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## Legislature Approves Measure Criticizing State's Abortion Laws



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A highly-anticipated county legislature meeting generated a packed house as lawmakers voted on a measure voicing opposition to New York State's Reproductive Health Act.

## Putnam SPCA Arrests Yonkers Man for Animal Neglect

By David Propper

A Yonkers man is facing an animal neglect charge after a beagle belonging to him was found in horrible condition in Carmel last weekend.

Nuno Afonso-Gouveia was hit with an animal neglect charge, a misdemeanor, and will face arraignment on April 23 in Town of Carmel Justice Court as his dog receives treatment for several bruises and injuries. If convicted, he could face up to one year in prison and as much as a \$1,000 fine.

The beagle at the center of the neglect case was found wandering loose near Meadowlands Auto Dealership on Route 6 last Saturday by a Good Samaritan, who saw the dog's barking collar was extremely tight. When removed, it was discovered the collar's three prongs had

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By Brendan Dyer

With tensions high and vocal advocates on both sides, Putnam County lawmakers pushed through a resolution calling on New York State to repeal the Reproductive Health Act last week.

A room full of residents met the 8-1 vote in favor with applause as dueling rallies gathered downstairs and outside of the historic courthouse on Gleneida

Avenue at what Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano called "one of the largest legislative meetings yet." Legislator Nancy Montgomery, the only Democrat on the board, was the sole lawmaker in opposition of the resolution.

The contentious and symbolic vote comes after debates following a health

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## Brewster Cub Scouts See Need for Speed



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The Cub Scouts of Brewster Pack 1 held their annual Pinewood Derby Race on Saturday March 23rd in the cafeteria of JFK Elementary School. For the Pinewood Derby, each Scout builds a car with the help of an adult partner, following the rules laid out by the Pack. On race day, they complete by racing down a long metal track. In the process, they learn about physical concepts such as gravity, potential vs kinetic energy, friction, and aerodynamics, and non-physical concepts such as design and self-expression, attention to detail, and good sportsmanship. Awards were presented to the top three finishers in each rank (each grade has their own rank), the top three finishers in the Pack, as well as some non-racing categories such as Best Use of Color and Most Realistic. For more info about the Brewster Pack 1 Cub Scouts, visit [www.brewsterpack1.net](http://www.brewsterpack1.net)

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## Local Swatting Case Results in Arrest of Ohio Resident

By David Propper

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office recently announced the resolution of a swatting case that resulted in a teenager from Ohio facing a pile of charges.

The investigation into the unnamed defendant began last year when law enforcement officers rushed to a house in the Town of Kent after a caller intentionally fed them false information. On Aug. 11, 2018, Putnam sheriff deputies, investigators, and members of the emergency response team and the Kent police department responded to the scene of a possible hostage situation after a caller alleged he had shot his wife with an AR-15 and was holding his son against his will, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's department was able to get in contact with the homeowner who told authorities he was out of state with his family and his house was unoccupied. A neighbor also gave authorities a key for the home.

Sheriff department and ERT members set up a perimeter around the house and then entered it and cleared both floors of the residence confirming the home was unoccupied and there was no hostage situation, authorities said.

Once the case was turned over to the sheriff's bureau of criminal investigation, information about the phone used to make the fake emergency call was unearthed and investigators were able to determine similar incidents were occurring in other parts of the country, the sheriff's office said.

Working with other law enforcement agencies from around the country the caller was identified and it was determined the calls originated in Mahoning County in Ohio. (Mahoning is more than 400 miles from Putnam and is a nearly seven-hour drive from Kent.)

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office agreed to handle charges related to the crimes and on Feb. 27, 73 counts of delinquency were filed against a 17-year-old Ohio resident who was not identified by name. The unnamed male was hit with 40 felonies and 33 misdemeanors, police said.

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#### Q: At what age should I begin getting mammograms?

**A:** Once a woman turns 40, the American Cancer Society and most recognized medical authorities recommend she start getting yearly mammograms. But mammograms aren't uniformly sensitive in all women. Between 40 and 50 percent of women have dense breasts – fibrous tissue as opposed to mostly fatty tissue – and that density can obscure potential problems.

Many women aren't aware that breast density is an issue. New York State requires doctors to notify women, in a letter, when their mammogram reveals this is the case. Do not become alarmed if you get this letter. It simply means that you should have a conversation with your doctor about your overall breast cancer risk.

#### Q: Why is it important to know if I have dense breasts?

**A:** Dense breasts can make mammograms less sensitive, and they may also contribute to cancer risk. You'll need to speak with your doctor about your individual lifetime risk and thoroughly evaluate your risk factors. To determine your risk, your doctor will ask you about your family history of breast and ovarian cancer, your age when you had your first period, whether you have children, when you had your first child, and any history of chest irradiation, among

other potential risk factors. The good news is that for many women with dense breasts, their risk won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

#### Q: What if I'm high risk?

**A:** Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20-25% lifetime risk) and who have dense breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram.

#### Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

**A:** There are many false positives with Breast MRI, which is why it is only recommended for women who are at high risk as they will derive the most benefit. Regardless of your breast density, make sure you get your yearly mammogram and discuss your risk factors for breast cancer with your physician.

### Did you know?

Having dense breast tissue may increase your risk of getting breast cancer.

# Former WH Advisor Speaks Out Against Marijuana Legalization

By Neal Rentz

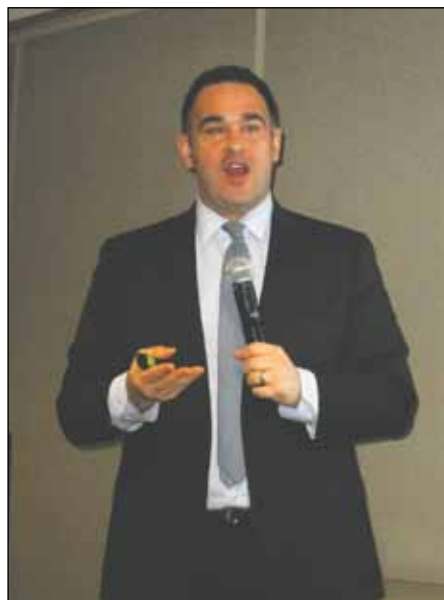
A former senior drug policy advisor to President Barrack Obama came to Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel on April 5 to express his strong opposition to the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, former senior drug policy advisor to Obama, addressed The Prevention Council of Putnam and the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition's fifth annual conference. The conference's theme was the costs of implementing the legalization of marijuana with the health, safety and social concerns.

Sabet is president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana New York, a nonpartisan alliance of lawmakers, scientists and other concerned citizens, co-founded by former Congressman Patrick Kennedy. SAM New York is comprised of medical doctors, health professionals, teachers, drug treatment workers, prevention advocates, parents, and other concerned citizens.

"We want to move beyond simplistic discussions of 'incarceration versus legalization' when discussing marijuana use and instead focus on practical changes in marijuana policy that neither demonize users nor legalizes the drug," the group's website stated.

The New York State Legislature



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Dr. Kevin Sabet, former senior drug policy advisor to President Barrack Obama, spoke about the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana at the Putnam Hospital Center.

is considering legislation to legalize recreational use of marijuana. Gov. Andrew Cuomo originally sought to have the legislation included the 2019-20 state budget, but it was taken out of the budget talks.

Sabet, who was also a member of the

administrations of President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush, said not only has marijuana legalization not provided the benefits proponents said would come about, there have been many negative impacts.

Sabet said his organization has been lobbying against the legalization effort in the Empire State. "New York is a priority for us," he said. The group's efforts have been backed up by many in the state including major health care organizations and PTAs, he said.

Sabet compared the current environment of the push for marijuana legalization to one century ago when cigarettes were being promoted as a big business. "I feel we're back in 1919 not 2019," he said.

Tobacco had been used for thousands of years but they began to become harmful to health with the addition of nicotine in the 20th century, he said.

One of SAM's mottos is "Stop the Marijuana Industry from Becoming the Next Big Tobacco in New York."

Large companies such as the makers of Marlboro cigarettes and Corona beer are investing in the marijuana business, Sabet said. The marijuana industry has received \$1.8 million from "Big Tobacco," he said.

There has been targeting of youths by companies selling marijuana in the states where it is legal, with the substance in

such items as candies and sodas marketed to children, even though it is illegal to sell to youths in state where marijuana is legal, Sabet said. Marijuana is being marketed today as Camel was a way to promote cigarettes in the past, he said. Sabet showed a powerpoint slide with a photo of cartoon figure similar to the former Joe Camel to promote marijuana use. (Joe Camel was used as the Camel cigarette mascot from 1987 to 1997.)

Many people describe marijuana as safe, Sabet said. "It's just a plant. It's natural," Sabet said is the opinion of many youths and parents, but that is not correct.

Marijuana use has potential harmful effects on the brain, which develops until the age of 30, Sabet said. Today's marijuana has a much stronger concentration THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) than the drug had in the Woodstock generation, making it more harmful, he said.

Though marijuana is legal in eight states, which came about through public referendums, its use is still illegal for youths in those states, Sabet said. In Colorado, in which marijuana is legal, the number one reason for the arrest of high school students in the state, according to a recent study, is marijuana possession and use, he said.

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# Legislature Approves Measure Criticizing State's Abortion Laws

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committee meeting on March 18 where county lawmakers put the resolution in motion. Lawmakers at that meeting expressed their strong disagreement with New York's new abortion laws. Now their resolution goes to Albany, though it doesn't expect to change anything at the state level.

The RHA codified *Roe v. Wade*, stating an abortion is legal within the first 24 weeks of a pregnancy, but also anytime after that if a woman's life or health is at risk or the fetus is not viable. Abortions could also now be performed by healthcare professionals other than physicians.

The county's resolution criticized the RHA for expanding abortion rights past 24 weeks, arguing it could lead to the "pain and suffering" of the baby in the womb. Additionally, the resolution stated while a late term abortion can now be conducted to protect the health of the mother, a woman's "health" is vague in the law.

Legislator Toni Addonizio said she "urges the state legislature to introduce statewide legislation that supports the unborn."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who introduced the resolution, said the RHA is "barbaric" and she has an "unwavering



BRENDAN DYER PHOTO

Protesters were outside the court house prior to the meeting making their voices heard.

commitment to decency and humanity." Nacerino also argued there are loopholes in the RHA that leaves the law open to interpretation. She questioned under what conditions the abortions will be performed.

According to Nacerino, "the law in its present form is broad based and vague." She continued by saying that New York's new abortion law is unclear about what the conditions of the pregnant woman's health needs to be in order to justify an abortion.

Legislator Amy Sayegh expanded on Nacerino's statement, drawing the question about how to interpret the

RHA's use of the term "health." She said, "the term health is extremely vague to be used in determining the termination of a pregnancy." Her concerns revolved around "real women in real situations that need our support."

Castellano also spoke in support of the resolution. He agreed with Sayegh and Nacerino, adding that there are "too many loopholes in the RHA."

After county lawmakers expressed their defense and strong support of the resolution, Legislator Paul Jonke commented on emails lawmakers received from residents in opposition of the resolution. Jonke and other lawmakers

expressed their disappointment in some of the input received from the public, which according to them, included criticisms comparing them to Nazis.

In her closing remarks, which were cut short by a motion to end discussion on the resolution, Legislator Montgomery urged her colleagues supporting the resolution to "reconsider and revisit its inaccuracies." She pointed out a lack of facts in the resolution and said it'd be wrong to send it up to Albany in its current draft.

"We do not have a killing bill before us," said Montgomery, referring to public outcries that came in email calling the RHA infanticide. "I'm angry with my colleagues here disagreeing with my colleagues in New York State, calling them supporters of infanticide."

