health to Create New System

By David Propper

Health Quest Systems, which owns Putnam Hospital Center, and Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN) announced plans last Wednesday to join forces and create a new healthcare system that would be started by 2019.

Health Quest Systems, which is based in LaGrangeville and primarily serves the Lower Hudson Valley, will team up with the Connecticut-based health system to offer seven different hospitals to patients across two states.

John Murphy, CEO and president of Western Connecticut Health Network, said in the announcement video the single system would better serve the 1.5 million patients in the two networks currently, resulting in more convenient and affordable healthcare.

Health Quest CEO and president Robert Friedberg said the two entities coming together would allow each network to continue great quality services and bring in more physicians.

"What we want to see is patients get their care closer to where they live and work," Friedberg said.

The new health system would result in 2,600 physicians, more than 12,000 employees, and more than 1,500 beds. The new system would also include more than one tertiary care center, Murphy said.

Health Quest currently owns four

hospitals, including Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, Northern Dutchess Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Dutchess County, and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut.

The new system would remain non-profit, which means any of the seven hospitals would continue to see every patient that walks in, regardless of whether or not they can pay.

"When this process is complete, we will be one new health system," Friedberg said. "We look forward bringing our two teams together and redefining what healthcare looks like for our communities. We've done great things separately as organizations; together we're going to do even more."

Before the combination occurs, the two systems would need to get various approvals from multiple governmental agencies. Until then, both organizations will continue to operate as independent entities and retain their names and corporate offices in New York and Connecticut.

Friedberg said officials from both health networks are working with New York State and the State of Connecticut to nail down every necessary approval.

Once approved, Murphy will be the CEO and Friedberg will serve as president of the new system. The new system's board of directors will have eight members



Health Quest CEO and president Robert Friedberg (left) and CEO and president of Western Connecticut Health Network John Murphy announced that the two health systems would combine next year.

from Health Quest's board and eight members from Western Connecticut Health Network's board to maintain equal representation.

According to a fact sheet from the two health networks, the combination is not a merger because in a merger, two entities become one and the other entity cease to exist. In this case, Health Quest and WCHN are going to create a new parent company. A name for the new company hasn't been determined yet.

When addressing the decision to combine the organizations, the fact sheet stated the entire healthcare industry is changing and the two entities keep

navigating through a challenging environment including rising costs, declining reimbursement, and shift to population health and value-based costs. The fact sheet stated Health Quest and WCHN are two "vibrant, financially sound," organizations.

"We are constantly on the lookout for new opportunities and engaging in conversations with potential partners," according to the fact sheet. "It is imperative that we seek healthcare organizations who can help us sustain excellence and drive growth and improvement in new, innovative ways."

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Utility Company Heads Grilled During NYS Senate Hearing on Storms

By David Propper

The leaders of three utilities on the hot seat stood up for their companies' performances last week during a NYS Senate hearing in Albany to address massive and lengthy power outages that were caused by two powerful winter storms.

State lawmakers questioned the heads of the three utility companies about the apparent shortfalls of restoring power to thousands of Lower Hudson Valley customers following two massive storms in March, which led to universal outage from local communities. Winter Storm Riley and Winter Storm Quinn wreaked havoc

in Putnam and Westchester counties, with downed trees a common sight and lights out throughout both counties.

Local and state lawmakers have slammed companies like Consolidated Edison, New York State Electric and Gas, and Central Hudson for their performances since the bruising storms.

NYSEG CEO Carl Taylor said he was "very proud" of the work done by company workers after the two storms. He said NYSEG was prepared for the widespread weather event, but the Lower Hudson Valley faced the brunt of the storm. More than 3,000 wires went down, 400 poles

broke, and damage occurred to other infrastructure that helps power homes and businesses. About 870 workers worked 17-hour days on restoration until all customers were restored, he said.

"This was an extraordinary effort...in an extraordinary event," Taylor said, adding another storm after Winter Storm Riley hampered recovery efforts. Taylor noted NYSEG has committed millions of dollars into the Brewster division in years past and are developing ways to put together a climate resilient infrastructure.

Central Hudson CEO Michael Mosher said he understands power outages imposes

great stress and safety risks on customers, but putting the lights back on after major storms can pose challenges. In advance of Winter Storm Riley, Mosher said the organization prepared and called on mutual aid before the storm got underway. It was the fourth most severe storm in the past 50 years for Central Hudson, Mosher said. While every customer was restored right before the second snowstorm, it caused 50,000 outages, he added.

"Any comparison between any two storms and for that matter restoration performance between utilities is difficult and imprecise," Mosher said.

Con Ed CEO John McAvoy said as the company attempted to restore power after the first storm, the second storm delayed work. As for the communication breakdown, McAvoy noted a software defect and modeling problem were the cause of that inaccurate information.

McAvoy said Con Ed understands why people were frustrated and upset with the company as they sat in the dark.

"This has been a difficult few weeks for our customers," McAvoy said.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) said a lot of the frustration came from bad communication and a better plan must be put together to improve services. Murphy said despite investigations following other hurricanes and major storms in recent years, the job done by utilities was "unacceptable."

"We can't beat Mother Nature, but we owe it to the people we serve to have a practical, effective emergency plan we can put into effect when outages do occur," Murphy said.

Murphy asked the three utilities if each company put forward an adequate effort, which didn't get a strong retort.

"I think you know the answer to that, that's why we're here," Murphy quipped.

State Senator Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park) asked whether the companies would reimburse for any lost food during the storm. Mosher said Central Hudson doesn't but provided dry ice for customers and Taylor said NYSEG be sending information to affected customers about possible reimbursement. Consolidated Edison is providing reimbursement.

Serino said while she was on the ground in the aftermath of both nor'easters, she noticed Putnam faced a tougher time than Dutchess County restoring power and clearing debris. One 93-year-old constituent, Norma, who lives in Lake Peekskill, had to be rushed to the hospital after she could not get access to her heart medicine a couple days following the storm. When she was released, she was taken to a Red Cross Center in Westchester and ended up wearing the same clothes on her back for eight days while her home had no power.

Norma was also told several times she had power back, when in fact she didn't that led to more confusion and heartache, Serino said.

"They deserve answers," Serino said of her constituents.



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know, can we end this now," Schmitt said, threatening to leave the meeting while Buckley was speaking.

"You don't particularly like me and that's fine and I particularly don't like you anymore," Schmitt told Buckley. "You've been doing nothing but throwing shots at me the past couple of months and the property."

Buckley suggested not buying the Mahopac-Tompkins bank property just yet because of possible hidden costs. He said the town should do a pilot program where 45 parking spots are opened up to see if residents and visitors to the town will actually use those spaces for a year.

He added possible asbestos within the bungalows could balloon costs for tearing down the homes.

The two men continued to quarrel for several minutes.

"The public overwhelmingly supports me," Schmitt said later to Buckley. "I'm not sure they support you anymore the way you behave."

Buckley shot back, "You need to grow a set."

Near the end of the meeting, Schmitt said he was upset with the tone of the meeting and took some responsibility for the heavy tension.

"This is not the norm, this is not how

we operate," Schmitt said.

Buckley and Barile also got into a fight, with Buckley calling Barile a "bully" in town. He said other residents feel intimidated by board members.

Buckley said Barile might have a conflict of interest because he has several projects in town and is making decisions about certain boards and departments in town, including appointments and hiring. At one point Buckley mentioned Barile's daughter, who also has business in front of the town, which Barile took unkindly to.

"The next time you bring up my daughter or my family, you'll be gone before the next election," Barile said, in reference to booting Buckley from the recreation committee. (Buckley told The Putnam Examiner he plans on resigning as chairman of the recreation committee.)

Buckley then repeated "your daughter" a couple times after that.

At one point, Nicole Stern, who frequently attends town board meetings and is Barile's daughter, stepped up to speak, but Barile asked her to sit back down.

"It's not worth it," Barile said. "Please do not."

Later in the meeting, Barile argued a lot of political people don't want him in office because he isn't playing by their game and revealed he sent a report to the



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A deal was struck last month between Carmel officials and the now-former owner of the property.

state attorney general office about town practices for a review. He said his door is always open and town board meetings are open to everyone.

"No one's going to bite," Barile said.

Other residents that spoke were more supportive of the Swan Cove project.

Mahopac resident Jean Hopper said she supported the Swan Cove purchase because it could be a place in town enjoyed by everyone. Another resident said the park has potential to become many different things and Buckley should

resign from parks committee because of his comments. Resident Donna Massaro, who owns the Freight House Café, said while she wishes the property didn't cost \$1 million, she excited to work with town officials to open up more parking in town.

"People are passionate and I think that's important," Hopper said. "I think that's why people are here. We're interested and we're invested and that's a good thing."

"Passion is good," Barile quickly interjected.

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Putnam Ranks Top Five Healthiest County in NYS

The eighth annual County Health Rankings have been released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. For the eighth consecutive year, Putnam County ranks among the top five counties in New York State. Putnam is fifth in health outcomes based on length and quality of life, and fourth in health factors, the influencers of health. Last year Putnam was also fifth in health outcomes, and second in health factors, from among the 62 counties in the state.

