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Krivak Granted New Trial

By David Propper

Behind bars for most of his adult life, Andrew Krivak's rape and murder conviction was thrown out by a New York State Supreme Court judge last week as a retrial is expected later this year.

In one of the most gruesome crimes in Putnam County's history, Krivak was found guilty of the rape and murder of 12-year-old Josette Wright in 1997, but the former Carmel resident will get another chance to prove his innocence more than two decades later. He was convicted along with Anthony DiPippo in separate trials, but DiPippo was eventually found not guilty at the conclusion of his third trial in 2016.

Krivak was granted a new trial by state Supreme Court Judge David Zuckerman following a hearing last Thursday in which one witness was called that testified another man had admitted to killing

Wright. Krivak was remanded pending his new trial, but will likely get to stay in the county's correctional facility rather than a state prison.

When he appeared in court alongside his attorney Adele Bernhard on Thursday, it was his first time in Putnam since his conviction.

The witness that the defense leaned was Carmel resident Joseph Santoro, who claimed sexual predator Howard Gombert told him that "two suckers" were in jail for the Wright murder when the two men were serving time together in a Connecticut prison. Santoro testified that he first heard Gombert mention the Wright murder when he overheard him talking to another inmate about it. When Santoro spoke with Gombert, he said the authorities were trying to pin Wright's murder on him even though two men

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Family, friends and supporters of Andy Krivak were ecstatic outside the Putnam County Courthouse last week after a judge ruled Krivak would get a new trial in the rape and murder of Josette Wright.

Large-Scale School Bond Put Forth to 'Pac Voters

By David Propper

Looking back 15 years ago, Mahopac Superintendent of Schools Anthony DiCarlo said the school's athletic facilities used to be the envy of the region. They aren't anymore, he observed.

Classrooms for arts and science are so old, DiCarlo said they are in dire need of improvements. District libraries are far behind other school systems in the region, he pointed out.

And with that in mind, the Mahopac school district will be offering a large-scale bond referendum to voters next Tuesday along with the annual budget vote. The bond would cost \$53.9 million, though the district has contended it would be a "tax-neutral" plan. The bond package would include upgrades to science and music and performing arts spaces,



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A cramped music room would be transformed into a state of the art space for students interested in band, chorus and orchestra if Mahopac school district voters approve a referendum next week.

security enhancements, conversion to multi-media centers and changes to athletic fields and facilities.

During a recent tour of the high school and middle school, DiCarlo and assistant superintendent for business Harvey Sotland explained why the upgrades are needed. DiCarlo was firm that every item included in the bond is a need, not just a want.

"There to me is nothing that is a want," DiCarlo said during a recent tour with The Putnam Examiner. "Everything we've showed you is a lot of health and safety, a lot of is what we owe our students."

DiCarlo said the grass field used for school team practices and by the Mahopac Sports Association at night and over the weekend has been an issue for a

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"very, very long time."

When it rains, the field remains non-functional once the bad weather is gone because of poor field conditions.

If the field is turned into a turf, then every high school team can remain at the high school campus rather than going to other fields in town.

"It's not just benefitting the school district, it's benefitting the entire school community," DiCarlo, a Mahopac resident himself, said of a new turf field.

The high school boys locker rooms would also be refurbished, making the shower stalls usable again, DiCarlo said. (The girls locker rooms were already enhanced a few years ago.) He called the current state of the boys locker rooms "embarrassing."

In the high school, music rooms would see improvements for orchestra, band and chorus with an arts wing that would allow for better acoustics and a larger space to play in. Music teachers in the district will be working with architects to ensure the rooms would be user friendly, DiCarlo said.

High school science rooms and the library would see upgrades that would turn them into 21st century spaces where more technology is included. There will be a new configuration in the high school



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A grassy field that is not playable when it rain would become a turf field if a bond passed.

where three separate rooms will be blown out and become the school's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) center.

With a need for engineering and computer science jobs in the workforce, DiCarlo said it is imperative to introduce these programs to students as early as possible.

In the middle school, the entrance and driveway will be redone after years of patchwork. Other classrooms will also be repurposed, including changing the planetarium to a mini theater.

At every school, the district wants to put in place a security vestibule that is similar to the one at the middle school and every building will have a kiosk where staff will need to swipe a card to enter.

The bond would improve the quality of water and water pressure for the high school, middle school, Falls academy school and bus garage. Sotland said each of the four properties has their own water system, which are all old. The fix would result in centralizing all the water into one plant located off the high school campus that would hopefully alleviate the constant repairs to the system while enhancing the water quality.

"The big thing about this bond is every single school is affected by it," DiCarlo said.

The district has repeated ad nauseam that the bond would be "tax-neutral." Sotland said because there is existing debt that will be paid off between 2019-22, the new bond would take the place of the old debt.

Sotland conceded taxes could go down if the proposed bond fails, but because of the tax cap calculations the district would need to cut between \$500,000 and

\$900,000 from the annual budget because that old debt would not support the tax levy the district has had.

DiCarlo also noted that items in the bond package would need to be addressed at some point whether voters approve the referendum or not. District officials don't want to include capital projects in the annual budget because it could take away from other programs.

An approved referendum will also result in New York State aid around \$28 million.

