

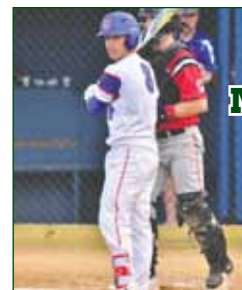


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## Patterson Crossing Faces Fresh Set of Complications

By David Propper

Facing a commercial foreclosure and a prolonged legal battle, developer Paul Camarda said last week he's as resolved as ever to see the Patterson Crossing project come to fruition.

The long embattled Patterson Crossing development, which if ever realized would bring a Costco to Putnam County, is facing a fresh set of challenges. While new hurdles have frustrated Camarda to no end, he guaranteed in an interview to start construction on the parcel of land later this year.

"We will break ground this year," Camarda said in a wide-ranging interview last Wednesday. "Are we going away? We're more determined than ever to break ground."

Even with the bold statement, it doesn't change the fact that Patterson Crossing is facing incoming missiles from two



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The controversial Patterson Crossing would be located along Route 311 right off of Interstate 84.

directions, and if either hits, it could further drag on the project years into the future, give Camarda more headaches, and could effectively stop Costco from coming to the county.

Attempting to bring a Costco to Putnam has already featured a long series of complications and lengthy battles over more than a decade.

Two neighbors near the project, Harry Hitner and Michele Sweig, sued the Patterson Zoning Board of Appeals and Camarda after it was decided a Costco gas station could be placed on the property in 2016. New York State Supreme Court Justice Gretchen Walsh ruled in the town and Camarda's favor last year, but now the neighbors are appealing to the appellate division of New York.

The original lawsuit presented seven causes to the court arguing against the gas

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## Cell Tower Along Route 164 in Patterson Back On

By David Propper

A cell tower along Route 164 in Patterson proposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority that rankled nearby neighbors is likely to now be built, Supervisor Rich Williams announced at last week's meeting.

After a possible alternative site, which would've been located at the Patterson Recycling Center, fell through recently, the MTA is likely to go ahead with its original plan to build the tower on its property at the intersection of Route 164 and Bullet Hole Road. The MTA has claimed erecting the monopole is necessary for improved wireless communication despite pleas from many neighbors against it.

The disappointing result ends a two-year bid by the town to find an alternative site for the proposed cell tower. When

the recycling center located at Cornwall Hill Road was pinpointed as a possibility, Williams said the town found one builder for it, but that company was taking too long so it moved onto Homeland Towers. Williams said the town had "pretty much everything set in place" with Homeland, but the Connecticut-based company notified Williams two weeks ago they were withdrawing from the deal.

Homeland and Verizon could not agree on certain terms or Verizon simply didn't want to move forward, Williams said.

"As of today right now, any potential cell tower that would be located at the recycling center is a dead deal," Williams said.

Williams said the MTA is on hold right now, but is disappointed with the latest

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It appears a cell tower will not be built at the Patterson Recycling Center after a deal fell through.

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station, but Walsh shot down all seven. In the appeal, Hitner and Sweig are only presenting one cause.

Costco could have pulled out after the neighbors went to the appellate division, but Camarda and Costco have discussed a two-year extension.

Before an appeal was filed, Camarda tried to compromise with the neighbors without getting the courts involved any further. He offered to make possible site plan tweaks and even offered "significant" compensation, but the neighbors would only accept a resolution that didn't include the gas station, which was a non-starter. (Costco won't build in Patterson if a gas station is not included, Camarda said.)

Attorney Jim Bacon, representing Hitner and Sweig, confirmed that Camarda approached them with a general offer.

Bacon said the appeal boils down to whether or not the gas station is an accessory use under the Patterson zoning code. The Patterson ZBA ruled it a primary use in 2016 and Judge Walsh affirmed that decision in her ruling last year. If Bacon wins this next legal round, it could force Costco out of the picture and make Camarda look for another anchor store.

Bacon filed an injunction to stop the gas station from being constructed, but last Friday that legal action was turned down by the court, Camarda said, which is a legal win for him. Bacon conceded Camarda could begin construction on the Patterson Crossing site whenever he wants.

"The (plaintiffs) don't want to live next to the gas station," said Bacon, who also noted the traffic would be heavy in the area. "They don't want that use."

Camarda claims the appeal is to delay him in hopes that he, Costco or TD Bank squash the project rather than wait any longer. And it appears TD Bank has reached a breaking point.

TD Bank is seeking foreclosure of the commercial property, which was pledged as collateral for a loan the bank doled out, worth \$7.4 million, according to legal papers. The loan agreement was reached on Jan. 31, 2008 between the two sides and there have been several modifications since then.

According to court papers filed by TD Bank's attorneys, they allege Camarda failed to comply with terms of the loan documents, make full payments and interest due, and pay real estate taxes due to the mortgage premises.

On June 8, 2017 and Nov. 2, 2017, Camarda was served with stated

defaults, and then on Dec. 19, 2017, TD Bank discovered there were additional delinquent taxes on the property. Camarda was finally served with a 15-day notice in late March to meet the terms of the agreement, mortgage and loan documents, but Camarda did not, according to court papers.

Camarda said while he understands TD Bank's frustration, he argued the bank's latest move is "detrimental" to him and the bank.

"I think 90 percent of residents in Putnam County are just as frustrated," Camarda said.

He said the amount of taxes due on the property is a "small number" and argued if it weren't for the lawsuit by Hitner and Sweig, TD Bank would not have taken this latest action.

Camarda said he can't find another bank to replace TD Bank to help finance the project, especially with a property that's facing litigation, but he hopes to still negotiate with the bank to reach a deal to avoid foreclosure. The bank has contributed about 45 percent to the project, while Camarda has picked up the other 55 percent, or about \$8 million.

During an hour-long interview, Camarda lashed out at Southeast resident Ann Fanizzi, a longtime and passionate opponent of Patterson Crossing. Camarda

claimed Fanizzi is bankrolling the attorney in the case and is also spreading information about the foreclosure to different town officials.

He stated he's considered legal action against Fanizzi for tortious interference and claims she wants to "personally hurt" him.

Fanizzi chided Camarda and said he has hasn't developed much in Putnam in recent memory. When asked if she thought the most recent legal development was simply a delay tactic, Fanizzi demurred and said there is a real issue over whether the zoning code permits a gas station.

When asked about Camarda's assertion she is paying Bacon's attorney fees, Fanizzi replied, "I don't care what he claims." (She noted Bacon has been the attorney for the former organization Putnam County Coalition to Preserve Open Space, which she was part of.) When asked whether she was sending the foreclosure information to different Putnam towns, Fanizzi called it Camarda's "conspiracy."

"I don't care what Camarda says," she said. "Camarda is on the point of defamation."

Fanizzi criticized Camarda for not engaging more productively with the community and said he had a "checkered career." While she thinks he will eventually

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# Putnam Businesses that Hire Disabled to Receive Recognition

By Neal Rentz

Businesses that hire individuals with disabilities are being recognized in Putnam County.

Decals will be provided by The ARC of Putnam to business owners who hire disabled employees. The decals are to be displayed in store windows.

The new decal states, "We hire people with disabilities" and shows hands and arms linked.

The decal was unveiled at the offices of

the Putnam County Legislature in Carmel on Friday.

ARC of Putnam Executive Director Susan Limongello said at about 10 percent of New York State residents has a disability. "We serve about 650 people," she said.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said a friend from Cold Spring helped her come up with the decal design. "I said I want something that kind of unifies," Scuccimarra said.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The decal that will be provided to Putnam businesses that hire the disabled was unveiled on Friday at the offices of the County Legislature in Carmel. Shown above are Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, left and The ARC of Putnam Executive Director Susan Limongello.



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# Harckham to Run for State Senate, Force Democratic Primary

By Martin Wilbur

Former Westchester County legislator Peter Harckham will run for the 40th state Senate District seat after he was apparently asked by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to contemplate entering the race.

Harckham said he has been approached by former constituents, various Democrats and others to weigh a candidacy for the party's nomination to oppose two-term Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy.

Harckham did not answer questions on his pending candidacy but announced late last week on his Facebook page that he intends to formally declare his candidacy sometime this week.

"These unsettling times of uncertainty call for people of good conscience, rational minds, and a proven record of experience," Harckham stated. "I cannot sit on the sidelines while Donald Trump and Terrence Murphy, the man who nominated him at the Republican National Convention, attack our State and our very values."

Harckham, who now lives in Lewisboro, resigned from his Board of Legislators seat in June 2015 after seven and a half years in office to join Cuomo's administration as the assistant director of the Office of Community Renewal at the Office of Homes and Community Renewal. He served as majority leader

for some of his time on the Board of Legislators.

Although two other Democrats in the district had seriously weighed a run earlier this year, Robert Kesten, another Lewisboro resident, had remained the only other candidate to official candidate since he announced his bid late last summer. With Harckham entering the race, he and Kesten are likely to face off in a September primary.

Kesten, who has been friends with Harckham for 20 years, said he called the former county lawmaker within the past two weeks and learned that Cuomo requested he jump in the race. Kesten declined to speculate what motivated the governor and that he has had no contact with Cuomo or anyone from his office or staff.

"It's hard for me to judge what the governor is thinking other than like many politicians if you can have your own person in a seat or in a race it makes it better for you when you're also in a primary or a general election," Kesten said.

"I didn't need to be asked by the governor or anybody else to get into the race," he added. "I got in because there was nothing left for me to do because I couldn't ask other people to do what I wouldn't do myself."

It has been speculated that Cuomo

may be attempting to entice the best possible candidates to run in an attempt to wrest control of the Senate from the Republicans. Currently, Republicans hold a one-seat advantage in the Senate. Seven of the eight members of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) have said they are rejoining the Democratic caucus but they could remain a wild card.

Cuomo, a New Castle resident, also lives in the 40th Senate District.

The relatively late request could potentially jumble the race or trigger political tremors throughout the district. To date, Democratic committees from 12 municipalities throughout the district have endorsed Kesten.

A statement from Murphy's campaign manager Martha Ruiz Jimenez went after the Democrats for having one flawed candidate in Kesten and another in Harckham.

"The Governor must feel that the so-called Indivisible movement is a joke," Jiménez said. "He clearly doesn't trust local Democrats to make the right call, but while knifing them in the back, he is recycling a stale candidate who once sought to join Shelley Silver and saddled northern Westchester with the HUD settlement. Voters have already rejected Peter Harckham and they will do so again if given the chance."

Harckham and Kesten pledged Democratic unity despite the contested matchup for nomination.

"As Democrats our values are aligned," Harckham stated. "Our united goal is to defeat Terrence Murphy and to turn the (New York) State Senate Blue. I am excited to enter this race and hit the ground running with my campaign team to assemble the coalition of supporters and voters necessary for success in November."

Harckham commended Kesten for his campaign efforts and have "learned to admire and respect him."