"Putnam County is a great place to live and work. We are fortunate to have a safe, clean environment and this allows us to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and a pattern of good health," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "Our nationally accredited health department partners with other county agencies and community organizations. Together they work diligently to ensure our residents' health."

"These rankings are great news," said Michael Nesheiwat M.D., Interim Commissioner of Health. "For the eighth

consecutive year we are demonstrating a higher level of wellbeing by being among the healthiest in the state. The numbers shift from year to year of course, based not just on our own statistics, but as a result of numbers from other New York State health departments. Overall, there are no big surprises. This data reconfirms the health concerns currently on our radar, ones we are targeting for improvement."

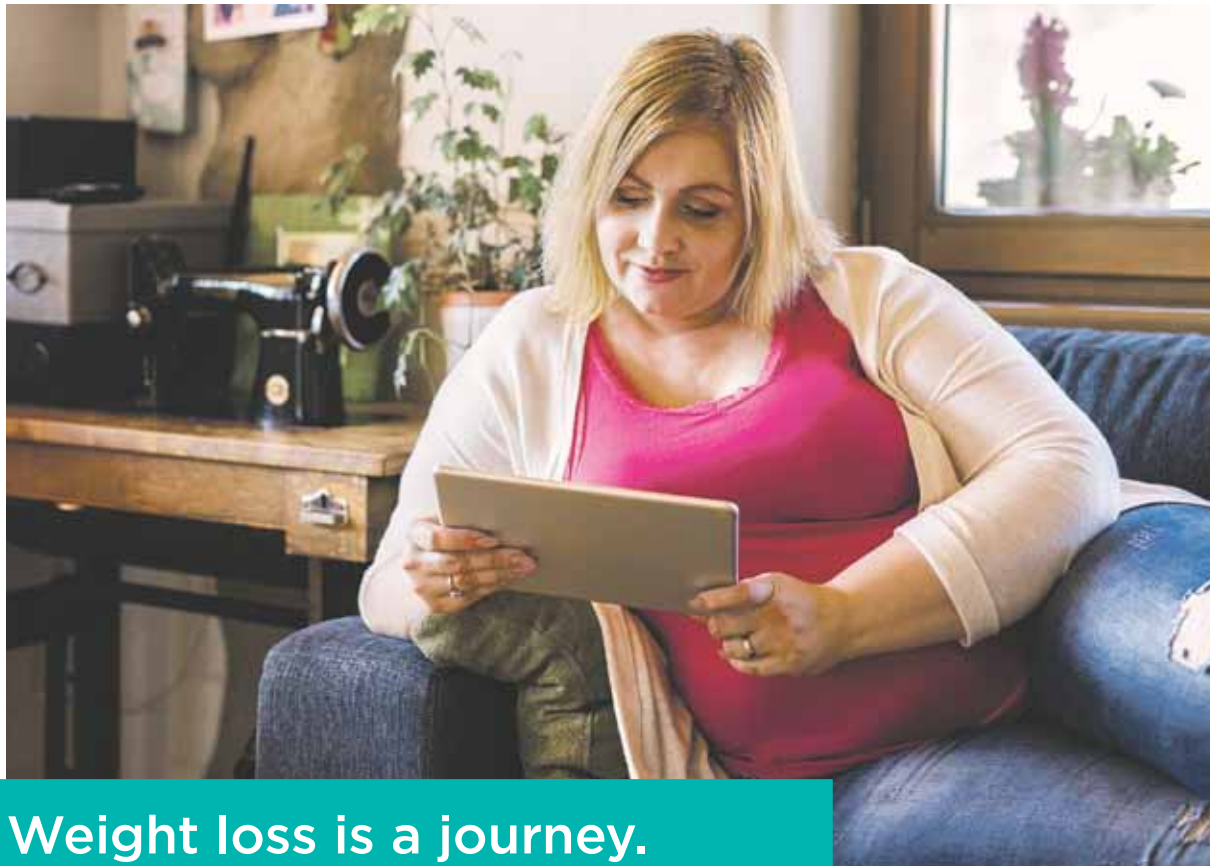
Similar to previous years, one of the identified challenges in the county is a higher rate for excessive alcohol use in Putnam compared to the rest of

New York State. The good news is that the rate of alcohol-impaired driving deaths has decreased from 27 percent, reported last year, to 22% this year. The health department continues to work closely with The Prevention Council of Putnam (formerly the Putnam chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependencies) and the Communities That Care (CTC) coalition on this pressing issue.

The second noteworthy health concern, again similar to last year, relates to the continuing rise of sexually transmitted diseases, including the three major ones: gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia. This problem is not limited to Putnam or even New York State, but is a concerning nationwide trend. From 2016 to 2017, cases of gonorrhea in Putnam rose 59 percent, from 17 cases to 27. This jump comes on the heels of previous dramatic increases in Putnam of syphilis and chlamydia. Syphilis went from 8 to 18 cases, a dramatic rise of 125 percent from 2015 to 2016; chlamydia numbers have more than quadrupled in the last decade. Left undiagnosed and untreated, these diseases can have serious health consequences including infertility and in rare cases, even death. The PCDOH continues to spearhead prevention and surveillance efforts, including working closely with county physicians to increase routine testing.

For more information on the 2018 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, visit <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our County website at www.putnamcountyny.com; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.



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Officials, Activists Implore Cuomo to Release Risk Assessment of Pipeline

By Rick Pezzullo

Local elected officials and activists gathered outside Cortlandt Town Hall on March 22 to urge Governor Andrew Cuomo to release the results of a risk assessment of a high-pressure gas pipeline near the Indian Point nuclear plants that is more than two years overdue.

"How much longer will the governor make us wait?" said Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident, cancer researcher and member of Resist Spectra. "I'm calling on the governor to do the right thing."

The state hired a consultant, Henningson, Durham and Richardson, Architects and Engineers, PC, to conduct a risk assessment at a cost of \$250,000, paid by taxpayers, that was planned to be completed by December 31, 2006. Several delays have taken place since and the report still hasn't surfaced even though the new pipeline has already been constructed.

Paul Blanch, a nuclear power expert who has worked for the state regarding safety at Indian Point, alleged there is a "conspiracy" between the state and Enbridge/Spectra to conceal the risk assessment.

"All we're getting is promises. None of the commitments from the state to provide information have been met," Blanch remarked at the rally.



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Several activists and local officials spoke out last month about New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo releasing a risk assessment report of a high-pressure gas pipeline near the Indian Point nuclear plants.

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said letters they have sent to Cuomo in January and March seeking a status report on the risk assessment have not been answered. Galef said she spoke with a Cuomo staff member recently and was told the report

should be forthcoming.

"We thought we were going to get it a year ago. It doesn't make any sense that this report doesn't appear," Galef said.

"We need answers. What are they hiding?" said Puglisi, who noted she remains perplexed how the federal

'We thought we were going to get it a year ago. It doesn't make any sense that this report doesn't appear.'
— Assemblywoman
Sandy Galef

Nuclear Regulatory Commission allowed Spectra to build the new pipeline closer to Indian Point than where the previous pipeline was located.

Paul Gally, president of Riverkeeper, the environmental group that was involved with the state and Entergy in the deal last year that stunned local leaders with the announcement that Indian Point would stop operating in 2021, maintained the pipeline's proximity to the nuclear plants threatens the region.

"Everyone is speculating does it (risk assessment) have things in it that people don't want us to know about?" Gally said. "Silence is not acceptable. The longer this goes on, the worse it looks."



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Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Begins Final Refueling

By Rick Pezzullo

One of the two operating Indian Point nuclear power plants in the Village of Buchanan received its last fill-up of fuel late last month.

Control room operators shut down Unit 2 to begin the 23rd and final scheduled refueling and maintenance outage for the generating unit, which has powered New York City and the lower Hudson Valley since 1974 and is scheduled to shut down by April 30, 2020.

Unit 3, which remains in service at full power, will conduct its final refueling outage next spring before shutting down permanently by April 30, 2021.

"We remain dedicated to operational excellence at Indian Point and are investing millions of dollars to ensure the facility's continued safe, secure and reliable operation until permanently

closing," said Tony Vitale, site vice president and Entergy's top official at Indian Point. "During the next several weeks, approximately 2,000 workers will perform equipment maintenance, comprehensive safety inspections and refuel the reactor so we can continue to meet our rigorous operational safety standards and provide clean, reliable power to millions of New Yorkers."

About 1,000 additional skilled contract workers are supplementing the nearly 1,000 full-time Entergy facility employees during the outage to complete the refueling and other important maintenance projects.

In January 2017, Entergy, which purchased the plants more than 15 years ago, announced its plan for the early and orderly shutdown of Indian Point Energy Center as part of a settlement with New York State. In exchange, New York State agreed to drop its legal challenges and support renewal of the operating licenses for the facility.

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**Business
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d'Berto's Pizzeria

Mahopac

By David Propper

Angelo and Mario Krasniqi are back in town with a new pizzeria called d'Berto's.