County Executive MaryEllen Odell supports the resolution passed by her GOP colleagues on the legislature. In an interview, Odell said lawmakers passed this resolution to let Albany know how they felt about the RHA.

She scoffed at the notion from critics arguing the issue of abortion has no place at the county level.

"It was just a message and an opportunity for Putnam County to affirm how they feel about family and values that are important," Odell said. "It was done

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# Local NYS Reps Weigh Positives, Negatives of Budget

By David Propper

As the month of April is in full swing, the fiscal year has begun in New York State after Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state lawmakers agreed to a \$175.5 billion budget though both Democrats and Republicans don't seem fully satisfied with the final outcome.

With Democrats controlling all three branches of state government, the budget passed before the April 1 deadline with votes cast mostly along party line. Sen. Pete Harckham and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Democrats, voted for the spending plan while Sen. Sue Serino and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Republicans, rejected it.

The budget resulted in a permanent 2 percent tax cap, a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags and publicly financed campaigns. Education aid increased 3.7 percent while the middle class tax rate was lowered by \$300,000. On Election Day, every worker can take three hours off, paid leave to vote and congestion pricing for vehicles traveling below 60th street in Manhattan was also passed. Eliminating cash bail for 90 percent of cases was also passed.

Lawmakers expressed both positives and negatives with the budget and the legislation passed along with it.

Harckham said the legislature was able to "make some lemonade out of lemon"



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The NYS Capitol in Albany was busy this budget season as lawmakers reached a deal before the April 1 deadline.

with a budget season that began with a \$2.3 million deficit. The final spending plan increased education aid, returned aid to municipalities and local highway departments and stayed within the 2 percent tax cap, he said.

The legislature also held the line on middle class tax rates and restored the veteran peer-to-peer program, Harckham said.

Harckham was in full support of the

plastic bag ban, stressing the importance of getting plastic out of the environment. When they clog up storm drains, it costs towns and villages money to mitigate those problems, Harckham noted.

"I'm glad we got it done," he said.

Criminal justice reform was also critical, Harckham said, because the state was jailing too many people only because they were too poor to afford bail. Additional tweaks should be pursued

going forward, he said.

As for the battle against the drug scourge, addicts seeking help are now able to go to a rehab facility before prior review or authorization from an insurance company for 28 days, an increase from 14 days, Harckham said.

Galef, who has been in the assembly for more than 25 years, called it a "terrible" budget season due to the \$2.3 billion deficit that came almost out of nowhere. That meant budget cuts were necessary, Galef said, including less aid for schools than she would've liked.

Galef said money was allotted for library capitol projects, the 2020 census and early voting, which was helpful. Some money from congestion pricing will go toward the Metro North instead of just the subway system and the LIRR, Galef also noted.

"We did our best," she said. "That's all I can say."

Galef was happy to see plastic bags banned statewide and criminal justice reform. She said keeping people in jail for non-violent crimes cost taxpayers money to care for those people behind bars.

"Sometimes we incarcerate too many people just because they don't have money," Galef said.

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displeasure with how the budget panned out.

Serino had a long list of gripes this year. Too much money was going to New York City and not to communities further north, Serino said.

She was disappointed Lyme disease got no funding and elder abuse programs didn't receive adequate funding. People in Serino's district are also "sick and tired of being the ATM for the MTA," she said, pointing to congestion pricing. A reorganization will take place within the transit authority before a forensic audit is complete, which Serino found backwards.

About \$27 million was allotted for illegal immigrants to go to state schools on the taxpayers' dime and \$100 million was put aside for public financing of

campaigns, Serino complained.

"It just seems like tax, tax, tax and they're not doing anything that's a priority," Serino said. "Their answer to everything was just tax, tax, tax."

Criminal justice reform was also ill conceived, Serino said, arguing law enforcement and prosecutors have voiced opposition to the proposals.

"Everything was bad, every area of the budget that you look," Serino added.

This was the first time since Serino has been in state senate in which the GOP was not in the majority, which led to much frustration for the lawmaker in her third term. Even when Democrats were in the minority for almost the past decade, Serino said she always believed state Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins should've been in meetings with Cuomo

and the legislative leaders when she was the minority leader.

"I don't want to see one party control," Serino said. "Not Democrats or Republicans, you need the checks and balances."

Serino said while she understands the desire to eliminate plastic bags, she was bothered by the possible 5-cent tax for paper bags that counties will decide if they want to go forward with. When addressing giving every worker three hours, paid time off to vote, Serino argued that it would hurt small business owners and school districts.

In an extensive press release, Byrne said the negatives far outweighed the positives in this year's budget and with Democrats in full control, controversial legislation was rammed through "while taxpayers

across the state (were) asleep."

The 2019 budget created more mandates, cuts to local government assistance, new taxes and more handouts, Byrne said.

Byrne criticized cuts to the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities funding and the CHIPS program for local roads and infrastructure. Additionally, new taxes were piled on residents for vapor products, prescription drugs, rentals, congestion pricing and the possibility of paper bags depending on the county government's desire.

Byrne also noted the DREAM Act was passed which will provide taxpayer funds for illegal immigrants to go to state college at reduced or no cost, "anti-business" employer mandated three hours of paid

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the smoking of marijuana by youths, Sabet said.

Sabet said his organization favors decriminalization of marijuana rather than legalization. The group is not seeking to have harsh prison sentences imposed on users, he said.

Some forms of medical marijuana have been available in the area for years if a person obtains a doctor's prescription, Sabet said.

Though proponents of legalization of marijuana have advocated it as a way to reduce the unequal treatment of minorities caught with the drug, there is still a significant disparity in the

number of non-whites being arrested for possession as compared to white people, he said. Social justice for non-white marijuana users could be achieved decriminalization of the substance rather than legalization, he said.

Recreational marijuana uses are not legal under federal laws, which regulate interstate trade, and the federal

government could go after states that have legalized if they chose to do so, Sabet said.

The revenue generated by the taxation of marijuana has been estimated to be up to \$300 million annually, according to Cuomo. But \$300 million is only a small fraction of revenues in the state budget, Sabet said.

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## Legislature Approves Measure Criticizing State's Abortion Laws

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in a respectful manner, everybody had the opportunity to share their views and opinions and their faiths and their values."

The courthouse was filled to capacity throughout the night with many people waiting downstairs for their chance to enter the room. As people left the courtroom more entered. However, a large group of those in support of the resolution remained rallied outside singing Amazing Grace, an act that began in the meeting room minutes preceding the start of the meeting.

Despite the room being at capacity, passion and support were widely present on the steps of the historic courthouse. Around 5:45 p.m., almost an hour before the county Legislature meeting began, nearly 50 people were outside holding signs showing their support of, or opposition to, the resolution.

Patterson Councilman Peter Dandreano said it's important for the county to speak up and let the state know how the majority feels. Dandreano, pointing out that neither the resolution nor the RHA are matters of religion, said, "The separation of church and state is to keep the government from forcing moral issues on us."

Edmund Riely, speaking as a member of a group called the Lower Hudson Valley Right to Life Party, said, "It doesn't matter how the resolution resonates on a state level, it matters that people speak up for children. It's a moral imperative."

In opposition to the larger group of resolution supporters standing nearby, a few residents stood to show support for the RHA. Some came as far as Ulster County.

"If it gets approved it's just a shame and tarnishes the reputation of the county," said Conner Brennan of Cold Spring. "This waste's taxpayer money and we pay these people to do their jobs. They have no jurisdiction doing this."

Norma Pereira of Carmel said, "We are spending and wasting our time but we have to show we are a part of the county, standing with what the state is doing, and making noise."

According to Brewster resident Eileen McDermott, it doesn't matter what is said in the county about the RHA. She said it matters in the state and "the RHA remains the law in the state, and it will remain the law here."

David Propper contributed to this article.

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# New Indian Pt. Community Advisory Panel Receives Backlash

By Rick Pezzullo

The establishment of a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to serve as a communication vehicle for issues surrounding the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear power plants was announced on March 28 at Buchanan Village Hall.

The 25-member group will be chaired by Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker, with Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi serving as vice chairwoman, and include county executives from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, along with state representatives.

"We will be the eyes, ears and voices of all the community," Knickerbocker said. "This is a regional issue. This is not a political thing. This is our home. This community was not (informed) about the closures. We were left out. We're just tired of being told what to do."

"It's home rule. We live here. We work here," Puglisi said. "We don't want someone else to dictate what we should do. It's been a journey. It will continue to be a journey. There are many challenges."

On January 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, owners of the plants, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Riverkeeper was revealed. 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



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Stakeholders, including elected officials, held a press conference earlier this month.

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. Entergy officials have said that scenario is unlikely.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County. This represents approximately 25 percent of the electric power used in the region.

Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46%

of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. Cortlandt will lose \$800,000 annually, which represents two percent of its budget. In addition, the Verplanck Fire Department will lose 64% of its budget and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

"We have to make sure we insert ourselves in the communication effort," said Hendrick Hudson Superintendent

of Schools Joseph Hochreiter, a member of CAP. "We have worked tirelessly and collaboratively together to make sure we kept our spirits up as we go through this important phase. Many people are affected by what the next chapter of Indian Point holds."

Entergy officials have said \$1.8 billion has been set aside for the decommissioning of Indian Point, a process the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has given a maximum of 60 years to complete, although it has been estimated it will only take about 15 years to finish. Two representatives of Indian Point selected by Entergy will be on the CAP.

The creation of the panel was met with some harsh criticism at last week's press conference by some grassroots community organization members who contended the panel was comprised of too many area elected officials with no clout.

"What you're doing is a very simple solution to a complex issue," said Marilyn Elie, a member of the Indian Point Safe Coalition, who said she lives three miles from Indian Point. "What you're doing does not stand up to scrutiny. It's overloaded with politicians. This is no place for small time politics. There's very unrealistic expectations still floating

around."

Power Through Cortlandt, a group of citizens from Buchanan and Cortlandt, mostly in the Hendrick Hudson School District, that formed after Entergy announced its exit plans for Indian Point, issued a press release stating it did not support the CAP. Instead, the group said it favored a Citizens Oversight Board at the state level that it had been lobbying for with a coalition of community groups for more than a year.

"A true community organization is formed from the bottom up, not the top down," the group stated. "In order to successfully represent the best interests of the community in question, members need to be independent, not beholden to financial interests or future reelection campaigns. Members should have a vested personal interest in all aspects of a community's continued success and not be focused only on the specific position they represent."

"Power Through Cortlandt is concerned that this Advisory Panel has an expiration date, while the matters affecting our community do not," the group continued. "The Advisory Panel seems to be redundant, mimicking the local task force formed following the initial announcement of the plant's closure. The only community representatives included are to be appointed by the same elected officials who make up its primary membership."

Knickerbocker and Puglisi took exception to some of the criticism, insisting they would not be passive in their efforts.

"We can't expect anything else to protect us," Knickerbocker said. "We are the stakeholders."

"I consider myself a public servant," Puglisi added. "I've tried to give back. We have total transparency. There will be representatives of citizenry sitting on this panel."

The Indian Point CAP will meet on an as-needed basis and is tentatively scheduled to hold its first public session this summer.

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## Business of the Week

# La Fiesta Decorations Brewster

By David Propper

If you're looking to throw a dream party, La Fiesta Decorations is the place where that can be achieved.

Opened for almost year, the Brewster-based business owned by brothers William and Walfre Martinez has become a resource for many in the community with party goods, favors, flowers and gifts. The Martinez brothers were motivated to open the business to provide a place the Latino community in Brewster could go when they were planning parties. Not only does La Fiesta have the supplies, the brothers will even go to the location of the party to decorate it for the customer.

"We try to provide what everyone needs for their party," Walfre said. "We try to help and order all the stuff in one place."