Kesten said he's hopeful that the committees that have endorsed him will not jump ship. There is the possibility that the challenge could make the party stronger.

"I would think that for both Peter and me our goal and objective is to see a blue Democratic state Senate, not in IDC hands, not in the governor's hands, but an independent voice of the people of New York, and if we both stick to that and run on that than hopefully it will be two voices against Mr. Murphy and the Trump Republicans in the Senate versus just one voice," Kesten said.

In his only bid for statewide office, Harckham was defeated in a 2010 special election for the state Assembly by Republican Robert Castelli.



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# NYS Leg. Seeks to Appoint New AG After Schneiderman Resigns

By David Propper

With the sudden resignation of former New York State attorney general Eric Schneiderman, state lawmakers are taking next steps to fill his void as a plethora of candidates have come forward interested in the position.

Schneiderman stepped down quickly after sickening revelations came out in a New Yorker article last week that accused him of mistreating women that he was in relationships with, including verbal and physical abuse. With the shocking departure, the state legislature must appoint a new attorney general to fill the void until someone is elected this November.

Currently, Barbara Underwood is the acting attorney general after she was automatically elevated from solicitor general once Schneiderman stepped down. (She said in an interview with the New York Daily News that she'd like to serve out the rest of this year, but does not want to run for a full term.)

Several public officials in other elected positions have come forward, expressing interest in the position. It's a near guarantee a Democrat will be selected since the state legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic, with the Assembly having a large Democratic majority.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, a



Barbara Underwood is the acting attorney general.

Democrat, said the assembly will be interviewing possible candidates this week and will also be speaking with Underwood. Once that process is complete, Galef said she'd have a better idea of what she'd like to do.

What makes things more interesting is the statewide Democratic convention is later this month, where a candidate will be nominated to run for a full, four-year term. Galef said she'd keep her options open.

Galef, who has been in the assembly since 1992, said this is the first time the legislature would need to appoint

someone during her tenure in an election year where politics will be in play.

"This is quite unique, the timing is not easy," Galef said. "It's a very different scenario. With each time something happens, your responses are unique also."

Galef said it was appropriate for Schneiderman to step down, adding she was shocked by the allegations. She said her and other assembly members were at dinner together when the news broke about him and

phones started buzzing.

"Other people have disappointed me over time that I knew them in one setting, but I didn't know them in another," Galef said. "You always think of everybody as consistent and I guess we're surprised when they're not."

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, a Republican, said in an email, he supports the state legislature appointing an attorney general because it's part of their responsibility as a lawmaking body. But he said he believes lawmakers should "strongly consider" appointing Underwood to the remainder of the

term until voters make their decision on election day this November.

"If we do not do our job, it will send the wrong message and would still allow the Governor and others to influence the nominating process for the upcoming election," Byrne stated.

Byrne said Schneiderman was exposed for the "despicable, mistrusting person we now know him to be." He thanked the women that came forward, despite threats from a very powerful man.

"While my anger and disappointment in our state's top law enforcement officer swells, my heart also goes out to the brave victims who came forward to tell their story," Byrne stated.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy has been selected to be part of the vetting committee for prospective AG candidates. He declined comment, through a spokesman, at this time due to confidentiality concerns.

Earlier in the week Murphy, a Republican, slammed Schneiderman for the allegations against him.

"As a father of a beautiful daughter I am disgusted by the allegations regarding the treatment of women by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman," Murphy stated. "Let's be clear: there is no room in our society for this type of behavior. It is sickening to see the level of hypocrisy that has been revealed."


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# Cell Tower Along Route Patterson Crossing Faces 164 in Patterson Back On Fresh Set of Complications

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development. The MTA is willing to give the town more time to find another location, but Williams said he doubts the town can find another suitable spot by the MTA's November deadline.

"I don't believe we have enough time to meet their deadline, they've been on hold for nearly two years waiting for us," Williams said. "Unless something changes dramatically, it's not likely that we would be able to provide them with a location, which means the Route 164 site will move forward."

Williams asked board members if the town should seek out engineer services about an overall build out of a cell network in Patterson.

Councilman Shawn Rogan said the town should identify where the best sites for towers are and which areas have the best coverage. While Rogan isn't in favor of constructing many cell towers, he understands the need for reliable communication, especially for emergency services.

When he was on the planning board, Rogan said he and members felt powerless to control if and where cell towers could be built. Factors like health

*'I don't believe we have enough time to meet their deadline, they've been on hold for nearly two years waiting for us.' - Supervisor Rich Williams*

or financing can't legally be considered when approving a tower, Rogan said.

"If we can minimize the number of towers and figure out the location," Rogan said. "Look I don't want to have any, but I'd rather have two than five."

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get the project off the ground, she argued the problems he has now are of his own doing.

"If he wants to put a shovel in the ground, let him put a shovel in the ground," Fanizzi said, adding later, "He's his own worst enemy."

Ideally, Camarda said that the neighbors' lawsuit would be defeated and TD Bank would stop its action against him or he would find another bank to provide financing. He admits if he knew he'd face mountains of litigation over this

project from the start, he would have never proposed it and he plans on doing much less or nothing at all in Putnam in the coming years.

Camarda, who has spent much of his career working in the county, warns if he leaves Putnam without Patterson Crossing becoming a reality, no developer will ever want to follow in his footsteps. With population in the county continuing to slide, it'll make attracting development even harder, he said.

"It's a sad commentary," Camarda said. "In the end we're determined because we know we're in the right."

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# Murphy to Propose Delaying Close of Indian Point

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) is planning to propose delaying the closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan until at least 2030.

During an interview in his district office in Jefferson Valley on May 3, Murphy revealed at the next New York State Indian Point Closure Task Force meeting he would making that suggestion since no concrete plan has been established on how to replace the lost energy or how entities affected by

the loss of revenue from the plants will survive.

"I don't believe they have a plan," said Murphy, who kicked off his reelection campaign earlier this month. "There should have been a plan, so the area isn't going to be mothballed. If this involves getting the federal government involved, so be it."

It was announced in January 2017 that the Indian Point nuclear power plants, which have been a fixture in Buchanan for more than 50 years and help provide electricity to several million homes and

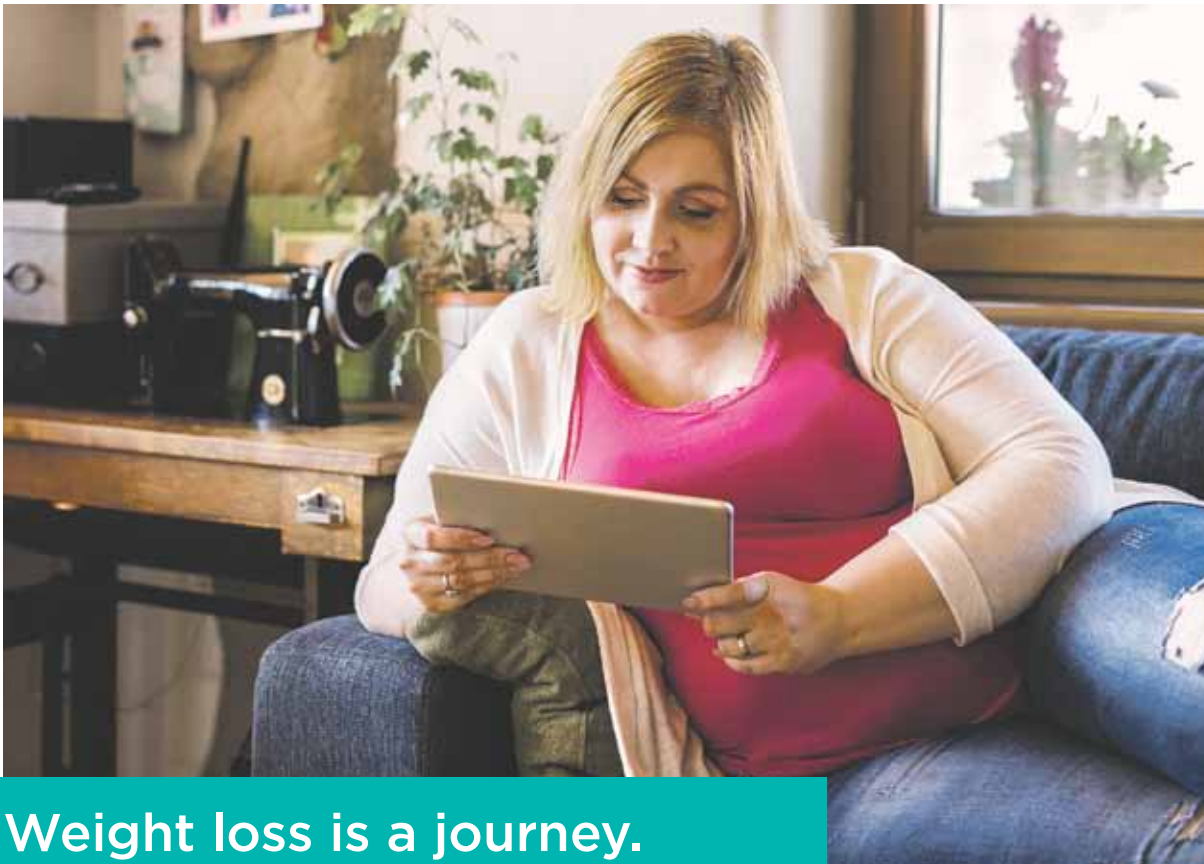
businesses in Westchester and the five boroughs of New York City, will close in 2021.

The announcement stunned local officials since Entergy, which purchased the controversial plants 15 years ago, invested \$1.3 billion in safety improvements and has been seeking a 20-year license renewal from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission since 2007 to continue operating the facility.

An agreement to shut down the plants was worked out between Entergy, several New York State offices and agencies and

Riverkeeper. Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy.

"You just don't go in and decimate an entire school district and an entire village," Murphy said of Hendrick Hudson and Buchanan, both of which have relied heavily on income from the



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State Senator Terrence Murphy

plants. "That's not right. This shouldn't be about politics. Governor Cuomo wanted to close it for years. It was very disappointing that there was no collaboration in the community."

Since the announcement, a local task force has been meeting regularly, brainstorming for ways to replace the lost revenue and reuse the more than 200-acre property.

A few weeks ago, Murphy disclosed \$24 million had been added in the recently approved state budget in a specially designated fund that could be tapped into as early as 2022 if Indian Point shuts down as planned. However, collectively, \$32 million will disappear annually once the plants stop operating.

The Village of Buchanan stands to lose 46% (\$4 million) of its operating budget, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will lose \$24 million annually (33% of its budget). Others affected are: Cortlandt (\$800,000), Westchester County (\$1 million), Hendrick Hudson Free Library (\$394,110, 28% of its budget) and the Verplanck Fire District (\$372,703, 64% of its budget).

Murphy said he would have voted against the budget if money wasn't set aside in the cessation fund as Cuomo has proposed in his spending plan.