The two brothers, after a short hiatus due to renovations, are back serving pizza and pasta in Mahopac along Route 6 at the K-Mart shopping center. With a new Stop & Shop being built, what was formerly Paolo's had to be moved over slightly in the shopping center. But when the old pizza shop was torn down, it gave way for Angelo and Mario to expand and improve their restaurant and offer more to customers.

In addition to the new exterior look and name, d'Berto's has a larger dining-in area for sit down dinners and parties and a bar stocked with alcoholic beverages. There is also a section for customers to grab a slice or two and have a quick bite.

Angelo and Mario have been Putnam Valley residents since 2002. They used to live in the Bronx and then Yonkers, and then headed up north to Putnam. The two brothers came to New York from Europe as teenagers, where they were motivated to learn everything they could about the pizza business.



Mario and Angelo Krasniqi in front of their new bar area at d'Berto's Pizzeria.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS The new sign and name for d'Berto's along Route 6.

Their pizza place was closed for four months, which was a break from the brothers' daily routine. But they used that time wisely.

"Finally, we just came to the opportunity

to get bigger," Angelo said.

The former name was Paolo's, but the two brothers decided to name it d'Berto's, in part, after Mario's son, Albert, who also works at the pizza shop.

The restaurant offers a classic pizzeria menu with specialty slices, wedges, pasta, and seafood. There are several salads and wraps for those looking for


a lighter option. And for dessert-lovers, they offer cannoli, zeppole, cheesecakes, and tiramisu. The restaurant also offers delivery.

"We still keep the same phone number, same recipes, and same food," Angelo said.

d'Bertos Pizzeria is located at 995 Route 6 and its phone number (845) 628-6175.



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Letters to the Editor

I'm Hometown Proud, Not Iowa Stubborn!

The recent Brewster High School production of Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* was an amazing showcase of technical, vocal, dance and overall theatrical skill on stage, in the pit, and behind the scenes. Most importantly, it portrayed hometown pride on and off the stage.

The show pulled a cross section of our "hometown" together. Every high school student involved played an important role: the cast members were stellar as the stage crew worked fast and efficiently all while the pit played on! The show even included younger stars from the middle and intermediate schools that did their

bit with talent and grace. Directed and produced by Stephanie Rubino, the show also utilized many hands to make light work with student leaders, "adult crew" on the production team, volunteers, and of course, the BHS Performing Arts Boosters.

I attended two shows and had the pleasure of meeting and working with other parent volunteers at the concession table during the other shows. I was filled with hometown pride not only by what I saw in the theatre but also by whom I saw in the lobby. Aside from a typical audience full of school friends, neighbors and family, I was amazed by

the community that a high school show brings together. As they came through the doors, I lost count at the number of people I recognized as area and district school teachers and administrators, high school alumni, supporters from other local schools and religious organizations, along with fans from The ARC Putnam, Green Chimneys and even some business owners and local politicians.

Brewster High School's production of *The Music Man* was, as the young character Winthrop sang, "ssssomethin' sssspécial". It brought together a wonderful community that was nowhere close to being considered "Iowa Stubborn", it was all hometown pride.

Jennifer Cassidy
Brewster



Murphy's Support of SAFE Act Repeal Would Pose Danger to Schools

Columbine, Sandy Hook, Charleston, Orlando, Las Vegas, Parkland. The litany goes on and on.

But we in New York are fortunate that our communities have not yet appeared in this nefarious listing. New York has the fourth lowest rate of gun deaths per capita in the U.S., thanks in large part to the New York SAFE Act, a comprehensive gun safety law passed in 2013. And it's

growing in popularity. A recent Siena poll reported that opposition to the SAFE Act has fallen to an all-time low of 28 percent.

But Republican state Sen. Terrence Murphy wants to change all that. Mr. Murphy, rated 93 percent by the National Rifle Association and a regular recipient of NRA campaign cash, has co-sponsored S.879, a bill to repeal the SAFE Act outside of New York City.

He and his colleagues have rejected Assembly-passed enhancements to the SAFE Act including red flag provisions, enhanced background checks and preventing domestic abusers from purchasing weapons despite the fact that some of these actions are favored by 80 to 90 percent of Republicans. The Republican's response was to pass a package of "school safety" provisions, including the offer of "Guardians for Schools" license plates to raise money for school security. That'll certainly help a lot!

By contrast, Robert Kesten, Mr. Murphy's Democratic opponent in the 40th Senate District, stands foursquare behind the SAFE Act and actively supports its enhancements as well as a ban on "cop-killer" ammunition and similar provisions.

No reasonable person wants to repeal the Second Amendment or prohibit gun

ownership by responsible hunters, target shooters, collectors, etc. But the recent spate of gun violence in schools and elsewhere compels us to take positive action to keep guns out of the hands of those who cannot or will not control themselves and to manage the types of weapons and ammunition available to the general public.

Robert Kesten understands this. Unfortunately, Mr. Murphy does not. If he has his way, we will one day experience such a tragedy right here in the Hudson Valley. But not to worry, Mr. Murphy, we will still have the "Guardians for Schools" license plates you so generously offered us.

Sincerely,
Joel E. Gingold
Croton-on-Hudson

Club Fit Opens Doors with Community Open House Event

On April 13, Club Fit will host an open house at its Jefferson Valley location. The carnival-themed event is free and open to the public. Membership is not required to attend. "This Carnival Themed Open House has been planned to help celebrate our 45th birthday," said Jacquie Giannico, Marketing Director for Club Fit. "It's our giveback, not only to our members, but to our community. It's an evening of total fun for the entire family with great activities happening."

The Club Fit Open House Carnival Celebration in Jefferson Valley will take place on April 13, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Open House Carnival Celebration is designed as a night of family-friendly fun and entertainment. A number of activities are planned, including Zumba, Tennis and Boot Camp, as well as a live DJ, a photo booth, raffles, food and even a stilt walker and juggler on hand.

"Between the carnival games, stilt walkers, jugglers, caricaturists and music

to go along with the event, we hope everyone comes out to celebrate with us," Giannico said. "This gives us an opportunity to get people into our club so that they can feel the excitement and see what it has to offer. Health clubs can be intimidating, and we are the furthest thing from that! From our super friendly staff, to our certified personal trainers, we do fitness right. We care about keeping our community happy and healthy."

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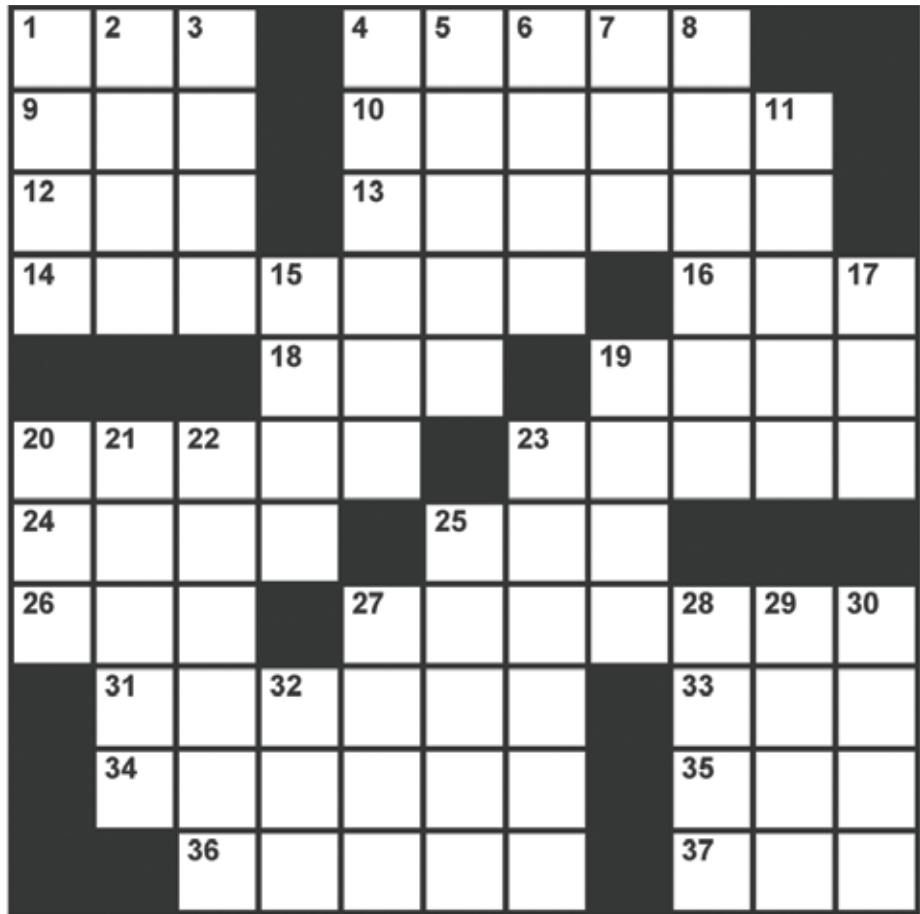
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9. The NY Manning
10. Force
12. Ballad's end?
13. Annoyance
14. NBC logo
16. Silly person
18. Wonderment sound
19. Volcano
20. "_____ Survive" (Gloria Gaynor hit)
23. No-see-ums
24. Superman's alter ego would shop at this Putnam liquor store
25. Turned over ground
26. Psychic ability
27. When the rooster crows or Yorktown carpentry
31. Hawk's weapons
33. After-tax amount
34. Rushing sound
35. Metric wts.
36. "Gritty" intro
37. Sauce source