And it has expanded since last year with La Fiesta offering clothing, tux rentals and other items typically seen at a convenience store, including candles, toys and toiletries.

Walfre said he's enjoyed operating the business with William because the



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Brothers Williams (left) and Walfre Martinez own La Fiesta Decorations together in Brewster. While they usually set up the parties, the two men attended one recently for a nephew of theirs.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Walfre Martinez inside La Fiesta Decorations, which is loaded with party supplies.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Some of the clothing offered at La Fiesta.

two men know how to work in the same environment. The brothers are able to bounce ideas off each other that keep things fresh.

And La Fiesta, a Brewster Chamber of Commerce member, will travel outside of Brewster when necessary, including to Dutchess and Westchester counties. With wedding and quinceanera season coming up, Walfre hopes this year is just as busy as last year.

The two brothers grew up in Guatemala; William came over in 2000 and Walfre came over in 2005 and both have lived in Brewster since their arrivals.

"We know how the town has been growing," Walfre said. "It's very different now than ten years ago."

William presented the idea to open the store to Walfre, who needed some convincing from his older brother before he agreed. He knew having a business would require hard work and could be a risky proposition. After the two brothers spoke some more, Walfre finally came around.

The biggest challenge in the first year was learning how to manage everything, especially when there is more than one event in a day. Multi-tasking is a must.

"We're still learning," Walfre said. "We're

trying to do our best for our customers."

Walfre when you own something, you work a little bit harder and it means more to you. They are striving everyday to get the job done the right way and make their customers' dreams come true once party day arrives.

"We try to have everything people ask for," Walfre said. "Sometimes it takes time, but we try to do it the right way, we try to bring ideas to the Spanish community."

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## Letters to the Editor

# Cold Spring Crime Victim Ends Home Invasion With Gun

During the weekend of March 16, two criminals invaded the home of a resident of the Village of Cold Spring in the Town of Phillipstown. The unsuspecting homeowner responded to a knock on the door by the suspects who claimed to be looking for the address of his neighbor. After telling them that they had the wrong house, they told him that they were told to meet "Julio" there. The homeowner told them that there was no Julio there at which time they shoved him backwards into his house and against his front door causing him to sustain a minor injury. The homeowner drew his legally owned pistol, and the invaders immediately fled.

Just the sight of the firearm caused the perpetrators to immediately retreat and

flee the home, jumping over the porch railing, damaging the gutter and leader on the house and into the azalea plants. The two fled on foot and are still at large. No shots were fired.

This event occurred less than a year after Phillipstown passed a law mandating "safe storage" of firearms, after 18 months of debate. The originally proposed law wanted gun owners to keep their firearms secured in a safe or by trigger lock at all times in the home. In its original form, the proposed law violated the 2nd Amendment and United States Supreme Court Case Law (Heller and McDonald), in addition to common sense. In its final form, the law enacted stated that gun owners must secure their weapons in

a safe or by trigger lock if they are not home and children are or may be present. The language of the law did no more than state common sense which has been followed by the gun owners of the Town of Philipstown throughout history, as their has never been an accident involving a gun in the Town of Phillipstown.

This dangerous and potentially deadly incident that occurred in the sleepy little community of Cold Spring serves as a real example of why the right to protect oneself in the home is inalienable. Should the Philipstown Gun Storage Law as originally proposed been enacted, the incident described above may have had a very different ending, one that none of us care to think about.

Protecting ourselves and our families is paramount to all other aspects of life. It is irresponsible to assume that incidents like this only happen on the 6 o'clock news and cannot happen in our own back yards.

It is important, not only that the public is aware of what is going on in their communities, but critical that they are always afforded the opportunity to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Cindy M. Trimble  
Chairwoman, Citizens for the  
Preservation of Constitutional Rights  
Philipstown

# 'Unplanned' Movie Facing Uphill Climb Against Abortion Lobby

As citizens of the United States, we take pride in our freedoms. Well, yes we do have freedoms but there are subtle ways our freedoms are being subverted, undermined and violated. A case in point: the film Unplanned. There has been massive collusion on the part of the abortion lobby comprised of well-heeled funders, movie distributors and Planned Parenthood zealots to deny citizens the freedom to view this graphic film. So disturbing are the medically accurate

visuals that even the Motion Picture Association of America has given it an "R" rating, admitting that abortion is violent. As Archbishop John F. Naumann ironically noted in an Op-Ed piece in the March 29 edition of the Wall Street Journal, "Under the recently enacted NYS legislation, where a teenage girl can have an abortion without her parent's knowledge or consent, the MPAA rating of Unplanned doesn't allow a 16-year old to see the movie without a parent or

guardian present."

The abortion lobby doesn't want you to see the brutality and horror of abortion. So they have used the weapon of censorship, limiting the public's freedom to view the film in major cities, especially in the North, the citadel of the abortion lobby and even Twitter initially denying its producers that media platform. However, quoting the mother of violently murdered Emmett Till, "Let the world see what has happened," the Archbishop expresses the

hope that this exposure "will change our nation from one that embraces violent solutions for unplanned pregnancies to one that sees each human life as a gift to be celebrated."

Amen, Amen, Amen

Ann Fanizzi  
Southeast

## Obituaries

### Patricia A. Mehmel

Patricia A. Mehmel died on March 30 at the age of 78. She was born on February 15, 1941 in the Bronx to Catherine (Loftus) and James Nolan. Patricia was born and raised in the Bronx before relocating to Mahopac. She retired in 2003 from Citi Bank in New York City as a Vice President of Real-estate. Her true passion in life was taking care of her family and friends. Patricia is survived by her companion of many years, William Onorato and by her three loving children, Christine Rourke, Kathy Vuksanaj, and Dineen Kennedy. She is also survived by six adoring grandchildren: Mia, Crystal, Catie, Kayla, Ian, and Christopher; and her two brothers James Nolan and Thomas Nolan. Patricia was also endearing aunt to many nieces and nephews who affectionately called her "Aunt Pat".

### Richard McCullough

Richard D. McCullough age 87, of Carmel died on April 2, with his loving family at his side. Richard was born on October 12, 1931 to the late Helen and Joseph McCullough in Ossining NY. He would go on to marry the love of his life Mary and together they would be blessed with three adoring children Richard Jr., Caroline and Judith. Mr. McCullough was

a proud and decorated Army veteran; he remained a strong force of advocacy for service men and woman throughout his lifetime. Before his retirement he worked as a foreman for the NY telephone company. Richard was part of the toughest generation in American History, a generation that served God, Country and Family. He truly served all. Richard was a dedicated family man who was a loving husband, fun and always present father and a grandfather. He was a man who proudly passed along life lessons, wisdom and a wealth of knowledge to his children who in turn passed those lessons to their children. Richard was a pillar of strength and support for everyone he knew and loved this was especially clear when his beloved wife of over 47 years Mary got sick and passed in 2008, he honored her memory in every way possible. Friends and family will now honor Richard's memory by continuing to pass along his wisdom and to keep Richard never far from their minds or hearts. Richard is survived by his three loving children; Richard Jr., and his finance Debbie, Caroline Stern and her husband Richard and Judith Fox and her husband Patrick, his seven adoring grandchildren; Jonathan, Patrick, Katie, Erin, Hayden, Natalie and Ian; all of

whom were the light of his life and he treasured each and every one of them. A visitation is scheduled Tuesday April 9, at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 418 Route 6 (GPS 418 US 6) Mahopac NY between the hours of 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Following visitation a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac at 11 a.m. After Mass Richard will be brought to his final resting place at the Gerald B.H Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with Military Honors.

### Charlotte D. Baker

Beloved mother Charlotte D. Baker born in New York City on June 5, 1923 and a longtime resident of Mahopac and Yonkers peacefully died on April 3, at The Pines at Catskill, at the age of 95. She was predeceased by her husband George and daughter Jean (Piro), survived by son George (Terry) Baker, daughters Bonnie (Frank) Carozza, Carol (Bob) Sateriale and Jane (Kevin) Crawford. Grandmother

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# Residents Seek Somers Board Resolution Against State Abortion Law

By Neal Rentz

A group of Mahopac and Somers residents is asking the Somers Town Board to follow in the footsteps of the Carmel Town Board and Putnam County Legislature in passing a resolution stating its opposition to state legislation approved earlier this year related to abortion rights.

While Supervisor Rick Morrissey expressed support for a resolution, the remaining four Town Board members on April 4 did not indicate their position on the issue during the public comment period of the meeting, instead seeking to research the issue first.

The residents are seeking to have the Town Board call for the repeal of the Reproductive Health Act (RHA). The RHA states an abortion is legal within the first 24 weeks of the start of a pregnancy or any time after that if a woman's life or health is at risk or if the fetus isn't viable. Abortions could also now be done by other healthcare professionals, not just physicians.

The state Legislature, voting along party lines, approved the RHA in January and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed it into law shortly thereafter, leading to outrage among many conservatives across the state and country.

The Putnam County resolution called on the state to "protect the unborn"



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Somers resident Gerry Borreggine was one of the speakers who asked the Town Board on April 4 to pass a resolution calling on the state Legislature to repeal the Reproductive Health Act.

and criticized the RHA for expanding abortion rights past 24 weeks of a pregnancy that could lead to the "pain and suffering" of the baby in the womb. It criticized the RHA for allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, which the resolution stated could lead to "abuse" and also argued a late term abortion could be performed to protect the health of the mother, but the patient's "health" is vague and undefined in the law.

All of the residents who spoke during the public comment period of last week's Somers Town Board meeting expressed opposition to the RHA.

Somers resident Gerry Borreggine

strongly opposed the law. "The law added a 'health' exception to New York law so that abortions are now legal in the final three months of pregnancy to protect a patient's 'life or health,'" he said. "Health can include factors such as physical, emotional, psychological, familial and a woman's age – relevant to the well-being of the patient."

"A woman and her abortionist now have the right to choose ... death," Borreggine added. "At 24 weeks that baby has a heartbeat. Brainwaves can be recorded. That baby has arms, legs, fingers, toes."

Borreggine compared abortion to slavery and urged the Town Board to express opposition to the new state law. "All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing," he said.

Another critic of the RHA last week was Mahopac resident Margaret Doherty, who also objected to the provision in the state law allowing for abortions in the third trimester. Many people locally and nationally have spoken out against third trimester abortions, she said.

Somers resident Kathryn Philopena said the town should follow the lead of the Putnam County Legislature and ask the state to overturn RHA.

Morrissey said he opposed the RHA. The Town Board has recently banned vape shops and is ready to ban the sale of

marijuana if the state Legislature approves the legalization of the substance and should consider a resolution to the state expressing its opposition to RHA, he said.

"It's important for us" to express its feelings to the state about the new law, Morrissey said. "This is a Home Rule state," he said, adding the Town Board could use the Putnam County legislation as something to approve.

Councilman Thomas Garrity said the RHA was not an agenda item. "We don't have all the information," he said, adding the issue should be addressed on a future Town Board meeting agenda.

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# United Way Announces Departure of President and CEO

Alana Sweeny, President and CEO of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, announced she will be leaving the United Way, saying the organization has made tremendous strides in recent years and she is excited to see it continue to flourish under new leadership.

Sweeny, 69, who has been President and CEO since 2014, said that she is looking forward to traveling and having the flexibility to spend more time with her family and thanked the UWWP board and the entire staff for its dedication to United Way’s mission. She said she will continue to be an active supporter of the United Way both on the local, state and national levels.

“This has truly been a team effort working with so many committed people from our talented staff to our dedicated board members and our generous donors. We have made a visible impact on our community, with improved literacy programs including A2i in Peekskill and Elmsford schools and our book drives to our financial literacy workshops that have helped women launch careers and become entrepreneurs. There is no doubt that we are succeeding in our mission to give people the tools to become self-sufficient,” said Sweeny.