## Business of the Week

# The Duffle Bag Patterson

By Anna Young

Father-daughter duo Brian and Jean Benedict have been prosperous in preserving history and taking care of the nation's finest service members for more than 30 years.

Brian Benedict always had an interest for military memorabilia after watching family members serve. That passion thrived when he joined the New York Guard and later fused his expertise and knowledge when he opened The Duffle Bag in 1986.

"My father has always had a passion for militaria and we turned it into a business. He's a wealth of knowledge," Jean Benedict said. "We're an old fashioned Army-Navy store. We have a history of men in the military so it was a natural progression."

And a natural progression it was, especially for Benedict who spent her teenage years helping her father and now owns the military surplus store in Paterson.

"I grew up with it," Benedict said. "The history and the stories are so interesting."

The Duffle Bag offers military uniforms and cold weather clothing, boots, 550 paracord, dog tags, ammo cans, children's camouflage clothing, insignia, packs and other accessories.



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The Duffle Bag opened in 1986 and has been a staple of the community ever since, beaming with American pride.

"We sell a good product and people appreciate that," Benedict said. "We like to help people and the veterans."

The Benedicts also help raise money for the United States War Dog Association, a nonprofit organization of former and current military dog handlers who honor and take care of the invaluable canines that serve the country.

"Military working dogs don't get support from the government because the dog is considered a piece of equipment,"

Benedict said. "The handler has to buy grooming supplies and extra things to take care of the dogs. So we support the non-profit group that supports them."

Along with military surplus, Benedict said their business collaborates and consults on television, film and theater projects. Their work has

appeared on the History Channel, CBS and in films such as "Godzilla" and "Operation Dumbo Drop."

Brian Benedict has also been featured on the History Channel as "The Duffle Bag Man" for his extensive knowledge on World War II artifacts and memorabilia.

The family business will host many community events including their annual 1940's styled dinner dance at the Patterson Recreation Center. Attendees

are encouraged to dress in 40s vintage attire and are surrounded by memorabilia, antique military vehicles, and living historians dressed in uniform.

"It's a nice evening out if you like big band music," Benedict said.

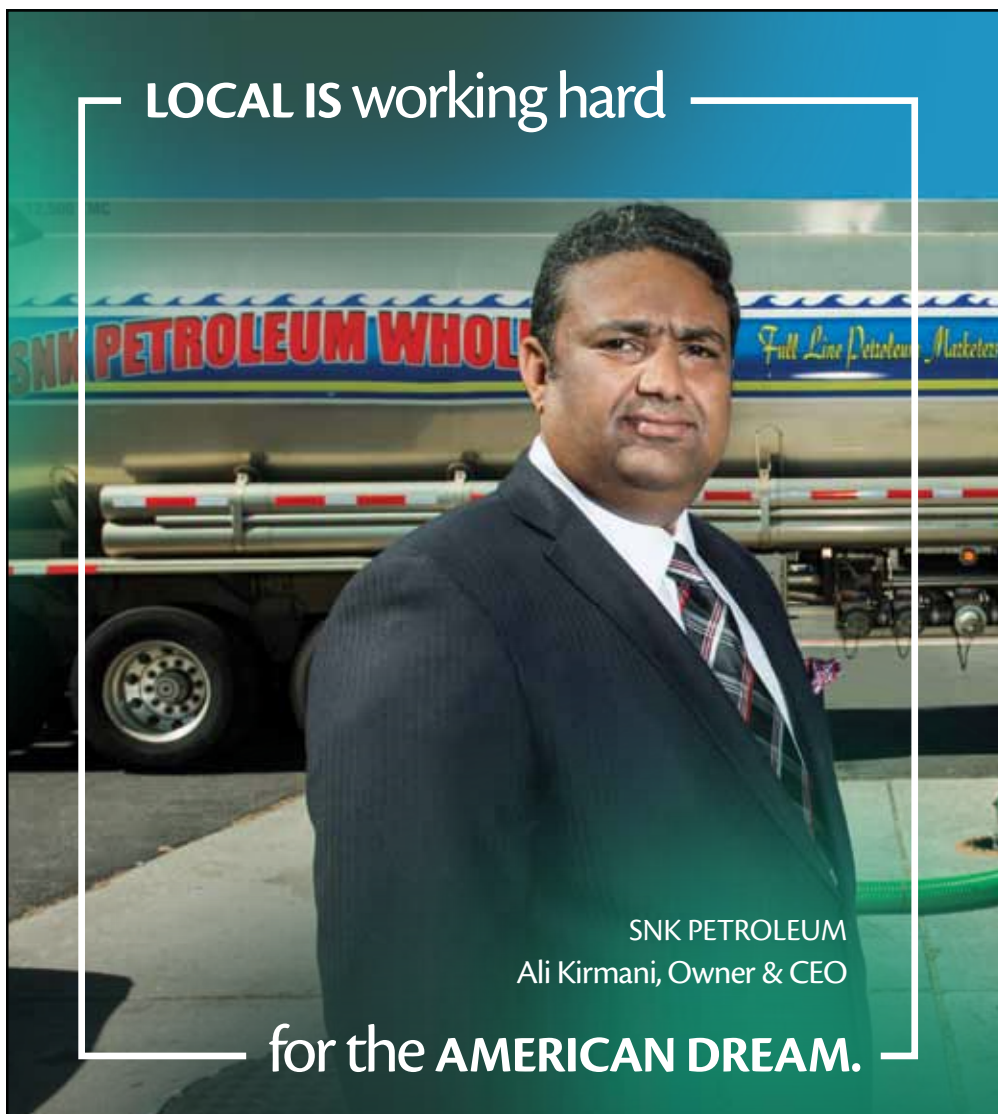
They also put on a military and knife collectors show every April and October. Benedict said the show attracts tourists, families and members throughout community.

Along with the big events, the Benedicts have been a staple in Putnam using their knowledge and interests to organize free events for the community and veterans, including a living history exhibit, historic displays dating back to World War I, educational sessions with the local school districts, and Memorial Day events.

"It's been a good, honest way to make a living," Benedict said. "It's nice to help people whenever we can."

*The Duffle Bag is located on 1270 Route 311 in Patterson. They are open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday they are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. They are closed on Monday. For more information, call 845-878-7106, visit [www.thedufflebaginc.com](http://www.thedufflebaginc.com) or email [info@thedufflebaginc.com](mailto:info@thedufflebaginc.com).*

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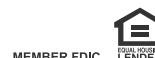
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## Obituaries

### Fred Tremarzo

Fred Tremarzo, 93 years young, of Mahopac died peacefully in his sleep on May 4, with his devoted son John by his side in the home he lived in for the past 50 years. Fred was born on September 30, 1924 to the late Ferdinando and Lillian Tremarzo, in the Bronx, New York. On May 15, 1949 he married the love of his life Marion Cahill and together they were blessed with four children Fred, Bob, Terry, and John. Fred proudly served our country with the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a proud American and advocate for all service men and women of the United States as well as, a member of the AMVETS, American Legion, and the VFW. He was an amazing man known for his kindness and his friendly laid-back attitude. He was everyone's friend and nurtured many friendships that lasted his entire lifetime. Fred loved gardening, traveling, camping, NY Yankees, and Italian music with his Martini at 5pm. He went on 30 cruises in his lifetime, traveled to Europe numerous times, and enjoyed many visits to Montauk every year. Fred is survived by his beloved children John, Teresa (John), Robert (Maureen), and Frederick (Nancy) along with his 5 cherished grandchildren Laree, Nicole, John Paul, Courtney, and Kevin and his two precious great-grandchildren Olivia and Margaret. He is predeceased by his loving wife Marion who he was married to for 40 wonderful years. Fred will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will always hold a special place in our hearts.

### Edward T. Minogue

It is with great sadness in their hearts that the family Edward T. Minogue, 76, of Brewster, announces his passing on May 7. Edward died at the Regional Hospice facility in Danbury, CT., surrounded by his loving family. Edward was born on March 13, 1942 to the late Edward T. and Ellen Fitzgerald Minogue of Manhattan.

On October 9, 1965 he married the love of his life, Barbara Haughney, and they were blessed with three daughters - Barbara, Marie and Linda. Before he retired in 1990, Edward was a decorated officer of New York's finest NYPD, having a long-standing career of public service. He earned the honor of becoming a Captain of the Police Department and was both admired and respected by all who knew and had the privilege of working beside him. Along with working for the NYPD, Mr. Minogue was a Pipe Major in the NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. After his law enforcement career, he became a Sr. Vice President of Met Life. Although Edward dedicated most of his life to the police department and the community of New York City, making it a safer place for everyone, it was his family he lived for. He was an extremely admired and decorated officer, but he was just as equally respected and decorated in his home life. He was a loving husband, proud father, and adored grandfather and was fondly called GPA. Edward is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Barbara, his three loving daughters Barbara and son-in-law Patrick McGee, Marie and son-in-law Lee Rosenkrantz, and Linda and son-in-law Jim Coughlan, his six cherished grandchildren Meghan, Patrick, Grace, Aidan, Tyler and Dylan, all of whom he adored. Each child held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his two beloved siblings, Ellen Minogue and Richard Minogue. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. His legacy of devotion will live on in the hearts of all.

### Ruth Godfrey Roth

Ruth "Ruthie" Godfrey Roth, 93, of Brewster, died peacefully on May 7, surrounded by her loving family. Ruthie was born on April 18, 1925 in Brewster. She was the third of nine children born to Gladys (Smalley) and Raymond Godfrey. She was always proud to tell stories of her childhood growing up on her family farm during the Great Depression. Ruthie graduated from Brewster High School where she met the love of her life Edward G. Roth. The two would become engaged during WWII where Eddie proudly served in the US Army while Ruthie worked as our very own "Rosie the Riveter" building airplanes in Bridgeport, CT. They were married upon his return in 1945. In 1947 they welcomed their only child, and the joy of their life, Sandra Roth Millar. Ruthie loved to sew and bake and was the leader of the Brewster Homemakers' Club for many years. She created hundreds of stuffed animals, dolls, and clothing for friends and family. She spent decades of her life volunteering and worshipping at the First Baptist Church of Brewster, NY, where she tirelessly devoted her time to help others. She worked for fifteen years at Guidepost Magazine in the Prayer and Fellowship Department. Ruthie lived

her life selflessly doing for others, she had a deep faith and love for Jesus and it showed through how she lived her life every single day. Ruthie always had a smile and a hug (and usually kisses) for anyone who would take them. She had a tremendous impact on everyone she met and her legacy will live on in so many. Ruthie was pre-deceased by her loving husband Eddie, her brothers: Raymond, Ronnie and Charles, and her sisters: Vivian, Marion and Dorothy. In addition to her loving daughter Sandra, she is survived by her son-in-law Raymond, her grandchildren, Julie Leheny (Patrick), Scott Millar (Brandi), and Kristie O'Neill (Daniel). She is also the adoring great-grandmother to Joseph, Morgan and Macie Leheny, Jacob and Rylee Millar, and Ayden, Brady and Kasey O'Neill. She will also be missed greatly by her surviving siblings, Lois Taylor and George Godfrey and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. The family would like to thank the staff at Glenn Hill Nursing home in Danbury, CT for the loving care they provided Ruth for the past several years.