Down

1. ____ Grand Cherokee
2. Away from wind
3. Red giant in the constellation Cetus
4. House of education
5. Tutor who helps one develop skills
6. Siberian city
7. Photo ____ (PR events)

8. Spanish ball game
11. Got support from
15. Stallion, as a child
17. Scale notes
19. M.I.T. grad, abbr.
20. President, for short
21. Adam and Mae
22. Hocked
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Town of Carmel Police Blotter

On January 17, Carmel Police arrested a 42-year-old Mohegan Lake man after he was stopped for driving while not having his headlights on. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, both misdemeanors, and Unlicensed Operator and Operating a Motor Vehicle with no Head Lamps, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 18, Carmel Police arrested James Hosford, 36, of Mahopac after he was picked up by Yorktown Police and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Town of Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 18, Carmel Police arrested Martin Dyckman, 46, of Poughkeepsie after investigation into a larceny. Mr Dyckman, under the company MJD Flooring, accepted \$1,100 to do flooring work but never returned to do the work and refused to answer the client's phone calls. He was charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a felony. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 25, Carmel Police arrested a 40-year-old Mahopac woman after responding to a disabled vehicle. She was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, both misdemeanors, and Unlicensed Operator, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Unregistered Motor Vehicle, all violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 26, Carmel Police arrested a 19-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for making an illegal left hand turn. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device, both violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 26, Carmel Police arrested Anthony Martin, 25, of Mahopac after he was arrested by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Town of Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail.

On January 27, Carmel Police arrested a 17-year-old Carmel man after he was stopped for having a modified exhaust. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator

and Modified Exhaust, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 28, Carmel Police arrested a 40-year-old Montrose woman after she was stopped for having an expired Inspection sticker on her vehicle. She was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, a misdemeanor, and Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninspected Motor Vehicle, and Improper Plates, all violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 29, Carmel Police arrested Christopher Ford, 53, of Granite Springs, after investigation into a hit and run property damage automobile accident determined that he had given a false written statement to police. He was charged with Making a Punishable False Written Statement, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 29, Carmel Police arrested Scott Baia, 27, of Lake Peekskill after he turned himself in on an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On January 31, Carmel Police arrested a 50-year-old Carmel man after he was stopped for failing to stop at a stop sign. He was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, a misdemeanor, and Failed to Stop at Stop Sign, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 2, Carmel Police arrested Francis Wheeler, 30, of Lake Peekskill after he broke a window to a local business. He was charged with Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a felony. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 2, Carmel Police arrested a 24-year-old South Salem man after he was involved in a property damage automobile accident and fled the scene, leaving his vehicle at the scene. He was contacted by officers and admitted to the accident. He was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana after a quantity was located inside the vehicle, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Automobile Accident, Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Illegal Tints, Unauthorized Stickers, Drove Left of Pavement Markings, and Plate Display Violations, all violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 5, Carmel Police arrested John Norelli, 58, of Mahopac after he was involved in a property damage automobile accident. He was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .08 or Higher, both misdemeanors. He was released on his own recognizance

pending a future court date.

On February 7, Carmel Police arrested a 37-year-old Mahopac woman after she was involved in a personal injury automobile accident. She was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Improper Plates, and Uninsured Motor Vehicle, all violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 7, Carmel Police arrested Chelsea Hayes, 22, of Carmel after she was involved in a property damage automobile accident. She was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 9, Carmel Police arrested Frank Juvino, 55, of Jefferson Valley after he was picked up by Harrison Police and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 10, Carmel Police arrested a 53-year-old Carmel man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Speed in Zone, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 10, Carmel Police arrested a 36-year-old Beacon man after he was involved in a property damage automobile accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 14, Carmel Police

arrested Christian Larkin, 43, of Pawling, after he was picked up by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 cash or bond.

On February 15, Carmel Police arrested Jason Neubrand, 30, of Mahopac after he was picked up by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 17, Carmel Police arrested a 26-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Speed in Zone, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 19, Carmel Police arrested a 27-year-old Peekskill man after he was stopped for failing to stop at a red light. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, Uninspected Operator, and Failed to Stop at Steady Red Signal, all violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On February 21, Carmel Police arrested a 47-year-old Carmel man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and Speed in Zone, all violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

Spring Garden School

Gearing up for this year's gardening season? Before you buy your plants or prep your soil, join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County for their Spring Garden School. All Putnam residents are invited to attend this year's program, Easy Solutions for Garden Problems. On Saturday April 21, 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators and Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6 Mahopac teaching six different workshops. These workshops are designed to equip gardeners of all levels with current, research-based information to deal with some of the most common garden problems in Putnam County. Participants will learn to how identify and manage pesky and beneficial insects, keep deer from ravaging their gardens, and how to select plants for their spaces including shady areas and near foundations. The day will also include steps to choosing the right vegetables for your garden amongst the plethora of options out there. Registration is only \$25 per person and can be done online or through the mail. Visit putnam.cce.cornell.edu or call (845) 278-6738 for additional information and to register.

Obituaries

Bessie Booth

Bessie Booth, 91, of Carmel, died on March 24, at Wingate at Dutchess in Fishkill. Bessie was born on September 2, 1926 to the late, Dennis and Edna (Wildy) Williams in Kent Cliffs. On August 24, 1946, she married the love of her life, Hobert Booth in Brewster, and together they had four children; John Walter, Shirley Ann, Sharon Louise and Betty Jean. Bessie was a homemaker and dedicated her entire life to her family. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and a friend to many. Bessie is survived by her three loving children; John Walter Booth, Shirley Ann Russell, and Sharon Louise Williams, seven cherished grandchildren and four adoring great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Hobert and her beloved daughter; Betty Jean Johnson.

Vincent Papasodero

Vincent Papasodero, 90, of Mahopac, died on March 25, at Putnam Hospital Center with his loving family by his side. Mr. Papasodero was born on October 13, 1927 to the late, Armando and Lucy (Cartolano) Papasodero in Brooklyn. He was raised during the great depression and was part of the greatest generation that worked hard to serve God, Country and Family. During World War II, he proudly served our Country with the US Army from 1943-1945. He married the love of his life, Domenica on June 12, 1949 in Queens, and together they were bless with three beautiful children; Armand, Ricky and Debbie. Before he retired, along with his son Ricky, he was the proud Owner of A&R Auto Parts Store/Dealer, in Mohegan Lake. He had a passion for cars and many of his clients were like family to him. He was a great gardener and looked forward to growing vegetables every year for his family. Vincent was second to none in the kitchen. On Sundays, you could always find him in the kitchen preparing his Sunday dinner which was more like an Italian feast! His heart and his home, always welcomed family and friends to gather at his table for all to enjoy. Vincent was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and a friend to many. Although Vincent will be dearly missed, his legacy of love and devotion to family will continue to grow in our hearts. He is survived by his three loving children; Armand (Debra) Papasodero, Ricky (Bonnie) Papasodero, Debbie (Chris) Zimmer, five cherished grandchildren; Vincent, Tina, Domenica, Maryann, and Christopher and five great-grand children; Anthony, Alyssa, Johnny, Toni Ann, Nico and one little cutie on the way! He is predeceased by his beloved wife Domenica, his brother Louis and his

sister; Mary Ryan. Also survived by his loving companion of 9 years Grace Tausz.

Joseph DiBella

Joseph DiBella, of Brewster, died peacefully on Monday March 26, at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home. He was 76 years old. Born on June 13, 1941 in the Bronx, son to the late Joseph and Vera (Dell'Aira) DiBella. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1959. On August 26, 1961 he married the love of his life Marilyn J. Knapp at the First Baptist Church of Brewster. Joseph worked for NYSEG for 25 years moving up in the ranks to a chief lineman before retiring in 1987. He was also the co-owner of Brewster Carvel and Brewster Seafood. Mr. DiBella ran as well as coached the Southeast Recreation Basketball program. He also coached the Brewster youth football team. He was also a member of the Brewster Boosters. Joseph enjoyed wood working, but his greatest passion in life was his family. Mr. DiBella is not only survived by his loving wife Marilyn, but also his children; Joseph DiBella of Brewster, Lori (Roger) Sarles of Carmel, Larry (Susan) DiBella of Bridgewater, CT and Anthony (Tonya) DiBella of Plymouth, CT, his 8 grandchildren; Joseph, Roger Jr., Anna, Elizabeth, Brian, Meghan, Amanda and Dante and his one great granddaughter; Brooklyn. He is also survived by his brother James (Linda) DiBella of Brewster, and his sister in law Jeannette DiBella of Watertown, CT. Also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother David.