June Blanc, President of the UWWP Board of Directors, said a seven-member

*‘There is no doubt that we are succeeding in our mission to give people the tools to become self-sufficient.’ - United Way President Alana Sweeny*

search committee has already begun the work of finding a replacement for Sweeny. The opening has been advertised locally and nationally and broadcast to the non-profit community. Blanc said that during her tenure Sweeny has done much to transition UWWP to a more energetic organization that has engaged new partners and supporters. Blanc noted that the organization is coming off its best fundraising year ever with last week’s Gala breaking both attendance and fundraising records.

“Alana is leaving the organization



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United Way CEO and President Alana Sweeny is leaving the non-profit later this year.

having accomplished so much to help set our future course,” said Blanc. “It will be difficult to find another such charismatic and visionary leader, but we are in a very good place to start the next chapter.”

United Way Westchester and Putnam headquartered in White Plains currently has total revenue of a little over \$6 million, including operations of its 2-1-1 information referral line, which handles about 250 calls and 1,200 on-line inquiries a day. It has a core staff of 16 full-time

employees with another 12 full-time staff members working for 2-1-1. Its Board of Directors is comprised of up to 45 members and represents a broad cross-section of the community served by the organization.

Those interested in applying for the position should e-mail inquiries, qualifications and salary requirements to Lynn Clifford, Vice President of Operations, at Admin1@uwwp.org with the subject line; CEO Response.

## Crossword Puzzle

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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### Across

- Classic Pontiac muscle car
- \_\_\_ Dhabi (Gulf emirate)
- Disney division
- Jar part
- Racket
- Legal scholar’s deg.
- Presidential nickname
- Traditional Cuban highballs or new Mahopac Mexican restaurant
- Put down, slangily
- Slanted printing style
- Application request
- Oenologist’s interest
- Fastener
- Somehow
- What ancient Rome might be called or Yonkers casino, \_\_\_ City
- Horror film franchise street name
- Primper
- “Little Red Book” author
- \_\_\_ manner of speaking
- Ltr. holder
- Hostel
- Like some pay
- Brazilian town, first name
- Billboards, e.g.

### Down

- Cheerfully
- Shinbones

- Major Ukraine port
- Paperwork
- Animals of a period
- Free a mechanism
- High, prefix
- Interest sharing nations
- Parts of finan. portfolios
- \_\_\_ Chaiken, co-creator/writer of “The L Word”
- Hogwash
- Iron deficiency
- Upscale kitchen feature
- Faulty cars
- Good gymnastic scores
- Battleground
- \_\_\_ mechanism
- Sea eagle
- Butcher’s inventory
- Wrestler’s victory

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# Putnam's Women of World War II

During the final days of Women's History Month in March, the Putnam County Historian's Office and the Putnam Veterans' Museum is proud to build on the role of women in the military and remember some late, great female heroes.

Over the years, the Historian's Office has had the privilege of honoring former Mahopac resident Corp. Gertrude Cassetta (nee Pearson), who trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia and served in World War II as a cryptographer in the Signal Corps of the Army Air Corps as a WAC (Women's Auxiliary Corps) in England and France. In a 1994 article in the Courier Trader, Cassetta remembered June 6, 1944, a.k.a. D-Day, "It was a bright sunny day in England. I awakened to hear the thunderous noise of planes. The sky was literally darkened with planes going to France." This was just one of her many memories of serving in Europe during the war. Cassetta gave Putnam County an ever-lasting gift through an oral history that is now housed in the Historian's Collection (HC802, A16).

The Putnam Veterans' Museum Photo Archive at the Putnam County Historian's Office houses an entire photo album of Brewster's own Rosemary Lally's experiences with the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) during World War II. She trained at the U.S. Naval Training School, Women's Reserve at Hunter College, in the Bronx, N.Y. and served 1 1/2 years in Washington, D.C., and achieved rank of Pharmacist's Mate 3rd class.

Lastly, Dolores Beal Stephens penned a wonderful book in 2003 entitled *Those Who Served, Those Who Waited, WWII Experiences as told by the Veterans and Civilians of Brewster/Southeast, NY*, (included in the Research Library of the Putnam County Historian's Office) where she paid tribute to many local



WAVES' song book from the Rosemary Lally Collection of the Putnam Veterans' Museum Putnam's Women of World War II.

WWII veterans including her own sister Joan Ross Beal Peckham, of Brewster, who was likely influenced by their father William Ross Beal who served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and returned to serve as a Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. Joan joined the U.S. Naval Reserve (WAVES) and was trained at the Great Lakes Naval Base, served at St. Alban's Naval Hospital on Long Island, and then at Alameda Naval Hospital in California as a Corpsman. Involved in nursing work, Joan was responsible for taking care of badly burned and maimed sailors. One of her patients was John "Butch" Santorelli of Brewster, N.Y., whose tank landing ship was struck by a torpedo at Normandy in June 1944.



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WAVES Parade at the U.S. Naval Training School Women's Reserve at Hunter College in the Bronx.



John Santorelli

Joan Beal

U.S. Navy's John Butch Santorelli and Joan Ross Beal of Brewster.

## Local NYS Reps Weigh Positives, Negatives of Budget

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leave for any election was approved and a new commission was set up that could result in taxpayer funded financing for political campaigns.

"And don't forget the generous pay raise for the governor, passed after the last budget vote while most New Yorkers were waking up to go to work on April 1. No, I know it was April Fools', but sadly that is not a joke," Byrne said, noting Cuomo will be the highest paid governor in the country by 2021.

Byrne pointed out a few bright spots in the budget, including implementing a permanent tax cap, restoring funds for the Joseph P Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer program and the rejection of the Cuomo's recreational marijuana proposal.

"Sadly, while this budget does accomplish some good things, the budget

places more burdens on taxpayers, not less," Byrne said.

While some legislation was passed as part of the budget, other reforms were not, including the legalization of recreational marijuana as debate around the issue continues.

Serino said she believes it'll be harder to pass than Cuomo thinks with many school districts against the proposal. The fear that marijuana could be a gateway drug to harder opioids, Serino said, is another reason to oppose it.

Hearings should be held before any final vote is held, she said.

"Really have a conversation and not just rush to go and do this," Serino said.

Even with a delay, Galef doesn't see herself voting for the measure. She supports medical marijuana expansion and decriminalizing the drug, but she

doesn't believe recreational cannabis should be legal. When looking at other states that have legalized, Galef said it doesn't appear to be working as well as one would believe.

She's a "firm no" if legalization were to come to a vote later this year.

Harckham said a decision to legalize marijuana didn't get done during budget season because it would've been too rushed. While New York City and upstate New York (for agriculture) seem more willing to get legalization through, suburban communities--which Harckham represent--aren't as thrilled.

"Our police are already overwhelmed with DUIs, our schools are overwhelmed with vaping and other unsafe behavior so they have a lot of concerns," he said. "It's not popular in the suburbs. It's really a suburban thing rather than a Republican

vs. Democrat thing."

Another hot topic item that will require more discussion was the green light bill that would give driver's licenses to immigrants in the country illegally.

Galef said she was unsure if it will come out of the transportation committee this year. Undocumented immigrants are already driving regardless of whether they have the proper documentation to be on the road, Galef said.

"The more people that we can have driving safely is I think a special interest to all of us," Galef said.

Harckham isn't sure if it'll come up for a vote this year, but he touted the proposal because it would lead to safer roads.

"It does nothing to legitimize someone to legal status," Harckham said. "But what it does, it's a public safety measure."

# Examiner Wins New York Press Association Honors

Examiner Media won honors for its journalism in three critical categories at the New York Press Association's annual conference this past weekend in Albany, including first-place for editorials.

In addition to the award for best editorials by The Examiner's editor-in-chief, Martin Wilbur, the newspaper group was also recognized in the news and sports categories.

The press association awarded second-place for best sports action photo to The Examiner's sports editor, Andy Jacobs, and gave an honorable mention to former reporter Anna Young in the spot news category.

"Really did a nice job informing the public, but also kept the pieces easy to read," the judges from the Wisconsin Press Association said of the editorials.

The three pieces from The Examiner submitted for the best editorials of 2018 prize were headlined "Chappaqua Schools Super's Attempt at Secrecy Benefits No One," from the April 24 edition, "Newsprint Tariffs and Fake News Mantra a Threat to Democracy," from the August 14 edition and "North Castle Owes Public an Explanation Over Goldberg Decision," from the September 11 edition.

The award-winning action sports photo was for a football picture Jacobs took of a pair of Westlake High School defensive



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Martin Wilbur, The Examiner's editor-in-chief, won first-place for best editorials at this past weekend's New York Press Association 2018 Better Newspaper Contest awards ceremony, held at the Albany Hilton.

players breaking up a throw intended for an Ardsley pass receiver in the Sept. 18, 2018 edition of The Examiner.

"The photographer captured a great moment of action featuring three players," the judges stated.

The honorable mention for Young in the spot news category was for an August 7, 2018 article in The Examiner headlined "Car Crashes into Pleasantville Pharmacy; Elderly Customer Hospitalized."

"Good spot news reporting," the judges concluded.

The annual New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest awards ceremony, this year at the Albany Hilton, is held as part of a two-day industry conference featuring expert speakers and lecturers. The keynote speaker on April 5 was Margaret Sullivan, a prominent Washington Post media columnist and former New York Times public editor. Between the April 5 and April 6 Friday

and Saturday seminars, industry leaders conducted more than 60 educational sessions.

In all, 163 newspapers from New York State submitted 2,743 entries. Newspapers are divided into multiple divisions so they are competing for awards against publications of comparable circulation. The coveted overall Newspaper of the Year prize was awarded to The Suffolk Times.

Examiner Media publishes four weekly newspapers, The Examiner, The Northern Westchester Examiner, The White Plains Examiner and The Putnam Examiner, as well as TheExaminerNews.com, a community news website.

## New Golf Pro at Putnam County Golf Course

Putnam County Golf Course would like to welcome you to the 2019 Golf Season and is excited to pass along exciting and important news to our loyal customers.

On April 1, Putnam County Golf Course will unveil an entirely new fleet of Club Car Golf Carts featuring industry leading technology- The Visage GPS Screens

The GPS systems offer yardage, course information as well as monitor pace of play which is relayed to a "home computer" so staff can continuously manage your experience.



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In addition, all carts will be equipped with USB charging ports to keep you connected while enjoying your time on the golf course.

Also, we are proud to introduce your New Head Golf Professional, Jari Tompuri. Jari returns back "home" to Putnam County with 15 years of golf experience and looks forward to a future at Putnam County GC. See Jari's bio below:

Jari, a native of Finland, immigrated to the United States when he was 4-years-old, living in the Bronx, for 6 years before settling in Carmel New York. Jari attended George Fisher Middle School and Carmel High School where his passion for golf began as a member of the Carmel High Rams golf team. After earning a Business Degree from State University of New York College at Oswego, Jari managed and owned the Carmel Beverage Center.

Upon moving to Texas, Jari enrolled in the Professional Golfers' Association Apprentice program and began his journey toward becoming a PGA Professional. Jari took his first Head Professional position at River Crossing Club in San Antonio, Texas, followed by the Diamante Country Club in Arkansas.

Jari is passionate about teaching the game of golf and helping players of all ages achieve their maximum potential.

Jari is married to his wife, Crystal, and has two daughters, Gracie and Haley.

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# The Story of That Mirror, Mirror That's on the Wall

Normally when I look into a mirror, mostly when I'm shaving, I don't have my nearsightedness corrected with glasses. But just the other day I happened to look into my magnifying shaving mirror with my glasses on and was somewhat shocked to find that I really looked my age when, for years, I thought I had been defying it.