### Kevin D. O'Connor

It is with great sadness in their hearts the family of Kevin Daniel O'Connor announces his passing on May 8. Kevin passed away at the Hope Hospice facility in Cape Coral, Fl. surrounded by some of his loving family. Kevin was born September 7, 1951 to the late Francis and Cornelia O'Connor in Amityville. He was a veteran, proudly serving in the US Army during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Sergeant. On February 26, 2001 he married the love of his life, Donna, and was then blessed to become a step-father to his daughter Dana. Kevin

grew up in Ossining, graduating from Ossining High School. He continued to have lifelong ties to his friends of Ossining, as well as Westchester, working for the Town of Somers in the Parks and Recreation Department for 33 years. He retired in 2011 as Assistant Park Foreman. Everyone who had the honor of knowing Kevin would all agree he had a great heart, contagious laugh and loved "his" Yankees. He was an avid lover of music (Moody Blues, Gordon Lightfoot, etc) and played guitar. Kevin was also an avid reader of biographies and the history of our great nation. He was a proud volunteer for The Red Cross of Westchester, as well as a Minister of Hospitality at St. Joseph's Church in Somers. Kevin left the world a better place for having known him. Kevin was a long time parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, in Somers New York, and a part-time parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church in Lake Carmel and of St. Katherine R.C. Church in Cape Coral, Florida and was dedicated to the Lord. Although Kevin loved his work and giving back to the community, it was his family he treasured most. He was a loving husband, dedicated stepfather, beloved brother, cherished uncle and a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. The Westchester/Putnam/Cape Coral communities will miss Kevin and his legacy of love, friendship and devotion, for all those he touched will surely remember him. Kevin is survived by his beloved wife Donna, as well as his step-daughter Dana; his sisters Christine Joynes, Kathleen Brigham (Mike,) Maryann Snyder; and his brothers Frank (Diane), Terry (Nancy), Jerry and Denis (Janet). He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews who he cherished; each had a special place in his heart.



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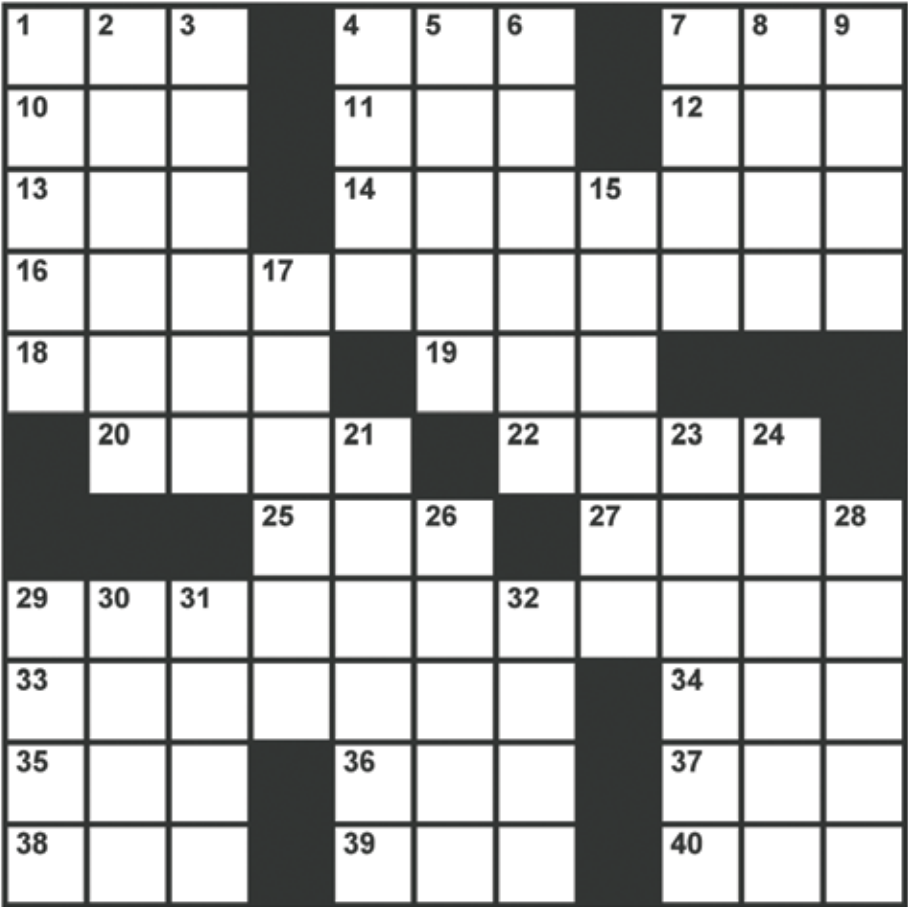
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
1. Little League coach, often

4. Terrif

7. Rapper prefix

10. Historical period

11. 1979 Hockey Hall of Fame inductee

12. A bill in the till

13. Letter run

14. Laments

16. New Cortlandt Manor salon that treats you like a diety

18. Brain child

19. Roll

20. Michigan college

22. Early Apple computer

25. "Give it \_\_\_\_!"

27. Auto pioneer Ferrari

29. French furniture, maybe

33. "Jimmy \_\_\_\_" or Brewster/Carmel construction rental company

34. Ending of many website names

35. Convenience store convenience

36. Procured

37. Herbal quaff

38. Mauna \_\_\_\_

39. Where to pamper oneself

40. Common ID
5. Pointer

6. Kind of registry

7. Hendrix song, "Bold as \_\_\_\_"

8. Chemical suffixes

9. Nothing \_\_\_\_

15. Swirled

17. Big name in Inns

21. Ripenings

23. High-hats

24. Islands west of Portugal

26. Leading

28. Heart, liver e.g.

29. Neb. neighbor

30. Pear-shaped string instrument

31. Rombauer of "The Joy of Cooking"

32. "\_\_\_\_ life!"

- Down
1. Indian city

2. Loser of 1588

3. Pioneer surveyor, Boone

4. Verne hero

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## School & Camp Guide

### Club Fit's Summer Camps Offer Full Time Fun

The weather is warming up, school is winding down and parents are already looking for ways to keep the kids busy for the next three months. Luckily, Club Fit has them covered. The club's Summer Camp offers a variety of camps and activities for all ages, including soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, dance, as well as daily swimming for everyone! There are also swim lessons available for a fee.

The club's camps provide kids with an environment that is safe, fun and encouraging that fosters creativity, energy and positivity. Additionally, Club Fit has camp programs for all levels and age ranges, from full-day to half-day and Kinder Camp, as well as specialty camps and counselor-in-training programs. Kinder Camp and Half-Day campers have swimming lessons included! Also, weather isn't a concern, as the facility includes both an indoor and outdoor areas, so that, even when the sun disappears, the fun doesn't have to stop.

The camp's staff is comprised of skilled and knowledgeable counselors, including

college students with backgrounds in sports, fitness and child care. Drawing on their wide range of experience, these counselors will give Club Fit campers a day filled with activities that encourage creativity, teach sportsmanship and inspire positive thinking and body awareness.

In addition to the wide range of programs offered at Club Fit camps, there are a number of fun activities that are guaranteed to keep campers motivated and engaged throughout the day. These include inflatables, a gaga pit, and special theme days, ensuring that every day is different and exciting!

If you have additional questions regarding the Club Fit Jefferson Valley Day Camp please call Mary Ann Helf at 914-250-7725 or email [campsjeffersonvalley@clubfit.com](mailto:campsjeffersonvalley@clubfit.com).



### Dance Dads Raise \$55K for Camp No Limits

A group of dancing dads from Seven Star School of Performing Arts took to the stage to share their talents for charity. This year, 24 dads participated in the annual Kids for Kids Dancing For Life Dance Competition in North Haven, CT on April 22. Kids for Kids is an organization that raises funds for children in medical or financial need and does so by hosting a competition each year in New Jersey and Connecticut. In order to commemorate the competitions 25th anniversary this year, dance dads from Seven Star School, along with three other studios from Connecticut came together in order to raise money for Camp No Limits. Camp No Limits provides camps for children with loss limbs and their families and host an event at Quinnipiac University each summer.

Collectively, the dance dads raised an outstanding \$55,000 from various fundraising events, online campaigns and donations. A check was presented on stage to the founder of Camp No Limits and families that have attended in the past. The funds raised will help send 150 campers to Quinnipiac this summer. To top off the valiant fundraising efforts of the Seven Star dance dads, they outperformed their competition and took home the first Dance Dads Cup as champions!





## School & Camp Guide

# Reading Aloud Helps Young Children Become Better Readers

By Stacy Rohan and Vera Correa

We recently read that today 25 million children in the U.S. can't read proficiently. The literacy crisis is real and the need to address this problem is imminent.

On Mar. 7 we celebrated "World Read Aloud Day." Reading aloud to children is an excellent way to encourage language development. In the landmark 1986 review "Becoming A Nation of Readers," the Commission on Reading called reading aloud to children "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading."

Introducing children to literature in preschool supports kindergarten readiness, promotes early literacy and supports a love of language and reading. Reading books to preschool children helps them learn to pay attention and to focus in a large group. Group reading activities also help children learn to share and take turns with their classmates.

A very strong predictor of success in reading is a child's familiarity with the letters of the alphabet such as knowing a letter's name, shape and sound. Children who hear more words

spoken at home enter school with better vocabularies. Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents and teachers can do for children.

Children's book editor Janet Schulman described the educational and emotional benefits of reading to children with her metaphor that "books help give children a leg up on the ladder of life." Nurturing parents and teachers should continue to read to their children after they start school and even throughout the elementary school years.

The article, "The Value of Children's Literature" by N.A. Anderson, states that there are some additional benefits children get from reading and listening to books being read. Reading aloud strengthens the bond between the child and reader, expands imagination, stimulates cognitive development, helps children gain important vocabulary skills and explore art forms used in illustrations.

The main goal at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Yorktown Heights is to help young students develop a lifelong love of reading. Bright Beginnings combines a Montessori Approach with a traditional preschool program.

Staff works well cooperatively and functions well as a team. For its literacy program, Bright Beginnings carefully chooses books the children can relate to. The books typically have one to two sentences per page with appealing illustrations.

The preschool also focuses on an author of the month and/or theme-related books. There is story time every morning and every afternoon and the children look forward to these special times. They enjoy making predictions, relating prior knowledge to the stories and engaging in lively book talks. Children are taught how to make predictions.

Predicting gets young students interested in books and gets the brain working and helps form questions. Children talk about what they believe will happen next or what the book may be about. There is also BEAR (Be Excited About Reading) time every day. This is similar to Quiet Library and is offered when the children are transitioning from rest time. The selection of books is changed every two weeks so that the children are exposed to a wide variety.