Robert James Bennett

Robert James Bennett, 81, of Carmel, died on March 26, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born on April 18, 1936, to the late Edson T. and Virginia (Stauffer) Bennett in the Bronx. Bob was a graduate of Carmel High School, went on to the University of Dayton and received a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering and he also graduated from Marist College with BS Degree in Physics. He proudly served our Country with the US Army serving in the Army Security Agency. On May 31, 1958 he married the love of his life, Helene Ruhrmann at Our Lady of the Lake, in Lake Carmel, and they were blessed with four children; Jean, Kathy, Greg and Kristine. Bob used his education degree to become an Engineer at IBM at the IBM Thomas J Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, before retiring in 2000. As an active community member, Bob was the Putnam County Commissioner of Elections, Kent Democratic Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Putnam County Democratic Committee and Chairman of the Kent Recreation Commission. Bob was also the Head Usher at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel. Bob enjoyed all things aviation

and aeronautics, and his greatest passion was spending time with his family and friends. Bob was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, father-in-law and a friend to many. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him. Bob is survived by his devoted wife of almost 60 years, Helene, his four loving children; Jean (husband Al) DiLeo, of Stormville, Kathy Bennett of Carmel, Greg (wife Beth) Bennett of Yorktown Heights, and Kristine (husband Chris) Park of West Harrison, his five cherished grandchildren; Brandon DiLeo, Jonathan DiLeo, Kaitlyn Bennett, Kaylee Park and Colin Park, all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his brother William Bennett of Delray Beach, Fl and many loving nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his siblings; Dorothy Monahan and Edson Bennett.

Selma M. Schneider

Selma Marion Schneider, 90, of Mahopac, died on March 27, at Hudson Valley Hospital. Mrs. Schneider was born on May 14, 1927 to the late, Samuel and Fannie Seider in Bayonne, NJ. On September 19, 1948 she married the love of her life Sidney Schneider in Manhattan, and they had two children; Fran and Michael. Before she retired in 2012, at 85 1/2 years old, Selma was the Comptroller of Mental Health Office for the University Consultation Center in the Bronx. In her spare time, Selma enjoyed reading, iPad

games, knitting, crocheting, puzzles, but most of all spend time with her family and friends. Selma was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and a friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her. Selma's legacy of devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Selma is survived by her two loving children; Fran (Michael) Boemio and Michael (Catherine) Schneider, four cherished grandchildren, Christopher Boemio, Jason Boemio, Amanda (Sarah) Kinbar and Michael Schneider all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Sidney and her two siblings; Beaty Baer and Alfred Seider.



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Here Are Some Tips for Easy Spring Gardening

Most every spring I write a piece about simplifying garden chores to achieve maximum effect in design and color with minimum effort in planting, weeding and especially bending and kneeling.

Although I've lived for three years in a condominium where someone else does all the bending and kneeling to keep the surrounding property looking like Shangri-La, I enjoy thinking about past garden chores. I can still throw out some tips that may be of help to you in simplifying your workload without sacrificing satisfying results.

Once a garden plan is developed and set in place, spring chores amount mainly to maintenance. As naïve as I was as a young homeowner thinking that every tree, shrub and bulb I discovered on my property, as well as ones that I plopped there over the years, would continue to grow and prosper during their lifetimes and mine.

Oh my, how the landscape that embraced my historic home changed over the near half-century that I owned it. Thanks to pestilence, severe



By Bill Primavera

winters and especially those unforgettable storms, Irene and Sandy, which toppled 17 mature trees, my property was transformed from an almost completely shaded stretch into a very sunny property, requiring an entirely different landscaping plan and maintenance requirements.

That unforgiving sun demands that little things grow into big things, be they cultivated or wild, and that requires a lot of work to either encourage growth or eliminate it. That would have been fine if I were willing, which I was not, and had the time, which

I didn't.

After the tree service people removed nine felled trees from Hurricane Irene, then another eight from Sandy, my property, which had been a gorgeous shaded glen, suddenly looked like a war zone. I was also thousands of dollars poorer from the experience.

At first, I was grateful that none of the trees had hit the house, but I didn't know where to start with suddenly moving from shade gardening to that of bright sunlight.

Years ago, the spreading limbs of two century-old sugar maples required only broad swaths of evergreen pachysandra below. And in the sunny areas of the property, enthusiastic gardener that I was at the time, I planted beds of annuals and perennials in every inch of space that had access to the sun. Now, suddenly there was too much access to the sun and I had no drive to plant much at all. But it taught me some lessons in garden simplification that I pass on here.

Where a giant maple had once stood, centered on my front lawn, I seeded grass and bordered it with the pachysandra that had been under the tree to create a soft transition to the wooded area beyond.

I replaced all of the annual beds with either hardy perennials or daylilies, or better yet, vinca, where I didn't have to do anything at all.

For flowers that require less planting time, I've turned to container gardening. Since my attack by Mother Nature, I've created a more architectural garden by collecting urns – iron, aluminum that looks like iron, concrete and clay – and interspersed them on either side of the entrance to my driveway, three on my patio, at the entrance to my front door and at several locations in my backyard.

To make them really carefree, I planted

three geraniums in each urn, usually in pink and one white, my favorite combination. Geraniums are the hardiest plant under the sun, and surrounding them, I planted white and pink petunias, the kind which hang over the edge. Then I mulched them to better retain water. The nicest thing about container gardening is that I didn't have to bend over or kneel to plant them.

To guard against the need for constant weed pulling during the summer, I asked my lawn maintenance people to drop me off a truck of "clean" wood chips at the far edge of my wooded property. Then, when I felt like some exercise, instead of going to the gym I picked up my pitchfork and coated every bed of perennials and around my hostas with a thick layer of chips to retain moisture and keep the weeds at bay all season long.

While a publicist and journalist, Bill Primavera is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com, and his blog is www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

The Conundrum of Satisfying One's Maturing Palate



By Nick Antonaccio

When I was a young man, I thought like a young man, acted like a young man and drank like a young man. Now that I have matured, I think, act and drink like a mature man

(with apologies to the Bible verse from Corinthians 13:11).

What does a mature man drink? I must say it has been an evolutionary journey, from price-conscious wines to price/quality wines and now to higher quality wines that command commensurate prices.

It has been my experience that it is becoming increasingly difficult to satiate my appetite for finer wines, while adhering to my self-imposed budget. The first hurdle is the price/quality hurdle. Certainly we've all experienced a few of our favorite wines in the under \$15 category. The price/quality ratio can be exceptional in this price range.

But if you've ever "upped your game" into the \$15 to \$20 range or ever "splurged" on a wine above \$20, you've most likely experienced a greater

price/quality ratio than your taste buds and palate have ever enjoyed. And if you've ever experienced a "higher-end" wine above \$50, it's difficult to revert to the wines that piqued your palate as a younger wine consumer, your wine spending budget notwithstanding.

Over the last few years I've embarked on a mission to find upper echelon wines that stand apart from the hundreds of brands available on the shelves of retail wine shops. My current effort is focused on California wines, which, in my opinion, is today's hotbed of entrepreneurial experimentation. There is a cult of winemakers who are intent on producing wine as a fulfillment of their passion, with a genuine desire to introduce consumers to fine wines at (somewhat) reasonable prices.

So here's the rub: How does one find and procure these gems?

California is dotted with the likes of wine lovers turned winemakers. A number have grape-stained hands from crafting their own wines while others have ink-stained hands from writing checks to purchase wineries and hire talented winemakers.

During my last two trips to Napa Valley

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and Sonoma County, I have been fortunate to locate passionate winemakers producing fine wines in near obscurity from the broad wine-consuming community.

Here are several means I've employed to seek out these winemakers.

1. A deep dive into the Internet prior to my trip. I've found comments from fellow travelers, blogs from fellow wine writers and newsletters from professionals with far greater time and budgets than I. This investment in surfing has paid off many times. Several of my now-favorite wineries have come from unpeeling the layers upon layers of information and opinions deeply buried on the web.

2. Engage a sommelier at a wine country restaurant. Who better to offer advice than someone who is tapped into local winemakers who frequent their dining room? He or she will gladly share a unique experience with you of a wine on their list, which may be an exclusive offering. A number of them have hidden gems in their cellar that may not be on the wine list.

3. The concierge desk at wine country hotels and resorts. Small producers frequently offer these workers free tastings at their winery. For me, word of mouth is a powerful inducement coming from an exuberant concierge.

'How does one find and procure these gems?'

4. Visit a tasting room. Fellow patrons frequently will share their adventures and discoveries when you join them at the tasting counter. Everyone likes to share a secret, especially wine country travelers.

5. Specialty wine shops in wine country. Wooed by small producers, these shops can be instrumental in identifying and sponsoring a rising winemaker star.

Invariably these gems command premium prices. But the artisanal craftsmanship and small production are worthy of an investment.

Coming up, a few of my discoveries over the last few years.