Oh, well. Unlike Narcissus, the mythological character who fell in love with his own reflection in a pond's surface, I don't need to reassure myself of my beauty to get through the day.

Besides offering us the opportunity to check ourselves out to make sure we are properly groomed and attired, mirrors have played an important role throughout their history. Used in technology, they've been important components in scientific instruments such as telescopes, industrial machinery, cameras and lasers.

Today, it can be a very important element in interior design as well as home staging. As a realtor, I sometimes have to advise sellers what to keep and what to eliminate from their walls. (No



By Bill Primavera

personal photos or wedding pictures, for example; the buyers want to visualize themselves in the house, not the sellers.) A good mirror would always be on my list of recommendations to add, both to enlarge space and reflect additional light.

When entering my home, the first thing a visitor would see on the wall of my foyer is a large antique mirror with a massive wooden frame, coated with a tin surface, which is stamped with an elaborate pattern and painted in shimmery gold and silver. It makes quite a statement

while enlarging the space and reflecting additional light.

The history of mirrors goes back to the beginning of time when people looked at their reflections in pools of water. The first man-made mirrors were from polished stone, like black volcanic glass obsidian, found in Turkey with a carbon dating of 6,000 years.

Ancient Egyptians used polished copper for mirrors, and mirrors made from polished stone were found in Central and South America from about 2000 B.C. In China, mirrors were made

from metal alloys, such as a mixture of tin and copper that could be highly polished to make a reflective surface. Metal alloys or precious metals mirrors were very valuable items in ancient times, only affordable to the very wealthy.

Mirrors made of metal-backed glass were first produced in Lebanon in the first century A.D., while ancient Romans made mirrors from blown glass with lead backings.

Glass mirrors were first produced during the third century A.D. and were quite common in Egypt, Gaul, Germany and Asia. The invention of glassblowing during the 14th century led to the production of convex mirrors.

The major component of mirrors is glass. Because glass is a poor reflector, it must be coated in order to enhance its reflectiveness with such metallic coatings as silver, gold and chrome.

During the Renaissance in Europe, mirrors were made by a method of coating glass with a tin and mercury amalgam. The mirror factory Saint-Gobain was established in France at that time, but mirrors were originally very expensive luxuries that only the wealthy could afford.

In 1835, Justus von Liebig, a German chemist, developed the silvered-

glass mirror where a thin layer of metallic silver is put onto glass by the chemical reduction of silver nitrate. The invention of this process enabled mirrors to be manufactured on a much larger scale. For the first time in history ordinary people could buy a mirror. Today's mirrors are more frequently produced by depositing aluminum by vacuum directly onto the glass.

There is a wealth of superstition surrounding mirrors. I wondered, for instance, why a broken mirror brings seven years bad luck. My research revealed an old Roman legend that the soul shatters along with the mirror and it requires seven years to regenerate.

Mirrors also have a strong connection to spirits. In earlier times, mirrors were covered when someone died because of the superstition that it can trap the soul of the deceased.

For us, however, it is best used as a major element in interior design, to visually enlarge a space and reflect light.

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## My Personal Journey in Campania's Resurrection



By Nick Antonaccio

For the last two columns I have been focusing on a subject dear to my heart, dear to my heritage and dear to my wallet: the wines of Campania.

This wine region in Southern Italy, southeast of

Naples, has been cultivated for millennia for its indigenous grapes. These wines, planted by ancient Greeks and Romans, flourished for centuries, but were nearly lost over the past two millennia due to difficult economic times and a lack of interest outside the region.

In the mid-20th century a resurgence began to percolate in the undulating hills of the nearby Apennine Mountains. New vineyards were planted, creating local jobs and a budding export trade.

The recent emergence of this region as a producer of world-class wines is in part attributable to a term I introduced in my previous column that encapsulates the underlying theme that runs deep in the veins of the local winemakers – Sprezzatura, the art of

effortless mastery.

The new wine economy in Campania has resurrected the inherent talent of the local winemakers as they ply their expertise, their Sprezzatura.

I believe this ancient art of effortless mastery, inbred instinct if you will, is evident in my Italian heritage. My paternal grandfather, a horticulturist in the Benevento subregion before immigrating to the United States in the early 20th century, carried out his craft in the local vineyards. It's easy to understand why this region is dear to my heritage and dear to my heart.

The land is still an agrarian economy, but no longer an agrarian culture. The local Italians have seen the future and it is green. The green of healthier and more robust crops, a result of newly applied techniques in the vineyard. But also, the green of unencumbered capital being invested in formerly sleepy, family plots, sustaining a healthy business model not enjoyed in prior generations.

Today, as the wines of Campania become more popular, local winemakers and

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growers are enjoying this 21st century phenomenon, one that was non-existent for centuries before an influx of capital. Wealthy Italian industrialists, successful northern Italian winery owners and

adventurous American entrepreneurs are investing in Campania.

The wines produced by these ancient, now burgeoning, wineries are perhaps the best expressions of the local grapes ever witnessed. Accolades abound from Italy to the United States. The most popular wines are compared to wines previously considered the best in the world. The aromatic Falanghina is being lauded in the same context as world-class Chardonnays. The bold, complex Aglianico is spoken in the same breath as Barolo and Brunello.

At Cantine Ciani, 62 miles east of Naples, the winery in which I have a (small) financial interest, millions of dollars are being invested in upgrading the winery's infrastructure and technology. New stainless-steel silos for storing grape juice and finished wines are near completion. A new laboratory is a 21st century work in progress. A new tasting room and on-property boutique inn are rising from the volcanic soil cultivated for centuries.

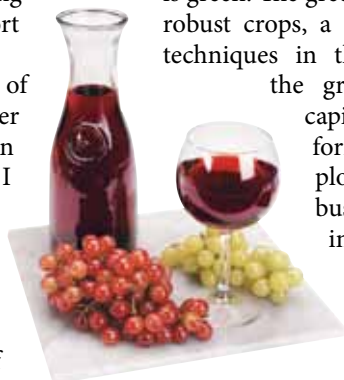
The wines being produced? I recently hosted a Campanian-themed wine tasting

event in my home. The predominance of wines were Aglianicos, from several prestigious wineries in the Taurasi subregion and from vintages ranging from 2016 to 1998. All were drinking at their peak and offered an in-depth cross section of vineyard terroirs and winery styles.

Although Cantine Ciani wines will not be available in the United States this year, I suggest you sample similar wines produced from grapes grown in the surrounding area: Aglianico from the highly acclaimed Taurasi subregion, Aglianico-based still and sparkling rosé (rosato in Italian) from the broader Campania areas, Fiano di Avellino and Greco di Tufo.

This is why I feel so close to this winery. For me the resurrection of this traditional, generations-old family operation represents all of the elements that are dear to my heart, my heritage and my wallet.

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**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORK SESSION** April 10, 2019 6 PM 1. **Pledge** of Allegiance. 2. **Public** hearing on marijuana moratorium. **Public Hearing Marijuana Moratorium** Resolved that the Town of Putnam Valley will begin a 1 year moratorium on the establishment and or stocking of any store, shop, kiosk and or business structure that will sell any marijuana products and or their related paraphernalia retail and or wholesale within the Town. This moratorium will provide the Town time to study the appropriate location for this type of business due to the health concerns this product may cause based upon the psycho-emotional effects

that these products provide. The moratorium will begin immediately and end on April 17th, 2020. The possibility of an extension of this moratorium will be considered as April 17th, 2020 approaches. This Marijuana Moratorium will be all inclusive and will include stores, shops, business structures and kiosks that might also already be established within the Town. 3. **Establish** new start times for both the Town Board Special and Works Sessions beginning June 5th. 4. **Set** public discussion/informational meeting on Airbnb for May 8, 2019. 5. **Districts:** Accept lowest bid for grass cutting on Town and District properties for 2019 season. 6. **Highway:** a. **Auction** of surplus equipment. b. **Equipment** purchase. 7. **Audit** of monthly bills

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## Tuesday, April 9

**Volunteers Needed:** The Brewster Education Foundation is seeking community members and local business owners to join our board, have fun and enhance our fundraising efforts. Visit: [www.BrewsterEducationFoundation@gmail.com](http://www.BrewsterEducationFoundation@gmail.com)

## Wednesday, April 10

**The Art of Edward Hopper:** 7 p.m. Art and poetry as Jenn Patton of the Edward Hopper House Museum discusses the artist and his works. To register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Transition Linkages Fair:** 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at The Arc Westchester, 265 Saw Mill River Rd., Hawthorne. For families, educators and students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Free admission. For more info contact Carol Gearing at 914 495-4620 or [cgearing@arcwestchester.org](mailto:cgearing@arcwestchester.org)

## Friday, April 12

**Wizard of Oz Auditions:** 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All registered participants will receive a role. Songs and lines will be provided for the auditions. \*Join us on Wednesday, April 10 for audition prep from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. For grades 2 through 8. To register: 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org)

**Watch a TED talk "Why we need Bees":** 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call Reed Library to register: 845-225-2439 \*TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas in the form of short powerful talks.

**Community Passover Seder:** 6 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley, 362 Church Road, Putnam Valley. The Seder is free of charge for first-time unaffiliated guests. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Visit: [www.RTPV.org](http://www.RTPV.org).

## Saturday, April 13

**Enjoy a great night out to support the Veteran's Benefit Dinner & Spring Dance:** 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. German American Club, in Putnam Valley. This year's net proceeds will be donated to PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program of Putnam County. Tickets must be purchased in advance \$50/person email: [Germanamericansocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:Germanamericansocialclub@gmail.com) or call Anna at (845)224-5855 after 4 p.m. The Club is located at 11 Kramers Pond Rd, Putnam Valley. Plenty of parking. [www.gac1936.com](http://www.gac1936.com)

**Essential Oils Workshop at Reed Library:** 11 a.m. In this introductory class learn what essential oils are, their long history, how to buy them, safety tips and the many ways essential oils can be used. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

**Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat:** 9:30 a.m. followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion. Kiddush luncheon will be served. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. Email [info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org](mailto:info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org) or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

## Sunday, April 14

**Poets' Corner Open Mic:** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. \$5 Suggested Donation. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center. Light refreshments will be served, and contributions encouraged. 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, in Putnam Valley, Visit: [www.tompkinscorners.org](http://www.tompkinscorners.org) or call: 845-528-7280.

**Tim Maurer On the Radio Testimony In Song:** 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. MCB Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel. For more info: Laurie Mainey 845-656-6629

## Monday, April 15

**Color Course:** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. run, jump, and get messy in this obstacle

course relay race. Teams will compete for fun awards. For grades K through 5. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**VPR Commission Meeting:** 7 p.m. Putnam Valley Parks and Rec office. Info 845-526-3292

## Tuesday, April 16

**Action and Adventure:** Novelist Bruce Alterman taps into the forces of good and evil during private investigations. 6:30 pm, Reed Library. Refreshments served. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

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**Spring Crafternoon:** Reed Library. Ages 5 & up will make sock bunnies, edible peep houses and play jellybean

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## Wednesday, April 17

**Babysitting Certificate:** Reed Library: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bring pen/paper and a snack. For boys and girls ages 10 & up. Registration required, please call Reed Library to register: 845.225.2439

## Saturday, April 20

**Community Passover Seder:** Temple Beth Elohim in Brewster will be having a Community Passover Seder in its Vista on the Hill. 6:30 p.m., no affiliation necessary. Cost is \$36 for adults, children 12 and under are \$12, and ages five and younger are free. If you wish to attend, please rsvp to [tbe1360@comcast.net](mailto:tbe1360@comcast.net) or call 845-279-4585 ext 1. Guests can bring kosher for Passover dessert and wine. Checks are payable to Temple Beth Elohim and can be mailed to Temple Beth Elohim, 31 Mount Ebo Road North, Brewster.