Bright Beginnings is excited and enthusiastic about its preschool literacy

program. Different voices are used for different characters, staff reads slowly and are creative with their voices. It is important to read slowly so that children have time to absorb the story and appreciate the pictures. An interactive approach to reading is used, encouraging the children to ask questions and comment on the characters, illustrations and words.

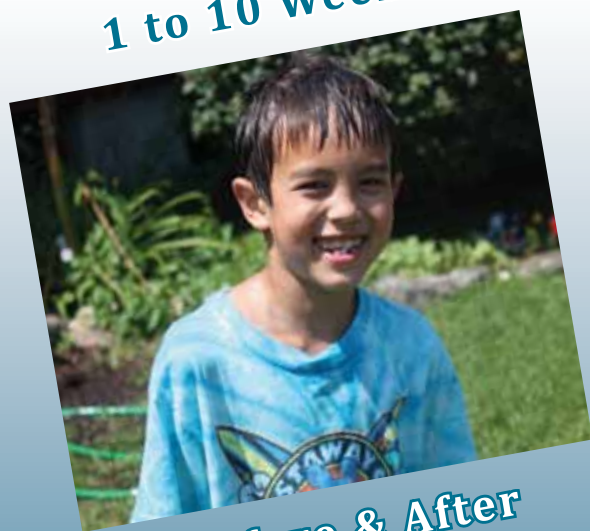
Bright Beginnings also likes to echo read, meaning that a phrase is spoken and the children repeat it back. When reading a predictable book, the reader will often stop at a key word or phrase and encourage the children to fill it in the blank.

When children sense how much fun it is to read aloud, they engage more with the story and their classmates.

Bright Beginnings' commitment to reading books helps its young students develop a lifelong love of reading and books. Reading aloud is one of the most important things teachers and parents can do with children.

Vera Correa is the owner and director of Bright Beginnings Preschool in Yorktown Heights.

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# Law Book: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly on Annuities

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

A good financial plan should include various buckets of investments and annuities should not be overlooked. In a world where pensions have become somewhat obsolete, annuities can replace the role of a pension for someone who requires income during retirement years. One might ask why invest in an annuity product if you can invest that same amount of money in the stock market. The quick answer is that an annuity is guaranteed money. If you take that same principal and put it in the stock market, you run the risk of loss or fluctuating returns. If you purchase an annuity, there are certain guarantees. Annuities can also be used to generate an income stream to fund another investment, such as long-term care insurance or life insurance. Used properly, annuities can be a very useful financial planning product.

While an annuity might serve a client well from a financial planning perspective, financial planners and clients must be aware of the treatment of annuities for Medicaid purposes. For Medicaid eligibility purposes, the cash value of an annuity is considered an available resource. This means that an annuity is treated like cash and if a client needs to apply for Medicaid, something needs to be done with the annuity to reduce the applicant's assets such as transferring the annuity to a spouse or in other cases surrendering the annuity. When surrendering or transferring an annuity, there could be penalties imposed by the insurance company, or worse, recognition of ordinary income for tax purposes. What is important to note here is that an annuity is an available asset for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

I regularly receive pushback from clients, who, after obtaining my advice,



Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

are informed by their financial advisor of the negative aspects of surrendering or transferring an annuity. My response is simple, you must determine whether you prefer to pay \$15,000.00/month to a nursing home or penalties and/or income taxes resulting from the surrender of the annuity contract. Usually, the penalties and income taxes are far less than nursing home costs.

Fortunately, if you meet with an elder law attorney well in advance of requiring care, there are planning techniques that can preserve the value of an annuity and avoid grief for everyone. Clients can create the very popular Medicaid Trust that I have written about many times over. In addition to transferring other assets to the trust such as your home, you can also transfer annuities to the trust. The trust provides that the client will receive the income from the trust, thus, if the annuity is annuitized (turned into an income

stream), the payments can come out of the trust to the client. There are no tax consequences to transferring an annuity to a Medicaid Trust. Financial planners should review their portfolios to identify their clients having annuities and educate them about this planning technique.

Unfortunately, without proper planning and correct advice, annuities can be a trap for the unwary. In 2006, the Medicaid laws were changed to require the State to be named as a beneficiary (up to the amount paid by Medicaid) in the first position of an annuity purchased after February 8, 2006 unless there is a spouse and/or a minor or disabled child. If you fail to adhere to this rule, the purchase of an annuity within 5 years of requiring nursing home care will be treated as a transfer of assets and you will be penalized if you try to apply for Medicaid.

Even if you purchased an annuity prior to the new law, you may not be safe. A separate provision of the law states that the law also applies to annuities purchased before February 8, 2006 if certain transactions take place in connection with the annuity after February 6, 2008. These transactions include adding or withdrawing money from the annuity, elections to annuitize the annuity or similar transactions. It is unclear how broad of an interpretation will be given to "similar transactions". It is possible that a change of beneficiary can thrust you into this category.

Often, when a client enters a nursing home, they are advised by financial planners to annuitize their annuities as a planning technique for nursing home eligibility. This is improper. If an annuity is annuitized and there is no spouse, the State must be named as a beneficiary. Moreover, the State will likely take the lifetime annuity payment due to the client. Even if there is a spouse, the annuitization of an annuity will be treated as a transfer of assets because the act of annuitizing an annuity means that you have made an irrevocable transfer of an asset to an insurance company. It is extremely important for financial planners reading this article to understand these concepts.

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## Medication Take Back Day a Huge Success

On Saturday April 28, over 190 Putnam County residents came to the Putnam Hospital Center to participate in the Putnam Communities That Care (CTC) Coalition's Medication Take Back Day. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Putnam Hospital Center, the Department of Health, The DEA and the Sheriff's Office, collected over 770 pounds of unused or expired medications. "Keeping these medications out of the water supply as well as out of the hands of potential abusers makes this day so important", says Kristin McConnell, the Executive Director of the Prevention Council of Putnam and co-chair of the Putnam CTC Coalition.

The Putnam CTC Coalition holds this event bi-annually. However, for those people who cannot make the event, there are MedReturn boxes throughout Putnam County in the following locations: Carmel Police Department,

Kent Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Office in Carmel, Philipstown Town Hall, Putnam Valley Town Hall, Patterson Town Hall, and in the lobby of the Kern Building in Brewster. The boxes in the police departments are open 24/7. In Philipstown and the Kern Building in Brewster, the box is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Putnam Valley, the box is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Patterson, the box is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those boxes can take all unused or expired prescription medications, OTC medicines, prescription ointments, pet medications and vitamins. They will not accept any needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, lotions, liquids or IV bags.

For additional information, contact: Bruce Kelly of the Putnam CTC Coalition at 845-225-4646. Please visit and join us on Facebook by searching "Putnam Communities That Care - NY".





# Creating That Special Place at Home to 'Zone Out'

It has always been my firm belief that all of us require a refuge for quiet time, for meditation or prayer at home. While enjoying a wine tasting one evening with some realtor buddies, the subject came up and we were all quite open, even enthusiastic, about how and where we "go within."

"I prefer doing it outside, observing nature," one realtor friend said, "and I do it with my eyes open."

That surprised me. While Buddha was able to meditate outside under a tree, I lack that capability, finding outdoor sounds and even the breeze distracting.

"I can focus anyplace and anywhere I happen to be in my home," another friend said. That talent also eludes me.

A third realtor said he meditates in his office, taking a few moments when the need arises. That is something I did years ago when I worked a 9-to-5 job in the most dysfunctional office environment imaginable. I would sometimes retreat to the men's room, perhaps two or three times a day, go into a stall and repeat "relax, relax, relax." This survival



By Bill Primavera

technique was abandoned after my boss asked me if I had a gastrointestinal problem.

At home, I suspect that many of us have our own special place dedicated to making contact with our inner selves and the universe. I was reminded of this a while back when I was told of a complaint from a seller who said that an agent left her business card on the homeowner's "altar," which would seem to be a violation of sacred space. The agent, in her own defense, said "Gee, it looked like a regular sideboard to me."

At the height of my spiritual quest some years ago, I explored an endless and seemingly discordant mix of meditative practices. These included listening to new age and gospel music, the sound of an indoor waterfall and a vibrating chime, all supported with the energies of crystal healing, a very heavy dose of Vipassana meditation and attendance at a then-popular men's group.

It would have been impossible to engage in such an elaborate other-worldly plan either outdoors or in a

public place. So I carved out a space, actually an entire room, as my personal meditation room. I figured that it could double as a second guest room. Then, I started collecting crystals (minerals I called then to the outside world) and I became so obsessive about it, not so much for their metaphysical qualities, but for their sheer physical beauty, that at one point my quiet place looked like an outpost of the American Museum of Natural History.

Our first house guest invited to sleep in that room refused. It seems that she had taken a different path to spirituality than I had, one that would classify any association with crystals as witchcraft. To each his or her own, I say.

Today my meditation room, pared of most of its crystals, has certain features that I would recommend for others who want to carve out their own quiet spaces. The formula can be quite simple. Whether an entire room or a corner of one, the space should be uncluttered and capable of being darkened even in the morning or middle of the day. There should be a system for producing sound, and I recommend that it be through earphones rather than ambient sound for better concentration. Also, depending on one's beliefs, there might

be religious or spiritual symbols or a touchstone of some sort to set the mood.

Some can meditate on a floor mat, although some of us are not that agile, so there should be a chair that is comfortable but not too comfortable or there is the risk of falling asleep while meditating. What serves as my launching pad as my mind jettisons into altered time is an old wingback chair that has seen better days. I know I should replace it, but what if the back of a new chair didn't conform just the right way to my back and what if the height of the seat was not perfect for me? This chair and I have spent a lot of altered time together to the point where it's become symbolic of my spiritual growth. So how could I let it go?

The one finishing touch might be some kind of signage for the entrance to the space that reads: "Altered state of consciousness within. Please do not enter." Then, just say "ommmmmmm."

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## Exploring a California Wine Region Producing Fine Pinot Noir



By Nick Antonaccio

For several weeks I have been reporting on my travels with my wife to northern California wine country. I've been focusing on artisanal winemakers plying their trade through their vision and passion for producing the finest expressions of the land. Many of them have the added benefit of living in the most beautiful landscape in the United States, if not the world. These dual dimensions of the bounty of man and nature have enthralled us and inspired us to seek out little known wineries and vineyards.

Our travels in Napa Valley and Sonoma County have focused on Cabernet Sauvignon for the past few weeks. This week my focus shifts to a different grape.

One of my favorite wines is Pinot Noir. The French region of Burgundy has long been accorded the fame as the best expression of this grape. However, I have been pleasantly surprised by

the Pinot Noir wines of the United States. From northern New York to California and Oregon, this wine has been growing in quality and prestige. I'm especially impressed with the progress made in this century in the California regions of Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, Anderson Valley, Carneros, Santa Rita Hills and Santa Lucia Highlands.