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Lend Me Your Ears- Music with Marlana continues at the Kent Library for

those ages 3-5! Fridays, April 6th, 13th, 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

Saturdays:

Horror Story Book Group. 10 a.m., This group will meet on the first Saturday of each month to read and discuss horror novels. The group will be led by Heather Powderly, a member of the Hudson Valley Horror Fiends. April's read is *Horrorstor* by Brady Hendrix; pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk at Mahopac Library. All are welcome. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Save the Date:

Wednesday, April 11:

Hudson Valley Food and Wine Experience April 11 Villa Barone Hilltop Manor Presented by Putnam/Northern Westchesters Woman's Resource center To Register: www.pnwsrc.org call 845-628-9284 \$75 per person all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Sunday, April 15

Come and Enjoy the Tony T. Orchestra playing classic 40's to today's Hits 3 p.m.-6 p.m. VFW building 32 Gleneida Ave. (Rt. 52) Carmel, NY. Music and Dancing Hot Buffet. \$30 per person. Reservations required by April 9 to glitalaw@gmail.com. For additional information 914-419-7250. Fundraiser for the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Fr. Licata Lodge, Carmel.

Sunday, May 20:

2nd Annual Northwell Health Walk at Westchester to Benefit The Bruce and Andrea Yablon Cancer Health and Wellness Program. The Northwell Health Walk at Westchester is a day to come together with your family, friends and colleagues to celebrate and support the health and wellness of our entire community. Activities, Health and wellness exhibits, Sponsor row, Kids' zone, Musical entertainment, Food and beverages, Photo booth, Giveaways, Pre-walk warm ups. Registration 8:30 a.m., Walk 10:00 a.m., Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park Yorktown Heights, NY Want to be a Team Captain? Contact: Whitney Wasserman (914) 242-8382 wwasserman2@northwell.edu, www.northwellhealthwalk.com/event/

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Tuesday, April 3

Let's Explore Butterflies: 4:30 p.m. For children in grades K-5. Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet? Learn interesting butterfly facts and behaviors; discover the difference between butterflies and moths. Plus, make a wonderful butterfly t-shirt! Bring your own all-cotton t-shirt, or purchase one at the event for \$4. Registration is required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Manage your financial and healthcare needs and those of your loved ones: Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq., a leading elderlaw attorney, and his colleague Joanna C. Feldman, Esq., will answer questions and discuss how they assist clients with Wills, trusts, Medicaid, special needs, and long-term care planning, guardianships and related areas of interest. The events are occurring at 2074 Crompond Road in Yorktown Heights on April 3 and April 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Interested persons can call (914) 925-1010 to reserve a complimentary seat.

Wednesday, April 4

Friends of Mahopac Public Library monthly meeting. 6 p.m. All are welcome. For information visit the Friends page on the Mahopac Library website: www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Magic of Science with Mad Science. For children ages 4+. 5 p.m. Are magicians REALLY doing magic? Most of the spectacular demonstrations created by magicians look like magic, but are really science. Watch as objects float and disappear. Set money on fire, see it burn, and then bring it back to its' original state. Fill large balloons with air using only the power of your mind...and Bernoulli's principle. Register online @ www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call Mahopac Library at 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Color Yourself... Cozy: 1 p.m. -3 p.m. Kent Library! Color Yourself... Cozy is a Hygge event for adults. Hygge is all about being cozy and enjoying the simple

pleasures in life. Coloring is a great way to relax and have fun while getting in touch with your creative side. Program for Adults only. Light refreshments and warm beverages will be served. Coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided. Feel free to bring your own materials. Registration is required for refreshments. Call the Library for additional dates and times. 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.

Thursday, April 5

The Reed Memorial Library Beaded Earring Workshop: 10a.m. The workshop will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Registration is required. Please contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Friday, April 6

Joy of Dance: Dance/movement therapy for people with Parkinson's Disease. Joy of Dance is offering a free group session, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at Seven Star School of Performing Arts. Light refreshments will follow. Joy of Dance is a dance/movement therapy group for people with Parkinson's Disease. Registration is required. Please contact Marie Carstens at 347-742-6591 or email at Mccarstens21@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Fundraising Planning. 1:30 p.m. Does your organization need help directing its fundraising efforts? Planning focuses your organization by setting fundraising priorities and helps give staff and board members a roadmap to success. This introductory class will provide you with steps to develop a fundraising plan including: making your case for support, diversifying your organization's fundraising base, and creating a plan of action. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Flo Brandon Book Group @ Mahopac Library. 11 a.m. Join us for a discussion of *Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff. Drop-in group; no registration needed.



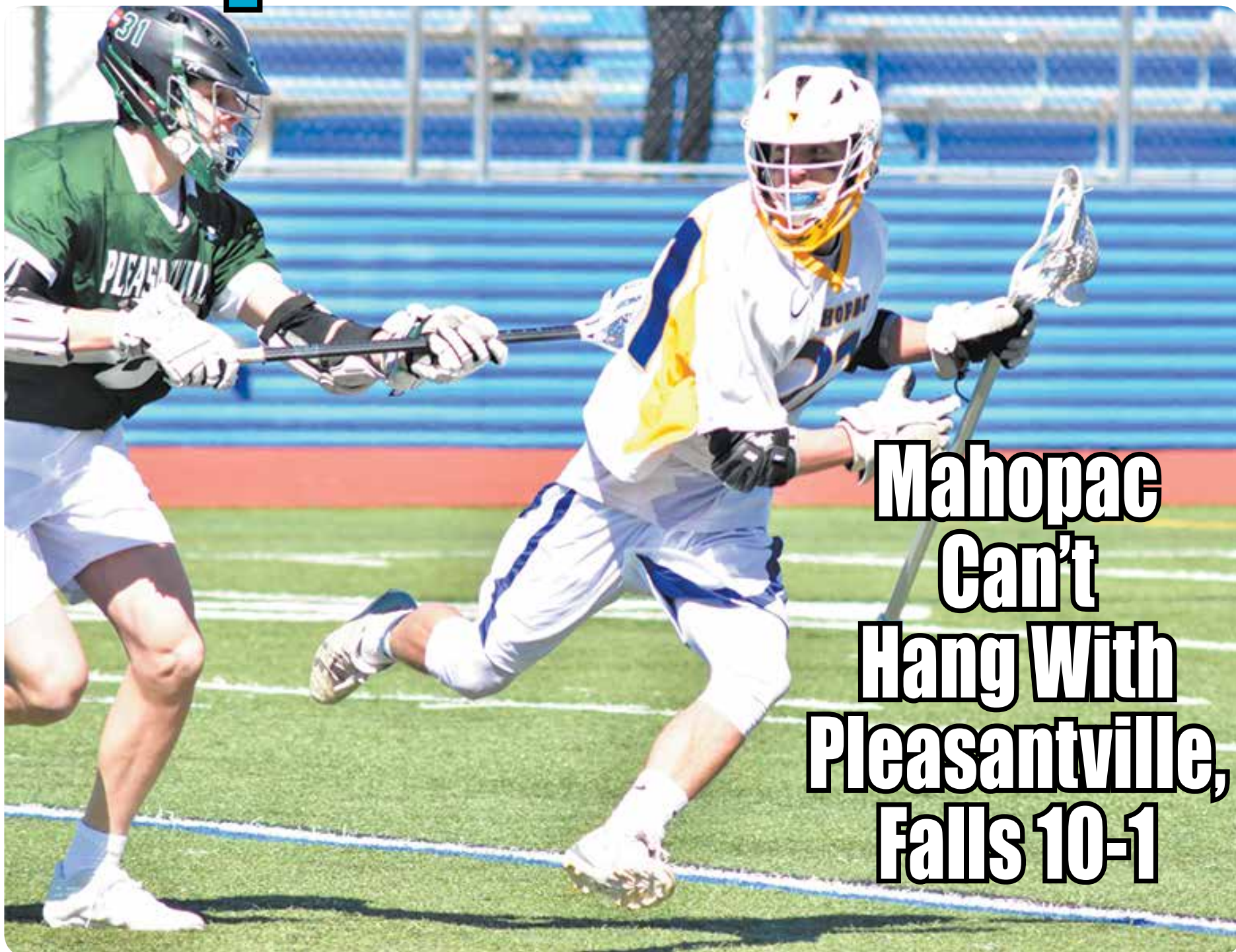
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**Mahopac
Can't
Hang With
Pleasantville,
Falls 10-1**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Class A host Mahopac High found out the hard way last Saturday that there will be nothing pleasant about facing Pleasantville, the reigning Section 1 Class C champs and 2018 Class D favorite, this season as Zach Esteves (R) and the Indians fell, 10-1, to Justin Lupo (30) and the state-title-hopeful Panthers on an otherwise gorgeous Saturday afternoon... see Boys Lax Notebook

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Girls LAX Notebook

Putnam Valley Outlasts Brewster in Overtime, 9-8

Yorktown Trims Hen Hud in Battle of Heavyweights; L/P, Mahopac Winners, Too

By Tony Pinciario

PUTNAM VALLEY made its first win of the season a statement victory.