**Military Collectables, Knife Show:** Patterson, Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson. This family friendly show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5...Children under 12 Free with an adult. Visit: [www.thedufflebaginc.com/tdb1/militaria3.htm](http://www.thedufflebaginc.com/tdb1/militaria3.htm) or contact The Patterson Recreation Center, 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag, 845-878-7106.

## Obituaries

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of 11 and great-grandmother of 17.

### Eugenio LoMedico

Eugenio LoMedico, of Brewster, died peacefully in his home, surrounded by family, on April 3. Eugene was born on December 21, 1958 in Limina, Sicily to the late Santo and Lucia (Lore) LoMedico. He was a talented chef and loved his horses. He was the chef and owner of Taormina Restaurant in the Bronx for

over 30 years. He will be remembered as a kind, and generous man, and is loved by many. Eugene is survived by the love of his life, Christine, his beloved children: Alex, Eugenio, Anthony, and Sabrina LoMedico, and his brothers who he was extremely devoted to: Carmelo (Maria) of Italy, Agostino (Gina) of Yorktown, Vincenzo (Luisa) of Somers, and Filippo (Christina) of Harrison. He will be missed by his nieces, nephews, many family members and friends and loved forever by all.

## Putnam SPCA Arrests Yonkers Man for Animal Neglect

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broken through the dog's skin, causing three gaping holes in its neck.

The dog also had untreated fly/mite bites on its ears, a healing gash on its back and possibly a small tumor on its right hind leg. Once the SPCA was contacted, they took custody of the dog, whose name is Snoopy, and brought it to a veterinarian hospital where it is currently being held and treated.

SPCA detective Ken Ross III, who

father Ken Ross Jr. is the SPCA chief, said Afonso-Gouveia was using the dog for hunting and storing the dog in Carmel where Afonso-Gouveia works.

"He has no ability to get the dog back right now," Ross III said, as it will stay under veterinarian care as the case plays out.

He called the injuries on the dog "gruesome."

"This is clear-cut neglect," Ross III said. "It's either a matter of ignorance or just not caring."

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**Brewster  
Slugger Goes  
off in 7-1 Win  
over Put Valley**

**Lightning Girard!**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster junior 1B Nick Girard had his way in the Bears' 7-1 non-league win over visiting Putnam Valley last Wednesday when the big fella' -- all 6'4" and 260 pounds -- went 3 for 4 with a double and four RBI. The Bears then went on to squander three leads in an 8-6 loss to visiting Somers in Saturday's League II-C clash... see Baseball Notebook

## Sports

## Baseball Notebook

## Brewster Takes Out Put Valley, Blows 3 Leads in Loss to Somers

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
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**BREWSTER** Coach Matt Cunningham joked prior to last Wednesday's game, proclaiming outright that he didn't want another 17th-seed-type of season with a play-in game before his Bears bust up the Class A bracket like they have two of the last three years. It's been a recent rite of passage for Brewster to have a ho-hum regular season, only to go on a post-season tear.

"It would be nice to take a different route this year, one that didn't include an out-bracket game and the No.1 seed right off the bat," Cunningham said.

Last year, the 17th-seeded Bears upset No.1 Rye in the opening round and advanced to the Final 4 before losing to eventual champions Lakeland, and in 2016 the 17th-seeded Bears slipped in to Cinderella's shoes and advanced to the sectional finals before losing to John Jay in the title tilt.

"We haven't made it easy on ourselves," Cunningham said.

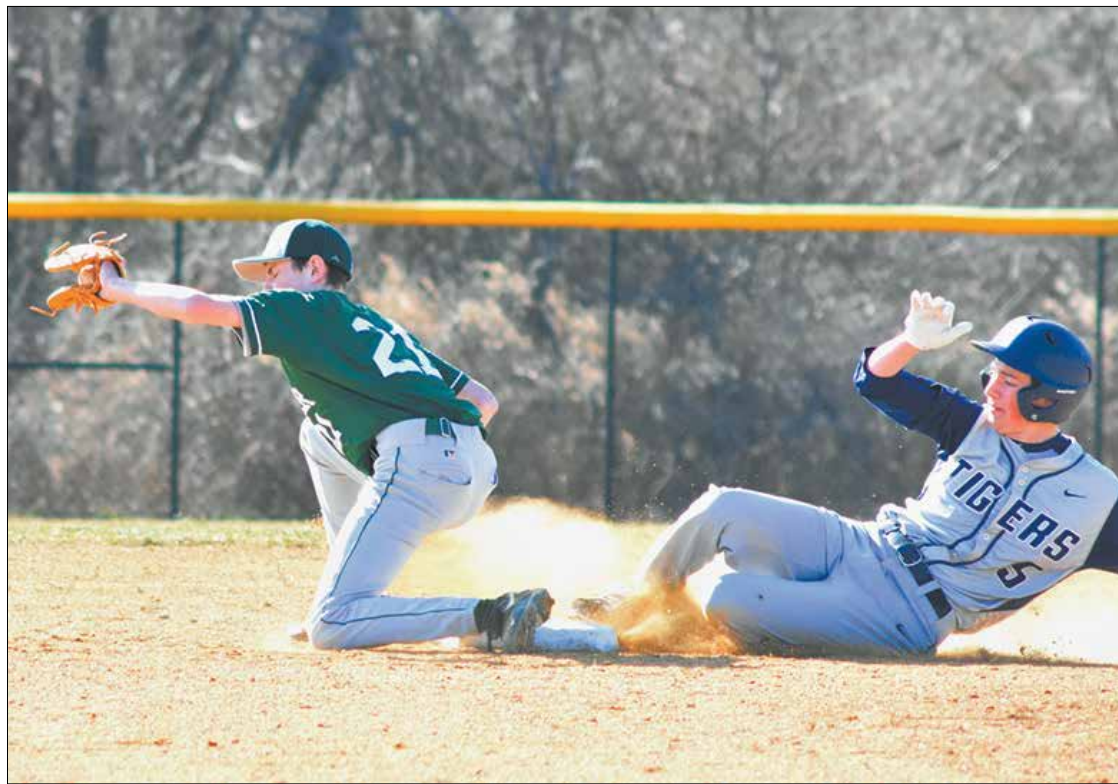
Brewster (2-1) never makes it easy for anyone, including **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Wednesday when RHP Thomas Mark allowed a single first-inning run in the Bears 7-1 win over the visiting Tigers (1-3). Mark fired six innings of six-hit ball, striking out six for the win. PV 2B Alex O'Brien (2 hits, 2B, run) was the lone Tiger to truly figure Mark out. Brewster 1B big Nick Girard went 3 for 4 with four RBI to lead the Bears, showing great plate coverage in his at-bats.

Brewster SS Bobby McBride scored twice while Paul Catalano doubled, walked three times and scored a

pair of runs.

McBride was cruising along on Saturday, leading **SOMERS** 2-0 heading in to the fifth when the wheels came off the Brewster wagon. McBride worked 5-1/3rd innings, allowing one earned run while whiffing 10 in the eventual 8-6 loss. Tusker Jack Kaiser proved that baseball is a game of redeeming features when he drove home three runs during Somers' game-winning rally, which included a three-run, game-sealing top of the seventh. Liam Kaseta added two hits and a rib-eye for Somers.

"It was a sick game for sure," Somers Coach Joe Wootten said after the Tuskers improved to 3-2. "Kaiser had struck out three times against McBride, looking bad each at-bat, but the at-bat in the seventh inning he fell behind 0-2 and could've packed it in. Instead, he smacked a three-run homer to get us ahead. That's mental toughness. We all know that the field at Zimmer is conducive to the long ball, given the short dimensions. In any event, it was a big win. McBride was nothing short of phenomenal. The kid has three big pitches in his pocket and he can throw them anywhere in the count. We



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS

Brewster 2B Bradlee McKeever can't get tag down on Put Valley senior Alex O'Brien (2 hits) in host Bears' 7-1 win over Tigers last Wednesday.

were fortunate, without a doubt, to have him exit in the sixth inning."

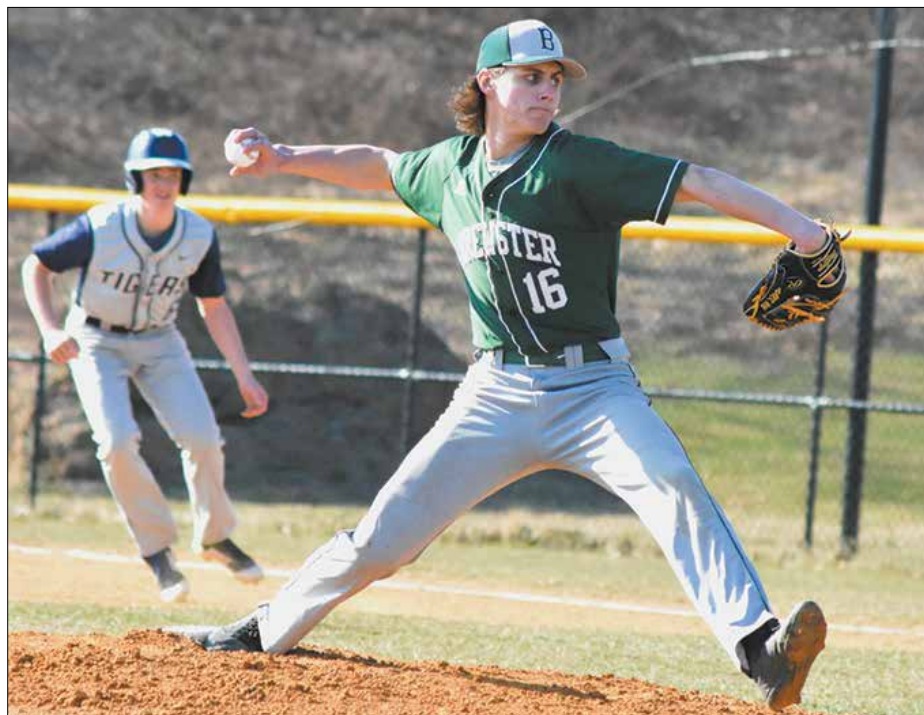
**LAKELAND** lefty Evan Berta delivered the goods in the Hornets' 12-0 win over Greeley last Wednesday. The junior allowed one hit and fanned five over five frames for his first win of the year. Berta, a high-end No.2 starter, helped his own cause by going 2 for 3 at the plate with three RBI, the majority coming in Lakeland's 10-run second.

Defending Section 1 Class A champion Lakeland (4-1) went on to sweep the home-and-home series Thursday in an 8-6 win over the Quakers behind reliever Joe Phillips, who fired four innings of relief (no earned runs) to earn the win. Junior slugger Joe Vetrano continued his assault on Section 1 hurlers with a solo dinger and OF Andrew Croce and Nick Badillo each doubled, scored twice and went 2 for 3.