Within the highly regarded bastions of California Pinot Noir, one subregion stands out in my mind. It is the West Sonoma Coast area, located along the northern stretch of the Pacific Ocean coastline. Here, the conditions are ideal for world-class Pinot Noir. The cool climate, with day-long fog and constant sea breezes, allows the ripening fruit to build sugars during the heat of the day and to store and develop them during the cool evenings. This difference, which may range between 55 and 85 degrees, provides ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. The long growing season contributes to the production of robust grapes with vibrant juice

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and a long finish.

As I reported in an earlier column, my wife and I decided to explore this area, driving along the windswept coastline of Highway 1, then up a treacherous winding mountain, heading for the Fort Ross Vineyard and Winery.

We arrived at the winery by driving deep into the woods until we came upon the modern tasting room. Sitting on the veranda, taking in the vistas from the 1,700-foot elevation, we began to understand the unique characteristics of this region. The view of the redwood tree-adorned mountains below was shrouded in fog, yet we were immersed in the warmth of the sun radiating above the fog line. Views of the rocky shoreline of the Pacific Ocean stretched for miles to the north and south.

The winery's vineyard manager greeted us with an invitation to tour the vineyards in the estate's pickup truck. We eagerly accepted, perhaps a bit too much so. The rusted truck traversed the mountainous estate with aplomb, climbing up and down the steep terrain. My wife and I clung to the door handles as we precariously ascended the steep slopes of multiple narrow ridges. The next minute we were gripping the dashboard as we descended

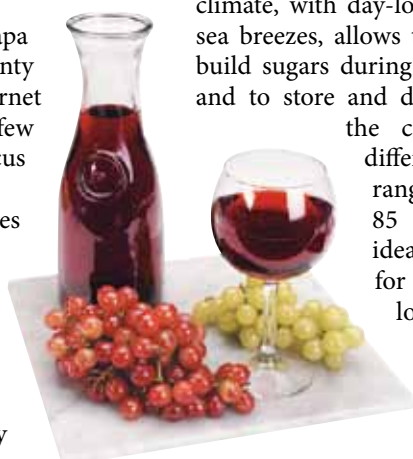
to the next ridge at severe angles, both vertical and slightly horizontal.

We stopped to catch our breath at a plateau that seemed at the top of the world. Standing under a lone oak tree at 1,500 feet above sea level, we drank in the vistas of the individual vineyard blocks stretching above and below us, undulating along the natural ridges and valleys of the property.

The daily fog floated imperceptively through the individual grapevines, seemingly caressing the grapes with delicate moisture. The Pacific Ocean, less than a mile away, acted as a backdrop to the fog and mountain terrain, its waves majestically crashing into the rocky beaches below. We felt as if we had found the epitome of man's symbiotic relationship with nature.

I've reached a hard stop in my allotted writing space for this week's column. Next week our virtual tour continues back at the tasting room.

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After County Executive MaryEllen Odell met with Regional Director of New York State Department of Transportation Lance MacMillan, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, along with Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Fred Pena, P.E. and other officials regarding the condition of state roads and the funding necessary to begin repairs as soon as the season allowed, we were notified that additional funding of \$1.7 million would, in fact, be allocated to repair and resurface the area of Route 6 from the turn on Willow Road located at the Putnam Trailway hub and continuing

to the intersection of Route 301 in the Hamlet of Carmel. This funding is in addition to the previously announced allocation of funding to repair the Brewster Ave section of roadway starting at Reed Memorial Library and continuing to Route 312 in Southeast. The monies are part of more than \$100 million in state funding to repave and enhance roadways impacted by the harsh weather this past winter. Funding will support 84 projects and the renewal of nearly 1,000 lane miles of pavement across the state, including at least one project in every county and New York City.



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Putnam County Commissioner of Highway and Facilities Fred Pena with County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

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## Art on Display:

**Mahopac resident Heidi Stein** is exhibiting her Mixed Media Explorations in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library. The show runs through May 29 and can be viewed during regular Library hours.

**"Personal Choice" Ground Glass Photography Exhibition** at the Pound Ridge Public Library The Ground Glass, a Westchester-based association of fine art photographers, will be exhibiting a selection of work by 11 members at the Pound Ridge Public Library's Schaffner Gallery. The photography exhibit will take place from May 10 through June 23. A reception with the photographers will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Pound Ridge Library is located at 271 Westchester Ave., For regular library gallery <http://www.poundridgelibrary.org/hours--directions---contact.html>

## Ongoing:

**Thursdays: Zumba Gold Chair Program** through May 31st, 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. A fun Latin-inspired dance/fitness program which includes exciting international dance rhythms. This class is taught by Theresa, a licensed Zumba Instructor, and is great for anyone who may have physical limitations and/or does not feel comfortable in a standing class. Register or call 845-279-6421. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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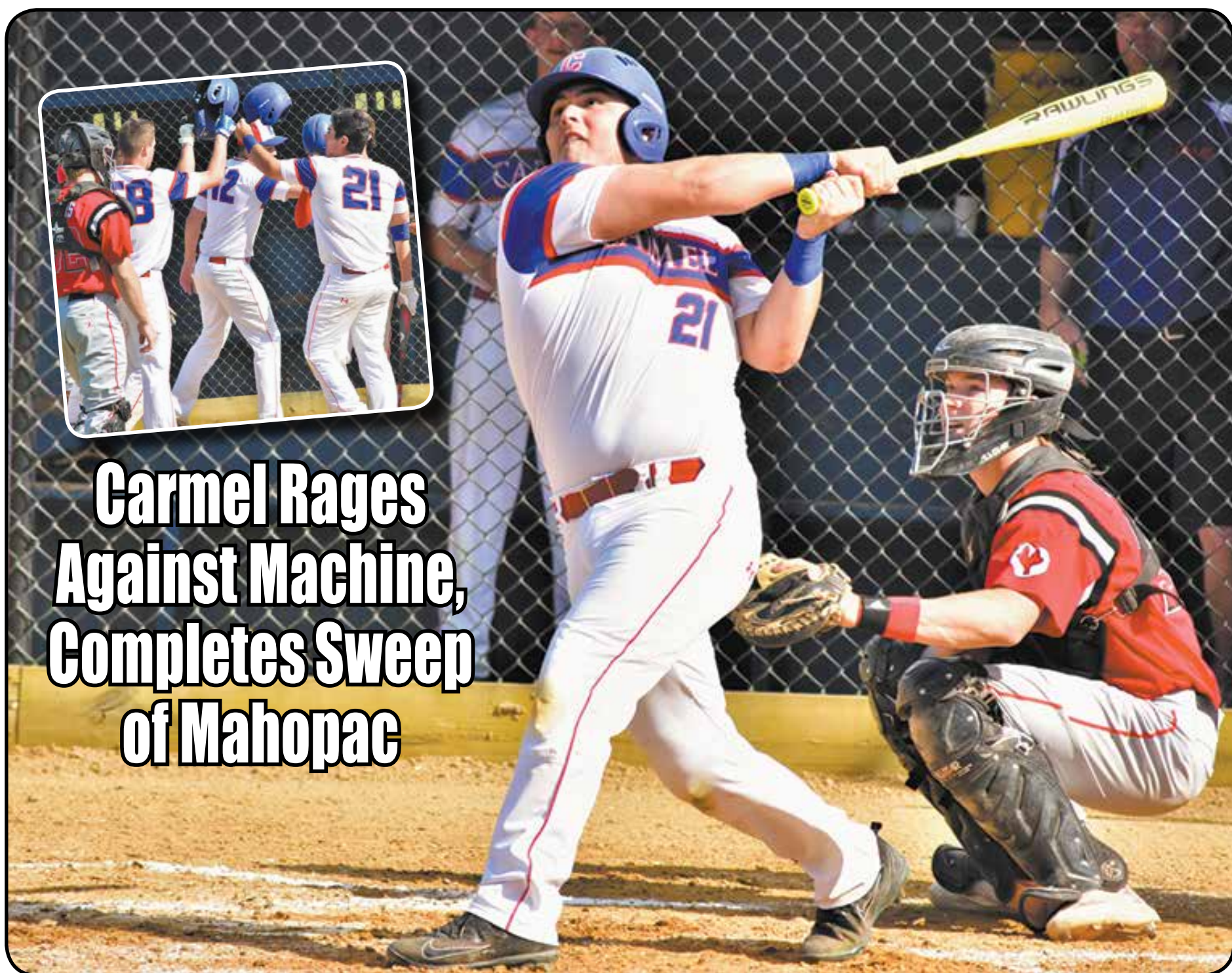
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# Just Another Bombtrack!



**Carmel Rages  
Against Machine,  
Completes Sweep  
of Mahopac**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel senior 3B AJ Gonzalez busted out the whipping stick and tracked this yard bomb in Coach Joe Hackert's Rams' 6-5 win over visiting Fox Lane last Tuesday, and they followed that up with an 18-0 win over host Mahopac on Saturday and a 9-8 triumph of John Jay EF last Wednesday. The only blemish of the week came in Thursday's 3-0 loss to surging Yorktown as Carmel improved to 14-5 with just one key game left against RCK. A win would give the celebratory Rams (inset), winners in 6 of the last 7, a share of the coveted League I-A title... see Baseball Notebook



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## Boys' LAX Notebook

## All-American Debate: Obvious Choices Leaves Morsels for Rest

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There should be little to no political correctness when it comes to naming the 10 Section 1 All-American this season, so, please, spare us all the nonsensical notion that we should spread the wealth this season and consider guys who are playing cupcake schedules because they put up big numbers in those games. There's not a team in Class A or Class C that can hang with the Class B powers that be – Yorktown and John Jay – and the next best team in Section 1, Pleasantville, hails from Class D. Everyone else is on tier three or below.

That said, we like state-ranked (No.2) Yorktown to get at least three, possibly four, All-Americans: previous honoree D Brett (#BeastMode) Makar, the Maryland-bound senior, is a shoe-in; Marist-bound seniors M Hunter Embury (64 points) and A Jamison Embury (91 points) are clear-cut, bona fide A-A choices; and D Brandon Meyreles is as good as any pole not named Makar but getting four players from one team is difficult these days, no



Hen Hud M Austin Fraser might be in the All-American discussion if the Sailors can pull off their first Section 1 title victory.

matter how worthy those players are. Trust me, they are worthy.

State-ranked (No.4) John Jay deserves at least two: So, I'd give Colgate-bound senior D Thor Adamec and junior M



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Yorktown senior M Hunter Embury should surely be on the list of 10 Section 1 All-Americans in 2018.