The 2017 Section 1 Class C runner-up Tigers rallied from a two-goal halftime deficit to force overtime and eventually overtake an experienced BREWSTER team in a 9-8 victory at the Bears' den.

entire team," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Brewster is a great team and that win was huge for us. This win definitely showed the girls that they can compete against these very-skilled teams. I think starting off with the loss to Byram they felt a little defeated, but this win was big in shifting



Brewster's Danielle Regan fires shot in Bears' 9-8 loss to Putnam Valley last Wednesday.

Junior Jackie Phillips' second goal of the game, as overtime was winding down, was the difference.

"It was an outstanding effort by the



Brewster's Lauren Craft fires shot as PV's Cat Mazza defends in Bears' 9-8 loss to Tigers last Wednesday.

their focus and boosting team morale and confidence."

Putnam Valley trailed 5-3 at halftime and appeared headed for a second-straight loss out of the gate, but a different team emerged after the break.

"Our defense really stepped up in



Brewster's Megan Beal tries to outplay Put Valley D Gillian Hanson in Bears' 9-8 loss to Tigers last Wednesday.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Put Valley G Kimberly Hyndman and M Emma Rippon converge to halt a shot from Brewster's Lauren Craft in Tigers' 9-8 win over Bears.

the second half," Hyndman said. "They were determined and held their own, especially against Brewster's very talented Lauren Craft and Meagan Beal. They are excellent players and have good shots so we knew if we tried to prevent them from scoring we may have a chance.

"I wish there were close-ups after Jackie scored that game-winning goal. The excitement on the girls' faces was



Putnam Valley's Jessica Denike closes in on Brewster's Michelle Feighan in Tigers' 9-8 come-from-behind win over host Bears last Wednesday.

priceless. They really worked hard for this win and we couldn't be happier for them. It's still only the beginning of the season though so there things we need to work on, but we definitely let these girls celebrate their hard-fought win."

Meredith Conlin and Phillips each scored twice. Kaitlin Cohen, Lindsey Cohen, Maddie Deegan, Jessica Denike and Emma Rippon scored a goal apiece. Kimberly Hyndman made 12 saves.

Prior to its overtime loss with Putnam Valley, Brewster opened the season with wins over Carmel, 15-6, and Nyack, 17-

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Girls LAX Notebook



Lakeland-Panas' Cara O'Shea nailing goal in Rebel win over Pelham.



Lakeland-Panas M Emily Kness was a two-way terror in win over Pelham.



Lakeland-Panas M Kelsey McCrudden makes her move in season-opening win over Pelham.



Yorktown's Caroline Garti dodges past TZ defender in Huskers' 13-10 opening-day win over Dutchmen.



Yorktown's Noelle Cegielski races up sideline in Huskers' 13-10 opening-day win over Tappan Zee.

11. Beal erupted for seven goals against Carmel and Marina Souza added four goals and four assists. Craft contributed two goals and two assists. Maggie DePaoli and Haile Ratajack each scored a goal and Dani Regan collected two assists. Danielle Heintz finished with 19 saves.

Craft took the lead against Nyack with a team-leading four goals. DePaoli, Regan and Ratajack each had a hat trick and Regan also had three assists. Beal and Michelle Feighan had one goal apiece. Gillian Cunningham, Sam DeLeo and Souza had assists.

"It was a great first week and we're all glad to be out on the fields," Brewster Coach Sara DiDio said. "We played some

great competition to start the season and already had an overtime game.

"Danielle (Heintz) stepped in goal for us and our offense is moving the ball well. The girls are playing smarter and working as a team. We have spring-break week, where we will get to go away and bond for a few days in Boston."

Craft led Brewster with three goals and two assists against Putnam Valley. Beal also scored three goals and also finished with an assist. DeLeo and Souza also had goals.

LAKELAND/PANAS opened its second season under newly-married Coach Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie with a 13-9

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Boys' LAX Notebook

Embury Boys on Tear for Nationally-Ranked Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher
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YORKTOWN caused quite a stir last Tuesday when the Huskers erased a 2-0 deficit to post a comfortable 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's, a longtime CHSAA rival and one of the best programs in the country, and Coach Sean Carney's nationally-ranked (No.11) Huskers were nearly as impressive in Saturday's 13-11 loss to No.18 Darien, winners of 55-straight games.

Tied at 6-all early in the third, the Blue Wave reeled off six unanswered goals

before the Huskers rallied behind the Marist-bound Embury brothers, who have led the charge for the Huskers all season. Hunter Embury bagged five goals for the Huskers (3-1) while Jamison Embury went four goals and four assists. Remarkably, the duo have combined for a ridiculous 52 points in four games (Hunter 18G, 5A; Jamo' 12G, 17A), a pace that would push them to the limits of a combined 120 goals and 88 assists, pre-playoffs.

Yorktown senior All-American D Brett Makar added one goal and two assists against Darien. The Maryland-bound pole is showing significant two-way ability.

"The kids played hard," Husker boss Sean Carney said. "We made a lot of uncharacteristic mistakes that cost us: Clearing game, some sloppy turnovers. Our kids believe they are as good as anyone they play no matter who is on the other end of the field. Many of these boys have played in two state title games and numerous big games, and it is why we play this type of schedule. We test ourselves to see how we need to play to win come May. We need more complete games like Tuesday against St. Anthony's then last night against Darien."

Against St. A's, Yorktown senior Hunter Embury had four goals and one assist while twin Jamison Embury added two goals and three assists for the Huskers. Tim O'Callaghan added two goals while Alex DeBenedictis and Shane Dahlke scored once for the Huskers. Yorktown G Dan O'Meara made his second-straight start as Coach Sean Carney tinkers with his goaltending situation early on.

"It's an open competition at all spots," Carney admitted. "Dan O'Meara is excellent goalie with top skills and as we tell kids each day, compete. We let them know that every position is open, so keep competing. Louis (Ragusa) is competing with Dan now each day in practice as is every position."

Yorktown also posted a 19-6 win over Fox Lane. If **CARMEL** is ever going to take that next step, wins like last Tuesday's 8-7 triumph over host **PUTNAM VALLEY** are imperative. Ram Matt LaFontaine scored the unassisted game-winning goal with 5:04 to play, and teammates Jaden Pellino and Ryan Taormina each bagged a pair of goals. Playmaker Henry Flocco (9 GBs) wound up with a goal and four assists to lead all Rams, who are on the brink of beating programs they've not beaten before.

"These kids are grinders," Carmel first-year Coach Matt Caione said. "There's still a lot of work we need to do, but we're proud of them and their effort."

Put Valley sophomore A Kyle Wassil had a game-high four goals and an assist to lead the Tigers. Joey Macquignon (2G, 2A) added four points for the Tigers, who have to be concerned about losing to Carmel for the second year in a row.



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown senior Hunter Embury goes behind the back for one of four goals in Huskers' 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's.



Mahopac A Ryan Dugan sets up the lone goal the Indians would score in 10-1 loss to Pleasantville. Saturday.

Pellino also bagged a hat trick, leading the Rams (3-0) to a 9-2 win over North Salem Thursday.

The Tigers (1-1), meanwhile, bounced back behind a late rally, staving off upset-minded Ossining, 10-9, last Thursday. The Pride squandered a seven-goal lead when Mike Nolan scored equalizer with 8:40 left and Wassil scored winner from Macquignon with 3:40 left, so it's safe to say something has motivated Wassil, a talented, powerful player with a nose for the net. The Pride were led by mighty Will Engelbracht (4G, 4A).

In **HEN HUD's** 12-11 win over Fox Lane A.J. Penella and Connor Gallagher each scored four times for the Sailors, who also got a goal and three assists from Bryce Caffrey and two goals from Max Popolizio. The win helped erase the sting of a 14-8 opening day setback to Scarsdale, in which Austin Fraser (3G), Connor Gallagher (2G, 1A) and Max Popolizio (2G, 1A) had multiple points.

"It was a long week," Sailor boss Troy Lepore said. "There was a lot of learning and growing going on during that time. Kids responded very well and played tough as a team in big moments and competed for all four quarters. The challenge is now doing this consistently and to get better. The film will show us all the things we need to work on and correct and we will make sure that happens. The season really starts to kick into gear this coming week."

Reigning Class A champion **LAKELAND/PANAS** opened on a high note, posting an 8-5 win over Suffern and getting a double-digit effort from Steve Magarelli (3G), Joe Janavey (1G, 1A), Matt Hodges (2A) and Alex Davoli (1G, 1A).

In **MAHOPAC's** 9-1 win over New Rochelle, senior Ryan Dugan (3G), sophomore Tommy Elliott (2G), senior

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Pre-Season Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – John Jay can think what it wants but if Yorktown sticks together and plays its game, the Huskers will hoist their 41st Section 1 plaque, but the regular season game of the year between the Huskers and Indians is still on tap this Friday (7 pm).

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – If Molloy-bound Magarelli can step up and fill the scoring void left by the graduation of Sean Makar, the Rebels (1-0) will be on to something in Class A. Huge stretch ahead, not a slouch among them.