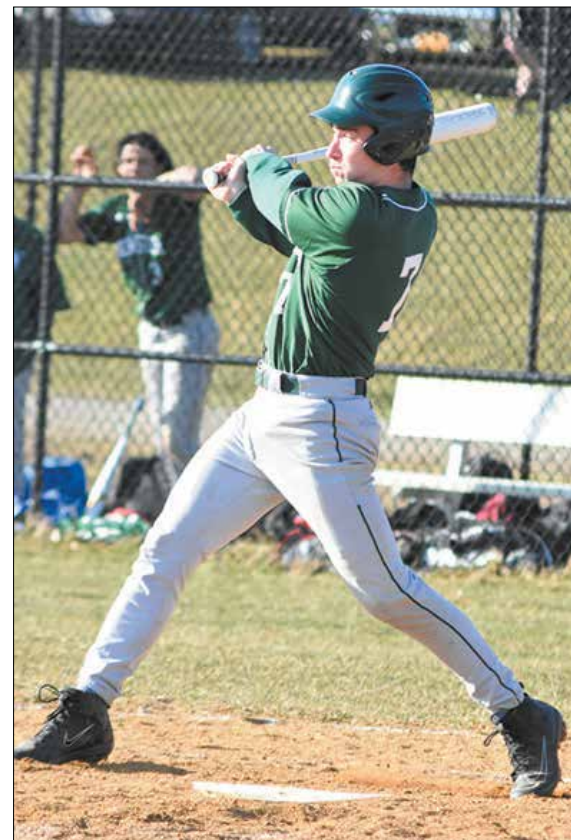
**YORKTOWN** swept **PANAS** in a pair of League II-C games, signaling that the Huskers could be for real. In a 4-2 Yorktown (3-1) victory on Thursday that featured Yorktown ace Anthony Fusco against burgeoning Panas junior Matt Calise, Husker Luan Biberaj doubled home the winning run on a 3-2 count in the top of the eighth.

Fusco singled home a run early on but Panas (2-3) knotted the game up at two in the bottom of the sixth inning when Aidan Cohall (3 for 4) doubled home a run. In relief, Yorktown P Chris Sica delivered the victory, allowing no runs on two hits over

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Brewster P Tom Mark fired six terrific innings of one-run ball in host Bears' 7-1 win over Put Valley last Wednesday.



Brewster leadoff hitter Paul Catalano was a spark in host Bears' 7-1 win over Putnam Valley last Wednesday.

# Sports

## Baseball Notebook

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Smooth Brewster SS-P Bobby McBride fired 5-plus effective innings against Somers but it wasn't enough in Bears' 8-6 loss to Tuskers.

2-1/3rd innings, striking out two.

Fusco surrendered two runs on seven hits over 5-2/3rd, striking out nine and walking one. Calise allowed three hits and two runs over 6-2/3rd, striking out two. Fusco and Biberaj each had multiple hits.

Yorktown won 8-2 the day before, scoring six runs in the fourth behind the big bats Sica and Fusco, who each doubled home a run to support winning P Joe Lombardo, who surrendered two runs on two hits over five innings, striking out five.

**HEN HUD** is off to an astonishing start after losing a ton to graduation. The Sailors (4-1) defeated Putnam Valley, 10-4, behind ace Nick Caruso. Nick Hiltley and Josh Shea each had multiple hits at the plate. The Sailors also defeated Somers, 8-6.

### CLASS AA

Trailing 5-2 against **OSSINING**, **MAHOPAC** rallied for five runs in the bottom of the sixth, doing so behind the big bat of Mike Musantry (3 for 4, 2B, two RBI and three runs scored), including the game-winning knock in the sixth. Indian P Joseph Lacoparra pitched 2-1/3rd scoreless innings, whiffing five to win in relief. Mahopac (3-1) went on to lose to New Rochelle, 5-3, Saturday in eight innings. Musantry (2 for 4, 2B, RBI, run) did his thing again, and 1B Kyle Brandstetter drove in two runs.

"We're very happy with how the boys have been playing up to this point," Mahopac Coach Myckie Lugbauer said. "Our lineup is really clicking right now. We seem to be getting contributions from guys all throughout the lineup right now. Brandstetter and Musantry have been doing a great job in the middle of the lineup. Chris Walpole has been doing a great job of setting the table out of the leadoff spot for us. Matt Weiner seems to come up with a big hit in every game. Every day a different guy is stepping up to have the big game and help the ball club."

Indian reliever Joe Lacoparra has been doing a fantastic job for us out of the bullpen, appearing in three games last week.

"Joe was able to come into some big spots against Scarsdale and Ossining with multiple guys on base and leave them all stranded," Lugbauer said. "We are very happy with how he has been performing for us. I really like the makeup of our club. Our guys have a no-quit mentality and never think they are out of a game. I am excited to get another three games under our belt this week."

Ossining (2-1) also worked and 18-8 win over Riverside last Wednesday when Mark DeAngelis went 2 for 3 with a double and four RBI and Joey Bossinas went 2 for 3 with two RBI. Peter Bossinias had a bases clearing double and drove in 3



Mahopac P Chris Tewey and the Indians are off to a 3-1 start.

runs. Starter A.J. Manicchio (2 for 2, RBI) earned the win, allowing only one hit and striking out four through three innings.

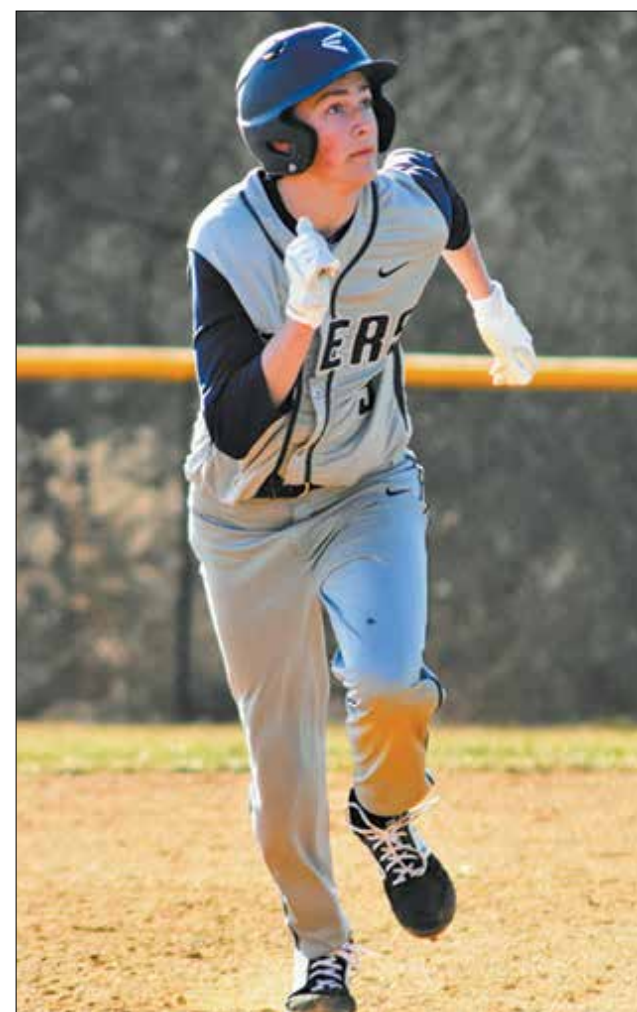
**CARMEL** sophomore Jack Sullivan went 2 for 2 with an RBI double in an 11-1 loss to Suffern; not a good sign for the Rams (1-2-1).

### CLASS B

**CROTON-HARMON** is taking on the look of a contender, improving to 3-1 after an 8-1 win over Pawling. Toby Murphy (2-0) was on his game, surrendering one run while striking out five in the complete-game win. Big Max Luke continued to mash, slapping three hits, including a double and a dinger for three RBI. Brian Scutari crushed a two-run homer for Croton, who gets a nice test on Monday against Carmel. Luke also pitched four innings, striking out seven in a 5-2 loss to Dobbs Ferry, in which errors killed the Tigers. Croton also had a 4-3 comeback win over North Salem to start the week. John Casieri went five frames for the win. Luke earned the save with two stiff innings, including six 6 K's. Kyle Andrews stroked the game-winning, two-run

bomb in the sixth.

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Put Valley 2B Alex O'Brien cracked two hits and scored lone run in Tigers' 7-1 loss to Brewster last Wednesday.

## Sports

## Girls' LAX Notebook

# Carmel Taking it Next Level, Beats N. Salem, PV

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

CARMEL began determined preparation for the 2019 season intent on continuing its annual progression.

Following a 9-8 record in 2018, the Rams were focused on improving and the one area they focused on was conditioning.

"The girls started conditioning in January," Carmel Coach Kerry Hackert said. "We felt that last year we lost a few games because our stamina was lacking. This year our vets are in, doing awesome and the newbies are stepping up."

Carmel swept the week – 16-12 over North Salem, a 12-10 verdict over PUTNAM VALLEY and a 15-11 conquest of White Plains, improving to 5-2 this season.

"I'm very proud of my team especially because we started down two starters this week," Hackert said. "Beating North Salem was great because it hasn't happened in years."

Taylor Roth led the Rams with four goals against North Salem. Maryrose Murphy added three goals and Alexandra DeFilippo and Katie Taranto each had two goals and two assists. Margaret Flocco and Grace Duke added two goals apiece.

Hackert noted that her team had never beaten Putnam Valley.

"The start has greatly improved our confidence, since our last two games we played without four starters," Hackert said. "The girls are working hard, but most importantly, having fun."

Taranto and Roth led Carmel with three goals apiece against Putnam Valley. Kylie Rosenquest and Flocco chipped in two goals apiece, Duke added two assists and goalie Catarina Babnik made 12 saves.

Jacklyn Phillips had a game-high six goals for Putnam Valley and Kaitlin and Lindsey coach each had two goals. Kimberly Hyndman collected 16 saves.

**HEN HUD** registered a huge win for the program with a 10-9 overtime triumph of perennial Section 1 Class A power, Suffern.

The Sailors showed that they filed the victory over Suffern away and were focused in their next game as they doubled up Somers, 16-8. **YORKTOWN** did spoil a perfect week for Hen Hud with a one-goal victory.

Kira Varada finished with six goals and Fiona McGovern netted four goals against Suffern.

"It was a gut check for us and taught us that we can win close games and play with the best teams in the section," Hen Hud coach Rob Molfetta said. "The girls also showed no let down as we beat Somers."

"We also lost to Yorktown by one so the potential is there, we just have to keep improving and playing with intensity. We have another test on Tuesday against Pelham."



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Yorktown sniper Jesse Barer (5) had three goals in 14-4 win over Mahopac while Hen Hud sophomore Kira Varada (22) scored the 100th of her career last week.

Varada had a career-high eight goals and won 11 draw controls against Somers. McGovern added four goals and Heather Riefenhaser contributed two goals.

**MAHOPAC** sandwiched wins over **SOMERS**, 8-7, and Mamaroneck, 5-4 in overtime, around a loss to Yorktown.

In a highly anticipated showdown between Class A hopeful Mahopac and Class B powerhouse Yorktown, it was all Huskers after the game's first 10 minutes. Yorktown junior Kelsey McDonnell, the Virginia Commonwealth-commit, scored Yorktown first two goals of the game and notched six on the night.

Jesse Barer notched a hat trick for the Huskers while Sophia Spallone and Lindsay Boyle added two each and Maddy Marr added one for Yorktown. Alexa Borges also had two choice assists and Boyle added one.

With defenders Jenna McPherson and Noelle Cegielski limiting Mahopac's looks, Yorktown keeper Sophia Altimari had eight saves to stabilize the back end.

"The team has been working hard both on and off the field and before the season even started," Yorktown Coach Lauren McCauley said. "Graduating 10 seniors this past season there are a lot of holes to fill, but these girls are up for the challenge. We might be a young team this year, but we have a lot of heart and determination to be successful."

Colleen MacNeil had two goals for the Indians while Sophia DeFrancisco and Avery Przymyski scored once.

Mahopac rallied from a 3-0 halftime deficit to force an extra session, on a late Ava Jennings' goal, against Mamaroneck. Nicole Panny added the punctuation mark with the winning goal.