Bryce Ford, the Fairfield commit, the nod for sure. That makes five or six (depending on if you like Meyreles like I do) from the top two programs in the section. I'd say Pleasantville gets two as well, including Georgetown-bound Declan McDermott

A and Class C, but Bucknell-bound Alston Tarry (76 points) at Bronxville is legit, Westlake's Rob DiNota (57 points) is bucking for a second A-A nod and Fox Lane's Matt Magnan (44 points) is a special talent, though none will likely

## NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** – Class B Huskers (12-3) will enter the tourney as the favorites, what with Yorktown finding another gear and John Jay dealing with internal issues surrounding the Indians' netminding situation, but, that said, Duke-bound senior Braden Burke was cleared for contact this week and should return to the post-season lineup in time to seriously bolster the back line.

**No.2 HEN HUD** – Class C Sailors (14-1) might have benefitted from a tougher regular-season schedule, which state-ranked (No.9) Rye certainly has. That's the thing that scare me most about the title-starved Sailors. They haven't faced, much less beaten, an upper echelon foe. Rye (11-4) has faced L/P, P'Ville, IP, Mamo' and John Jay, so the Garnets are battle tested and been-there-done-that when it comes to winning and challenging for sectional titles (4-2 since 2005).

**No.3 LAKELAND/PANAS** – Class A Rebels (5-10) are said to have a healthy TJ Bryan back and this junior middle won 60% of his draws against Yorktown, which means his impact will be vast when the Rebels, the current No.8 seed, potentially face No.1 Mamaroneck early in the watered-down Class A playoffs. If Coach Lindsay can get this unit on the same page, we still think they can bust up a bracket and make a run, considering the Rebels lost by just a goal, 9-8, in overtime to state-ranked (No.14)

Mamaroneck, the once-prohibitive favorites, last week. Sean Laukaitis and Mason Nocito each bagged a hat trick for the Rebels #DontSnooze.

**No.4 MAHOPAC** – We mentioned last week that the Class A Indians (10-5) had best go 3-0 against Wappingers, Arlington and Carmel to conclude regular season, and chances are they will do so by wiping up Carmel in the season finale last night. And it looks like the Indians may draw the No.2 seed as a result, poised to make a run at a wide-open Class A tourney field. Something tells us the trail to the finals could be bumpy for every team in the field, but Mahopac has as good a chance as any to ride it out and win its first title since 2011 or at least compete for one for the first time since 2015.

**No.5 SOMERS** – Class B Tuskers (7-8) have suffered three-straight losses and enter the tournament on a down note, which set the back to No.7 among the current seeds, which isn't a good thing when Yorktown is No.2. The road to the Final 4 just got a whole lot tougher.

**HM PUTNAM VALLEY** – Class D Tigers (8-7) are looking at a potential 5 vs. 4 matchup with No.4 Westlake as a Final 4 obstacle. A win over Westlake would likely produce a matchup with No.1 Pleasantville, thus likely ending the campaign with an eye toward a potentially bright future.



Somers A Vincent Cartelli cranks shot in Tuskers' loss to Fox Lane Saturday.

(59 points) and previous A-A honoree Brian Reda (67 points), soon bound for Fairfield. That makes seven or eight.

The last two or three could be determined by whoever wins in Class

sip from the cup of champions in my estimation. Based on his body of work and the efforting he has put in this year, Magnan would be on my list of Section 1

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## Baseball Notebook

# Surging Carmel, Yorktown Enter Class AA Playoffs on Tears

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There are some astonishing regular seasons being turned on the local Section 1 baseball circuit, including Class AA Carmel and Class A's Somers and Hen Hud, which is, and isn't, a surprise given the fact the Sailors have a new coach and graduated a ton of players, but still went 16-4 for a third-straight year. The problem is, the post-season has been very cruel to Hen Hud over the last two years, so they're hoping to change their playoff fortunes when the Section 1 seeds are released early this week.

## CLASS AA

We've got a couple of teams that opposing coaches won't want any part of as we enter the post season this week, including Carmel (14-5), winners in seven of the last eight, and Yorktown (9-9-1), unbeaten in eight of the last nine, including a 3-0 win over Carmel. It's all about who toes the rubber on any given day, who plays clean defense behind the hurler and who can hide the hole or two in most lineups, so there's nothing given about a deep playoff run with the amount of solid contenders among the largest schools, including the Dutchess and Rockland County powers that be.

**CARMEL** (14-5) is on fire, though, blazing its way to a potential top five seed in the playoffs. The Rams' 18-0 win over **MAHOPAC** (7-13) is not a typo, but it is one of the worst beatings the Indians have ever incurred in the rivalries rich history. The Rams were feasting early and often, plating 13 runs in the first two frames. Matt Vitro (2 hits, 3 RBI), Sean McCarthy



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Carmel P Matt Vitro has had an MVP-caliber season for the surging Rams.

(2 doubles, 3 RBI), Dan Castrovinci (3 hits, 3 RBI) and Gerry Loughran (3 hits, 2 RBI) were all mashing as pitchers Jack Sullivan (3IP, 3K's, 0 hits) and AJ Gonzalez (2 IP, 4K's, 1 hit) combined on a one-hit mercy win over the rival Indians. Gonzalez, Jon Minotti and Anthony Febo all knocked in two runs apiece.

"It was a great team effort today," Rams Coach Joe Hackert said. "We bounced

back from being shut out on Thursday against Yorktown. We wish the best of luck to Coach Lugbauer and Mahopac, which is in great hands with him. He is a class act."

There's no denying that, but having gone 2-9 in the last 11, there's no refuting that the Indians need to find their swagger in a hurry as the current No.15 seed, which would likely put them in an out-bracket

game before seeing No.2 White Plains in the opening round of the playoffs, should they qualify for the field of 16.

**YORKTOWN** could be looking at a very rough draw after its hot streak has moved the Huskers into the middle of the pack. The Huskers, currently seeded ninth, might rather a 10-12 seed than the current 8-9. They might make a serious run, nonetheless, but the current path reveals No.8 Mamaroneck and then No.1 RCK, two of the premier programs in the section.

"Kids have some swagger right now, so I am excited," Husker Coach Sean Kennedy said. "On the positive side, I do have pitchers that, when on, can be as good as anyone; evidenced by Anthony Fusco shutting out Carmel and Joe Sgobbo and Alby Cuiffetelli shutting out White Plains."

Not to mention a 9-1, combined ho-hitter win over Ossining last Friday when Ciuffeteli and Ryan Benson combined on the deed. Ciuffeteli went 6 2/3 innings, allowing one unearned run with six whiffs and two walks. Benson notched the final out. Husker Chris Sica went 3 for 4 with a solo home run. Tyler Pugliese and James Halstead each hit a double and had three RBI for the Huskers.

After nearly a quarter century with the Yorktown program, if anyone deserves a deep playoff run, it's Coach Kennedy, who was an assistant to Coach Bob Sarro when the Huskers last won it all in 1995.

**OSSINING** was set to honor the memory of beloved former Coach Bill Casey on Sunday, but the Pride (9-10) have dropped seven of the last 10 and fallen to No.11 despite big wins over Yorktown and Putnam Valley. Pride P Michael Laitman

was in total command in the 8-0 win over Croton Sunday, firing a one-hit shutout with 10 whiffs. He took a no-hitter into the seventh and was supported by Peter Bossinas (2-3, 2B, 2 runs) and Ethan Martinez (2-run 2B), who mashed on behalf of Coach Casey.

## CLASS A

**HEN HUD** finished the regular season at 16-4 for the third straight year, but the Sailors have not been able to get out of their own way in the past two playoffs, failing to advance beyond the quarters and getting knocked out in the first round. Sailors Coach Van Vourliotis is hoping the Jack Kelly-led Sailors can sing a different tune as the current No.2 seed in the tournament after locking



Yorktown P Anthony Fusco has been one of the few hurlers in Section 1 to tame the Carmel bats, doing so in a 3-0 shutout last Thursday.



Hen Hud P Jack Kelly fires pitch as he picks up save in win over Poughkeepsie last Wednesday.

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## Softball Notebook

# Yorktown, Lakeland, Put Valley Enter Playoffs Hot

By Tony Pinciario

YORKTOWN is right where it wants to be as the regular season comes to a close and the Section 1 Class AA Championship begins.

The 2017 Section 1 Class AA champions went 4-0 last week – beating Suffern (1-0), Ossining, John Jay-East Fishkill (5-3) and Panas (2-1) – raising their record to 16-2 on the season.

In the victory over Suffern, Erica Salveggi tossed a no-hitter, and Angie Serrano's walk-off single provided the triumph over Panas in the first round of the Yorktown Tournament.

Yorktown had senior night, Monday, against John Jay-Cross River and will complete the regular season against Suffern in the Yorktown Tournament final.

Senior and catcher Courtney Cardea pointed out that Yorktown was looking forward to playing John Jay-East Fishkill and Suffern. John Jay-East Fishkill had beaten Yorktown, 11-6, earlier this season on a day when the Huskers were far from their best.

"We were the home team in that first game against John Jay and we were up two runs going into the last inning," said Cardea, who will attend Hamilton College

in September and play softball. "After that game, we put a lot of emphasis on our defense and in the last week, it showed."

The Cornhuskers played a sound game behind Salveggi, who no-hit a hard-hitting Suffern team that is always among the Section 1 Class AA elite.

"Erica was really hitting her spots and all of her pitches were on," said Cardea, who has caught Salveggi four years on varsity. "Erica didn't shake me off once. We were locked in. We knew this was going to be a great game because of the great teams they were beating, and we were beating. We knew about their pitcher and what to expect from her. There was something special about that game. They had the home crowd and we new we had to bring it to win it. Games like this prepare you for the playoffs."

Erin Gray provided the difference with a seventh-inning home run.

Brianna Buck drove in four runs and Reilly Koch swatted a three-run homer against Ossining, then Yorktown exacted revenge on John Jay-East Fishkill as Buck provided the thunderous hit – a three-run homer.

"We wanted to prove ourselves again, to them," Cardea said. "Last year, they beat us twice and had a no-hitter against us. We wanted to show we were new and improved and even more determined in the second game."

Yorktown closed out its week with a thrilling walk-off win against Panas. Sam Riccardulli had Yorktown's first RBI before Serrano's game-ending hit.

"Their pitcher is young, but she is very good," Cardea said. "We knew it would be a good game and whoever adjusted faster would win. Lucky for us, we were able



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Samantha Riccardulli connects for a double in Huskers' 2-1 win over Panas Friday.

to do what we did in the bottom of the seventh."

Yorktown goes into the Section 1 Class AA Championship as the hunted, because it is the defending champion. Yorktown is well aware of it, but ready for the challenge as it attempts to become the second team in program history to win consecutive sectional titles. The Cassie Reilly-Boccia-led team won the Class AA championship in 2007 and '08.

"Our team is really experienced and all of us lead in different ways, which has enabled us to grow as a team," Cardea said. "We feel as a team that we're playing our best softball we have this year. We're also the type of team that plays our best when we are loose. We know that when we play the game the right way and give it 110 percent, it will all work out in our favor."

Yorktown Coach Ryan Iamurri echoes Cardea's thoughts.