No.3 HEN HUD – Sailors (1-1) can fill the nets with 20 goals in two games but that defense best shore up in front of Mr. Bell before Stepinac comes to town today. Need to see consistency this season.

No.4 SOMERS – Tuskers (1-0) defeated Guilderland 8-7 in double OT when Cameron Pepe finished with GWG from Brandon LaSpina, the foremost ice hockey player in school. We may have undersold Somers in our pre-season

poll, but so long as Vincent Cartelli can score four goals and assist on another, while LaSpina (1G), Conor Jakus (1G) and Kevin Olifers (1G) can provide support, the Tuskers are better off than we suspected. G Tyler Carr (14 saves, 1A), we know, will stand tall most nights. Big tests against Rye and upstart Carmel this week, best not sleep on either.

No.5 MAHOPAC – 'Pac zone defense looked pretty tight for about 20 minutes before P'ville opened the floodgates in 10-1 Indian setback. I can't remember a year when Pleasantville was this impressive in football and lax; Panthers could win an unprecedented two state titles if lax follows suit.

No.5A CARMEL – Rams (3-0) knocked Put Valley off the list and I'll be dying to see if they can run with their crosstown rivals by the time May 16th rolls up. If they can somehow knock off Somers on April 5th, we'll be a bigger believer in these upstart Rams.

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Hardballers Brave Cool Temps, Put Chilly Week 1 Behind Us

By Ray Gallagher
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As my dad used to say: It was colder than a well-diggers ass out there but opening day and the first week of spring baseball is behind us. It won't be much warmer this week, but, with any luck, there is a light at the end of the tunnel; even though slushy snow remains in the forecast.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC's Billy Moeller was the kid that opened the most eyes in the opening week of the season. The junior RHP went six innings in the Indians' 11-1 win over visiting John Jay CR, striking out 14 Indians while allowing just three hits and two walks. Mahopac OF Dylan Brehm scored two runs scored and drove home three RBI in a game that was much closer than it looked (Mahopac scored 10 in the sixth).

"Moeller just kept shoving," Mahopac Coach Myk Lugbauer said.

Anthony Caminiti and Joe Usewicz each had two RBI during 10-run outburst against Indian relievers. Jay starter Joe Biancone did not allow a hit over five innings while striking out nine Indians,

who were also beaten earlier in the week by a really good White Plains club.

CARMEL has come out clubbing, scoring 34 runs in two lopsided wins; 21-0 over East Ramapo and 13-3 over Mount Vernon. Against Mount Vernon, Rams (2-0) AJ Gonzalez, Gregory Loughran and Febo had two hits apiece behind winning P Dan Castrovinci. Against Ramapo, SS Sean McCarthy had three hits and drove home five while Gonzalez had two hits and four RBI, Loughran homered and drove home two while Castrovinci had RBI to support winning hurler Matt Vitro (4 IP, 7 K, 1 H).

YORKTOWN was the victim of both Suffern and the Examiner front cover jinx, falling 11-3 in its season opener to Suffern, one of Class AA's premier programs. The Mounties crushed 11 hits off three Husker hurlers. Coach Sean Kennedy expects this is just a bump in the road.

OSSINING opened with a 13-6 win over Mount Vernon behind winning P Michael Laitman (4 RBI, 3 hits, 2 runs), Joe Bossinas (3 RBI), Luke De Angelis (2 RBI) and Matt Minihan (2 RBI). Laitman also whiffed nine over five frames.

CLASS A

LAKELAND opened its season with

a 10-2 win over host Yonkers. Lakeland starter Eric Portella debuted with five innings for the win behind a two-run bomb from Matt Schenck. Hornets Joe Vetrano reached base four times (double, 3 BB). The Hornets (1-1) could not ride the wave in Rye, falling 5-4 to the Garnets on Saturday behind a myriad of mistakes.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes, myself included, against Rye," Hornet Coach Bill Casey said. "Our young pitchers (Evan) Berta and (Joe) Vetrano struck out 14 batters combined, which is an impressive start and gives us some hope that they will continue with that. Offensively, we looked young. We struck out 14 times, seven looking, which concerns me. We're going to Florida for some scrimmages, which I believe will be very helpful and productive for us. We need to work on some things and also have these guys get at-bats."

In two games Vetrano has but three official at bats with five walks (2 intentional). He has reached base all eight times with a hard hit line-drive homerun at Rye.

"We need the rest of the offense to pick it up," Casey said. "If we struggle offensively, than we need our pitching

and defense to be really good if we want to compete this year."

PANAS went to work behind ace Jake Jempty, who allowed just one hit over six innings in a 4-0 win over Saunders. Jempty jammed seven strikeouts for the win and OF Tim Feliz (2 for 4, 2 RBI, 3 steals) did major damage on the base paths.

HEN HUD kicked off its season with a 12-1 win over Yonkers.

SOMERS opened with an 11-0 win over Eastchester when junior RHP Logan Carriero went five innings, allowing one hit while fanning six. The kid aided his own cause with the three-run yard bomb and four RBI on the day.

"It was impressive," Somers Coach Joe Wooten said. "Although, I am excited about his game, I cannot say I am completely surprised. Logan has been preparing for this opportunity for quite some time."

BREWSTER stormed Poughkeepsie, 15-3, behind a stellar effort from P Mike Charbonneau, who chalked up the win.

CLASS C

HALDANE handled Peekskill, 14-4 at Dutchess Stadium behind Aidan Siegel, who stroked three doubles.

Embury Boys on Tear for Nationally-Ranked Yorktown

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Yorktown senior Richard Giannasca works ball up field in Huskers' 10-5 win over visiting St. Anthony's. Mahopac A Ryan Dugan sets up the lone goal the Indians would score in 10-1 loss to Pleasantville.

Jack Sarfaty (1G), senior Joe Dalo (1G), senior Mark Carey (1G, 1A), sophomore Zack Esteves (1G), senior James O'Brien (4A) all contributed to the offense while junior G Mike Argila stopped seven shots.

With Put Valley, Greeley, Fox Lane and Byram Hills up next, Mahopac best go 3-1 or this could be a tough year with Mamó, Scarsdale, Yorktown and L/P after that.

Putnam Valley Outlasts Brewster in Overtime, 9-8

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victory over Pelham.

"Our win over Pelham was definitely hard-earned," Lakeland/Panas Coach DiSisto-Leslie said. "Our team worked well together both defensively and offensively, however we still have a lot to work on in preparation for our upcoming games. Our transition game definitely helped us earn the win and we had great performances on the offensive end from both Emily Kness and Kelsey McCrudden. Miranda Lopes did an awesome job in goal as well."

McCrudden had a game-high five goals and Kness added four goals. McCrudden and Kness also had assists. Keirra Ettere contributed one goal and one assists and Megan Mucci and Cara O'Shea each had a goal. Miranda Lopes handled 13 shots.

Following losses to two excellent teams – Brewster and Hen Hud – **CARMEL** broke into the win column with a 14-10 triumph over New Rochelle.

Junior Margaret Flocco led the Rams with four goals and two assists and senior Emma McSherry also had four goals and added an assist. Junior Katie Taranto registered a hat trick and Kerry Arkins, Allie Dorazio and Mikayla Faudar each had a goal. Julianna Febbraro and Camryn Schilling had one assist apiece.

"We were excited to finally get our first win since we had two very competitive games (Hen Hud and Brewster)," Carmel

coach Kerry Heckert said. "We were also happy to see six different players score."

"We're looking forward to getting a lot of practices in this week, then we face Ursuline, Ossining and North Salem."

YORKTOWN and **HEN HUD** went toe-to-toe last Thursday with the Husker eking out an 8-7 victory. The youthful Sailors gave it all they had against the reigning Section 1 Class B champions, but it wasn't enough when Yorktown took a two-goal lead with 3:03 left. Caroline Keenaghan notched a hat trick for the Huskers while Ciara Frawley (1A) and Ellen O'Callahan (2A) each tickled twine twice. Kelsey McDonnell had a goal for the Huskers.

The emergent Sailors were led by Hailey Merchant's hat trick. Kira Varada added two tallies for the Sailors, who were set to do some team bonding in Baltimore. Catherine Warner and Fiona McGovern added a goal apiece.

MAHOPAC defeated Scarsdale 10-8 behind seven goals from sniper Caroline Raymond and some nifty netminding from Jordan Barbagallo. Natalie Scanlon added a goal and two assists.

—Ray Gallagher contributed to this story

All girls' lax coaches are encouraged to contact Tony Pinciario at Tfinch23@optonline.net for inclusion in our weekly notebook... It's just the right thing to do.

Beal With It!

Put Valley Shocks Brewster in OT, 9-8



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Brewster senior M Megan Beal (R) and the Class A Bears were forced to deal with a shocking 9-8 overtime loss to junior Jacklyn Phillips' Class D Putnam Valley Tigers last Wednesday when PV overcame a 3-0 deficit to prevail in the extra session on a goal from Phillips (2G, 1A)... see Girls' Lax Notebook