"Fittingly, the Mahopac defense made a huge stop to start the overtime period," Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto said. "Zina McInerney raced up the field and drew a yellow card to get the ball into the hands of the Mahopac offense. Colleen MacNeil drew a defender, made a pass to Nicole Panny who was racing around the goal and Panny buried the shot for the victory. It was just an amazing game all-around. We preach team, constantly, and this is a huge team win. Our seniors were keeping us in the game all day and making sure everyone stayed focused and never gave up. Then on that foundation, a freshmen breaks the scoring drought, a sophomore scores, a freshmen ties it up, and a freshmen wins it. The foundation for this win has been set all season by our captains and all our seniors, just a tremendous performance."

Gigi Genovese, Katie McDonough and Przymyski also had goals. McInerney and MacNeil had assists. Jordan Barbagallo handled 12 Mamaroneck shots.

Mahopac held a three-goal halftime lead, 7-4, on Somers, before the Tuskers threw a scare into the Indians in the second half.

"The second half was a low-scoring affair, highlighted by the play of the Mahopac defense, led by captain and goalie, Jordan Barbagallo," said Lieto of the Somers' game. "Barbagallo was simply lights out, making key stop after key stop late in the half."

"Somers would go on a three goal run to make it 8-7, but Jordan and the Mahopac defense would let them go no further. Katrina Klammer drew an incredibly important charge to stop a Somers fast break. Barbagallo had two huge saves

late, and Christina Lopreato and Gigi Genovese combined for a turnover late to get the ball into the Mahopac offenses hands to run out the last forty-five seconds."

MacNeil finished with a hat trick against Somers. Lindsay Neilis had two goals and three assists and Sophia DeFrancisco scored twice. McDonough registered two assists.

Emma Kittredge and Ella Kittredge each had two goals and an assist for Somers. Megan Dineen added a goal and two assists.

**BREWSTER** had a tough week, falling to 2018 Section 1 Class C champion, Bronxville, 12-7, and Yorktown, 13-9.

"It was a tough loss against Yorktown," Brewster Coach Sara DiDio said. "We made too many mistakes and Yorktown was able to capitalize on those mistakes."

Meagan Beal and Haile Ratajack each had three goals against Yorktown and Maggie DePaoli contributed two goals.

Jesse Barer led Yorktown with four goals, Kelsey McDonnell added three goals and Ellie O'Donnell contributed two goals.

In Brewster's loss to Bronxville, Beal led the Bears with two goals. Marina Souza had a goal and two assists and DePaoli had one goal and one assist.

**LAKELAND/PANAS** had one game and it was a tough one as Fox Lane shocked the Rebels, 15-14, in overtime on a Eugenia Kaltsa goal. It was her fifth of the game.

Emily Kness, a recent Con-Ed Scholar-Athlete award winner, paced the Rebels with five goals. Megan Mucci had a hat trick and Jenna McCrudden and Keirra Etere each had two goals.

# Sports

## Boy's LAX Notebook

# Deadly 5-0 Start Fuels Yorktown in 8-3 Win over John Jay

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There are two regular season spectacles on the Section 1 boys' lacrosse circuit that nobody wants to miss: There's the Murphy Cup game between Class A Lakeland/Panas and bordering Class B rival Yorktown, and then there's Yorktown vs. John Jay... the prelude to the eventual Section 1 Class B title tilt between the section's two juggernauts who have met for six of the last seven title tilts.

And while Saturday's rendition of the Yorktown/Jay game may have been missing the star power of the last two years, it certainly set the table for what could be a whale of rematch in late May, although it will be tough on reigning champion John Jay to make up the five goals they lost by in the Huskers' 8-3 triumph at Charlie Murphy Field. Plus, Yorktown seemed to have some star power in the making, including Husker long pole Keith Boyer, a

sophomore who simply dominated.

"Our boys played well," Yorktown Coach Sean Carney admitted. "We played very determined and focused as a group. We played as a unit on both sides of the ball. It's a long season and the schedule is very tough. We will continue to get better and don't honestly look past anyone. That being said I have a lot of confidence in my team and I'm excited to watch them get better as the season goes on."

It was a 3-0 game with only four minutes gone and Yorktown (4-1) was riding high behind goals from sophomore Blake Borges, Reese Andrews and Shane Dahlke. Andrews ended the first quarter with his second goal for a 4-0 lead. The shifty and powerful Borges, another super soph, made it 5-0 before Jay (2-2) finally solved the Yorktown defense.

Andrews and Tim O'Callaghan each scored twice for Yorktown. Alex DeBenedictis and Keegan Doller also scored for the Huskers, who saw steady G Dan O'Meara notch 12 saves. Brendan Williams won 10 of 15 face-offs for the Huskers, which was pivotal in setting the tone.

### NWE/Putnam Feb 5 LAX Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** – We're just two weeks into the season and the Class B Huskers (4-1) have already defeated two reigning champions in Class A (Mamaroneck) and Class B (John Jay). The unthinkable, unmentionable notion that Yorktown might lose back-to-back Section 1 titles appears to be just that... inconceivable! Looks as though Lakeland/Panas and a really deep Rye club are the only legit threats among Section 1 teams, though smart money is on the Huskers right now. But Rye looks dirty in Class C. DeBenedictis and O'Callaghan each bagged a hat trick in the 13-3 win over Greeley while Borges added two goals and two assists and Shane Dahlke added one goal and two assists.

**No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS** – Class A Rebels (2-0) will find out what they are made of today when Mamaroneck comes a calling. In the 17-5 win over Ossining, Mike Walsh tallied a career-high five goals and Tom Nolan scored thrice.



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Yorktown's Blake Borges cranks shot in Huskers' 4-2 win over John Jay Saturday.

**No.3 MAHOPAC** – Class A Indians (3-2) made the necessary strides toward evolving into a championship contender in a pair of quality wins last week, including a 13-11 win over Somers Saturday, in which Drew Riolo (4G, 6 A) was masterful. A 9-8 win over Scarsdale got things rolling behind two goals apiece from Anthony Corrado, freshman Mike Harney and Tommy Elliott. The offense seems to be coming along, which was clearly the main concern. "It's getting better and better each and every day," Pac Coach Joe Bucello said.

**No.4A PUTNAM VALLEY** – Class D Tigers (4-2) chalked up a solid 8-7 win over Class A Carmel in 3 OTs when senior M Joey van de Veerdonk picked up a hat trick with 1:12 gone in OT, which snapped a two-game skid. Vandy was dandy, notching a pair of assists as well. Junior A Kyle Wassil added two goals and one assist. Rams Matt LaFontaine (3G, 1A) and Aidan Babnik (2G, 2A) kept a feisty Carmel club afloat. The Tigers also crushed Hastings, 15-6, at West Point behind Alex Sirico's big day,

including 4G, 1A, and Jack Longden (3G, 1A).

**No.4B SOMERS** – Class B Tuskers (2-2) dug a pretty deep ditch in the loss to Mahopac, falling behind by six goals before rallying in the second half to make it a game, but it was the 12-goal blowout loss to Rye that has me most concerned.

**HM HEN HUD** – Class C Sailors (3-2) saw Connor Gallagher (3G, 6A), Max Popolizio (4G, 4A), B Ellis (3G, 1A) and R Pritchard (3G, 1A) all score three or more goals in 19-7 win over Eastchester. Eight goal loss to Briarcliff is somewhat worrisome.



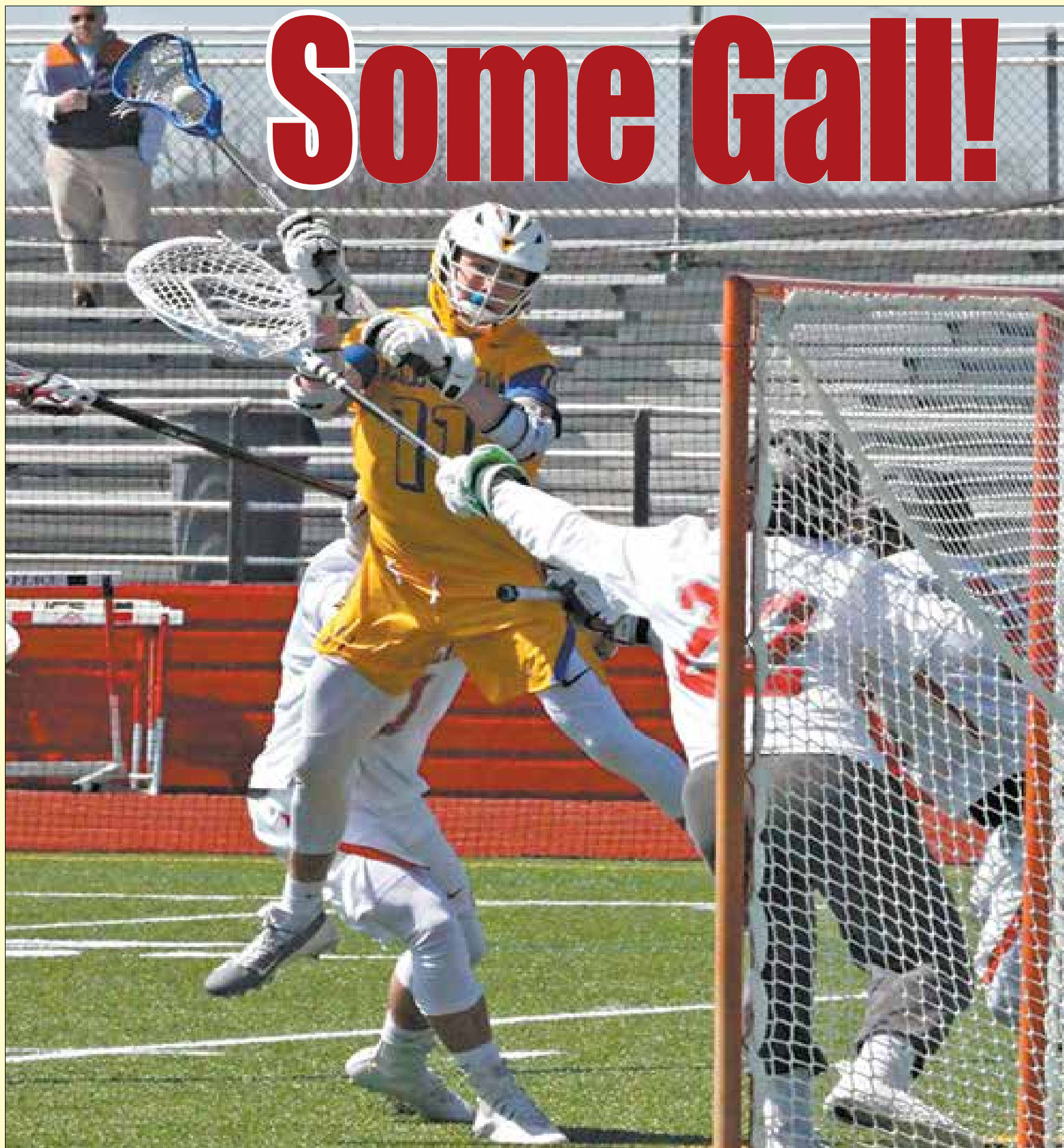
Yorktown M Tim O'Callaghan fires shot on goal in Huskers' 8-3 win over John Jay Saturday.



Somers sniper Nick Rossi picks top right corner against Mahopac G Mike Argila and D Tim Cegielski in Tuskers' 13-11 loss to Indians Saturday.



Lakeland-Panas middle TJ Bryan has step on Ossining's Brett Venuti in Rebels' 17-5 win over Pride



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# Mahopac's Riolo Scores Big Time, Indians Defeat Somers 13-11

Somers netminder Tommy Gall (22) and the Class B Tuskars were at the mercy of high-flying Mahopac senior A Drew Riolo (11), who piled up a career-high 10 points, including four goals and six assists in the Class A Indians' 13-11 non-league win over the Tuskars last Saturday... see Boys' Lax Notebook