"We were able to see the growth this team has gone through since the beginning of the season and the girls are coming together as a team," said Iamurri, who played with Reilly-Boccia at the University of Alabama. "All I care about is that we are controlling the things we can control, getting better every day, putting the effort in, picking up our teammates when they are down and just plain having fun playing the game they love."

PUTNAM VALLEY did Yorktown one better, winning five games in six days – Haldane (14-7), Carmel (15-3), Yonkers Montessori, North Salem (14-13) and Beacon (8-7).

"It was a mentally and physically demanding week, having to be on the road for four out of the five games and our last two games were nail-biters," Putnam



Yorktown senior P Erica Salveggi fires in 2-1 win over Panas Friday.

Valley Coach Rena Finsmith said.

Freshmen Frankie Reyes and Emily McKenna each had three hits against Haldane. McKenna drove in four runs and first-year varsity player Sonya Garcia had three RBI.

Keiko Waters had four hits, scored four runs and drove in two against Carmel. McKenna and Reyes combined for nine RBI and provide ample hope for a bright future.

Waters had three hits and pitched two scoreless innings against Yonkers Montessori. Alex Waters, McKenna (home run), Reyes and Garcia each had two hits.

"Tiredness definitely set in by the end of the week and we were battled tested with two solid programs in North Salem and Beacon," Finsmith said. "We had a rough seventh inning against North Salem where their team battled all the way back to not only tie the game at 10, but take the lead 13-10 going into the bottom of the 7th. Our team never quit and came back to win."

Sophia Lord's third hit of the game scored pinch-runner Samantha Palmo with the decisive run. Reyes missed the easy portion of the cycle when she doubled, tripled, homered and drove in four runs.

McKenna rang up 15 strikeouts against Beacon and Reyes had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI.

Putnam Valley, now 13-5 this season, played Haldane, Monday, and will finish the regular season today against Dobbs Ferry. Finsmith said this is the best regular-season record in more than six years.

LAKELAND ran its winning streak to 16 consecutive games with victories over Poughkeepsie (15-0), R.C. Ketcham (9-0)

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Yorktown junior Julianna Piehler goes to great lengths to cheer on her Huskers in 2-1 win over Panas.



Panas junior Bella Feraca takes throw as Yorktown's Elaina Ornstein scoots in safely in Panthers' 2-1 loss to Huskers in Yorktown tourney Friday.



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and Somers (8-1).

Defending Class A champion Lakeland erupted for 11 runs in the first inning against Poughkeepsie. Jess Ascencio went 4 for 4, including a home run, scored

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down their third-straight League II-E title. Vourliotis is taking aim at Hen Hud's first sectional title since 2000 during the Mike Pitts/Kurt Thomas era.

Kelly, a four-year veteran, and Trevor Dowling provide the coach with the necessary leadership to change their playoff fortunes, but Class A is as wide open as it's ever been, though top-seeded Rye and No.3 Byram Hills are legit favorites.

**SOMERS** has also had an outstanding season, much to the surprise of many. Tusker Coach Joe Wootten figured Somers was due to improve but 13-6 and a No.6 seed was not something many saw coming from this senior-laden unit. However, after sweeping **LAKELAND** by identical 7-3 scores, Somers has clicked off three-straight wins and gone 8-2 down the stretch. Tusker P Austin Wainer dominated the Hornets, lasting 6-2/3rds with 12 Ks.

"Wainer kept a good Lakeland team off-balance by getting ahead the entire night," Wootten said. "He threw 72 strikes and 34 balls. That ratio is simply outstanding. He, along with catcher Eric Ferrara, fully committed to the game plan. Their execution was effective."

Wainer impressed Lakeland Coach Bill Casey, who understand his Hornets (9-8), currently seeded No.12, may still be a year away from serious contention having dropped four of the last five. Lakeland may be young, but the Hornets are battle-tested after taking on a pair of Class AA schools over the weekend, including RCK, who took a 7-5 decision, and Clarkstown South, who went home a 5-4 loser courtesy of P Joey Vetrano, who fired six frames and allowed just one run. At the plate, the big lefty sophomore went 5 for 7 in the double-dip. He cracked a home run, triple, two doubles and drove home five.

Tusker ace Logan Carriero held Mahopac to just three hits and no runs over five innings in a 7-3 Somers win. He fanned nine Indians and smoked an RBI double and scored. Big bopper Chris

twice and drove in five runs. Eighth-grader Shannon Scotto went 3 for 3 with two RBI, Kayla Bugeya and Nicole Barker each had two hits and Amber Lopez and Stella Bale had two RBI apiece. Krystal

Boncardo tripled and scored two runs for the Tuskers, who appear to have a nifty threesome in Wainer, Carriero and Boncardo. Don't sleep on Somers.

"The preparation these players put into the off-season and during the season has led them to have some success," Wootten admitted. "We have expectations every year. These players took it upon themselves to prepare. The results mean that all the work is paying off. With the regular season is almost complete, one-and-done begins soon."

John Jay CR went 6-2 in the league to cop the II-C title, and the streaky Indians (8-10 overall) should not be slept on either.

**PANAS** has dropped to No.16 after going 2-6 down the stretch, but they can right the ship this week with Mahopac and Lakeland on the docket. **BREWSTER** (10-10) has fallen to No.17 after going 2-5 down the stretch, but the Bears did manage a 3-2 win over Somers but were no match for John Jay CR, who swept Brewster last week.

#### CLASS B

**PUTNAM VALLEY** (13-7) is the current No.6 seed in Class B and the newly-minted League III-E champions after knocking off **HALDANE** (9-10) by a 2-1 count. The Tigers are scoring some runs now to support their pitchers with utility specialist Brian McBride (team-high 18 RBI) and C Mike Gaitan (team-high .475 BA & 19 runs) leading the way. Juniors Alex O'Brien (0.76 ERA), McBride (1.62 ERA) and Matt Carlsen (0.47 ERA) have been steady out of the pen and as starters of late. Consider the Tigers a sleeper but consider No.1 Briarcliff the team to beat in Class B, with No.4 Westlake (8-2 over the last 10 and a win over Briarcliff) showing big time signs. No.2 Pleasantville and No.3 Keio round out the top challengers.

**CROTON-HARMON** (8-11) has slipped to the No.10 seed but a sweep of Valhalla should build confidence for the post season.

Badillo tossed a no-hitter and struck out seven in five innings.

Badillo ripped two home runs and drove in three runs against Ketcham. She also tossed her second straight no-hitter and struck out 13. Hannah Matusiak also had three RBI and Lopez chipped in two hits.

Matusiak went 4 for 4 with three RBI against Somers. Bale collected two hits and three RBI and Lopez and Badillo each had two hits and scored twice.

**BREWSTER** split with **SOMERS**, losing 15-8, then rebounding the following day with a 4-3 win. The Bears overwhelmed Nyack to close out the week.

Brewster Coach Lisa Delzio said Somers raced out to a double-digit lead after two innings in the first game.

"Somers had some great bats in their lineup and they hit the ball hard all day," Delzio said.

Camryn Gannon and Madison Chiudina each had two hits and two RBI and Gabby Dovi added two hits and scored three runs.

"What a difference a day makes as we started first basemen Karen Lennox in the circle," Delzio said. "Karen came in in relief the day before. Karen hasn't pitched in five years, but we felt we needed to change things up and she did a great job the day before to hold Somers."

Somers led 3-0 after two, but Lennox tamed the Tuskers the remainder of the game and the Bears rallied in the seventh.



Panas freshman hurler Olivia Bordenaro delivers in 2-1 loss to reigning Class AA champion Yorktown last Friday.

Gannon evened the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh with a solo home run ripped a 1-1 fastball over the center field fence to tie the game.

Angie Gasparre, who had two hits, delivered the walk-off sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"Despite our record and some truly rough innings throughout the season, this team has never given up," Delzio said. "We talk about what it means to play with heart no matter what, and they continue to fight and be there for their teammates. I'm very proud of them."

Brewster accumulated 17 hits against Nyack on Senior Day, led by Chiudina, who ripped three-run homer. Senior Gigi Gasparre had two doubles and two RBI and Francesca Cioffi and Kate Katsetos each tripled.

**HEN HUD** split four games, dropping a 2-1 decision to Eastchester and was shut out by Ardsley. Hen Hud bounced back to sweep Poughkeepsie.

The Sailors rapped out 17 hits in the first victory over Poughkeepsie, led by Michaela Capicotto, who homered among her four hits and drove in four runs. Jessica Bleakley had three hits and two RBI and Candace Crowley added two hits and two RBI. Ashley Lupi and Alana Espinoza each had two hits. Lupi and Capicotto had two hits and two RBI apiece in the second win over Poughkeepsie.



Mahopac freshman P Shannon Becker has given the Indians plenty to smile about this season and the foreseeable future.

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All-Americans. If he played at Yorktown, he might be a three-time All-American, so send the Syracuse-bound Fox off with a bang. Billy Chabot of Rye is in the mix.

Other locals in the conversation: State-ranked (No.5) Class C power Hen Hud has a couple of interesting options in senior G Vinny Bell and Villanova-bound senior M Austin Fraser (38 points), but the Sailors

may have to win the section to get a nod. I love the way Fraser has sacrificed personal digits for the good of his team by moving to D-mid, but if they need one guy to make one play, Coach Lepore turns to Fraser when all is said and done... Somers senior Vincent Cartelli (64 points) is having a wonderful statistical season, and Lakeland/Panas senior A JoJo Janavey has

a body of work (over 200 career points) that certainly merits mention... Can we please bring back power leagues? I know, I know, Section 1 A.D.'s think power leagues are too subjective, but there is something to be said for "subjective" when put alongside "objective", and I object to the Yorktown's current league, which includes Fox Lane, Greeley and Ossining. That's as

bad as a Michelle Wolf joke, man, nothing remotely funny about it. Nobody benefits from the current league set-up, so fix it...

Tip your cap to the Savastano boys, Nick and Vinny, after the veteran coaches led Kennedy Catholic to a 7-5 win over Monsignor Farrell behind four points from Greg Brann, who led the Gaels to a fourth straight CHSAA A NYC title.

# Abby- Cadabra!

## Surging Mahopac's Magical Ascent Continues



Mahopac junior IF Abby Mastropietro gets the benefit of the doubt on an extremely close call in the Indians' 4-3 extra-inning loss to Class AA powerhouse Suffern in Friday's opening round of the Yorktown Tournament. The Indians were rained out of Saturday's consolation game against Panas in what was a very competitive four-team field in preparation for the upcoming Section 1 tournaments where upstart Class AA Mahopac, which is 6-3 over the last nine games, is currently looking at a potential No.8 seed and a possible quarterfinal game against No.1 John Jay EF, who survived a 1-0 win over Shannon Becker-led Indians on May 1st. Mahopac was set to face Panas Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the consy round with Yorktown facing Suffern in the finals (5:30 p.m)... see Softball Notebook

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