Assuming the referendum passes, the goal is to get the projects complete over the next two to three years, DiCarlo said.

With the vote coming up, DiCarlo, who has been in charge for a year, believes the district has taken every step the right way. Mahopac received input from teachers, building principals, parents, students and other community members. A survey sent out to the community got more than 600 results back, DiCarlo noted.

There have been several informational forums and the school website takes a deep dive into everything the district would do if the bond is approved, including a video tour. Now, voters will have the final say.

"I think everybody has an understanding of what it's about and then a decision will be made by the public whether we proceed forward or not," DiCarlo said.

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Once Again, Airbnb Regulations Debated in PV

By Brendan Dyer

The discussion around regulating short-term rentals like Airbnb in Putnam Valley continued last week as residents made their voices heard on an issue that has been debated in town the last several months.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio said the issue with Airbnb is that investors buy a house only to rent it on a transient basis, taking it off the market for a young family looking to settle in Putnam Valley. The current law regarding transient rentals is not being enforced because the town board has opened discussion about how to regulate them, he noted. "Basically, anyone doing Airbnb, you're not supposed to. But we're not enforcing that," said Oliverio.

Most residents spoke in support of Airbnb, claiming the opportunity to attract transient tenants will help support the town's businesses and restaurants.

Resident Patty Villanova said the town is already struggling to enforce current rules. She said the town board should rely on existing codes and that it's questionable whether or not Airbnb is an urgent problem.

"Having Airbnb has increased property value based on the increasing popularity of the region," said Jennifer Behr. Behr is a resident of Putnam Valley and a transient renter who mentioned renting her home on a short-term basis is a valuable investment. She said that some renters



BRENDAN DYER PHOTO

Several residents stood up to make their voices heard about whether or not Putnam Valley should regulate short-term rentals in town.

come to Putnam Valley to experience the town then may ultimately buy a house.

Oliverio is concerned that Airbnb is a for-profit business and that the interests of the town may not be considered in each rental. Impassioned argument grew around proof of residence for transient renters who list their house or rooms on Airbnb as well. Oliverio wants Putnam Valley residents to pay their taxes and reside in Putnam Valley in order to qualify as short-term renters. Referring to the possibility of preventing investors from buying homes purposed as Airbnb locations, Oliverio asked, "Can we prevent someone not living in this town from

buying a house?"

Villanova, shouting across the room, said it's none of the town's business what people do with their homes.

Andrea Rudkowski of Lookout Manor said, "If I own two houses, I want to be able to rent the other one whenever I want to."

Despite proof of residence and enforcing current rental laws, most concerns of residents in the room revolved around environmental and neighborhood impact. Aging septic tanks in particular pose potential issues for homes that serve as Airbnb rentals.

Ina Cholst, President of the Roaring Brook Lake Board, said the life of a septic tank is 30 to 40 years. Cholst claims that the annual pumping of septic systems would not be sufficient to keep up with continued Airbnb rentals. She also points out that Airbnb is a private business and that their interests are only in their profits rather than the security, safety and wellness of the town.

"I wouldn't say that as a town we would want to leave our regulation to a private, for-profit corporation," said Cholst.

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi said that there are rules Airbnb regulates on their own which towns don't even decide on.

These regulations, detailed in Airbnb's terms and policies on their website, are "constantly refined" as Airbnb changes

their approach to meet the needs of communities.

Vetting renters is currently under the responsibility of Airbnb using a review system in which tenants and renters receive feedback based on each stay. However, residents against Airbnb mostly commented on quality of life concerns and the long-term impact it may have on the community, such as people buying homes only to rent them out as an investment.

Resident Michael Grossman previously did Airbnb in the town while looking for a home to buy. He had eventually found one that he fixed up and now resides in. He said, "Regulations aren't about the company or a transaction, it's really the behavior that needs to be regulated."

Oliverio suggested that anyone using their home as an Airbnb should be listed in a registry within the town that has information about the residence and a contact phone number. This would ensure that, in the event of an emergency, a responsible party can be reached. There is also the notion that homeowners need to be present when the house or a room is being rented to an Airbnb guest. He mentioned that if regulations are introduced, a separate section would be drafted in the town code to address Airbnb or transient rentals specifically.

"It has to be a happy medium," Oliverio said.



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Haldane Budget and School Board Preview

By David Propper

The Haldane school system will offer voters a \$24.6 million budget that will remain under the tax cap with a tax levy increase of 2.71 percent. Also on the ballot will be a proposition the will replace one 30-passegger bus that'll cost \$55,000 and maintenance equipment that will cost \$20,000 and another proposition that is a capital referendum to improve and preserve facilities. Three candidates are running for school board; incumbent Jennifer Daly and challenger Laura O'Connell and Sean McNall with two open seats.

Jennifer Daly

While the Haldane school system is high achieving, Jennifer Daly believes more work can be done to improve the school system as she runs for reelection. Believing the board needs to be transparent and receptive while also being financially efficient with the best interests of students in mind, Daly is running again to continue that success.

"We need a board that can stay connected to what is happening right now, but also look to the future and develop a vision that can lead us forward," Daly, who has served two terms, said.

Serving as either the vice president or president of the board for four years,

Daly said she has helped delivered smart budgets and fair contract unions. She has also advocated at the state level for better education funding and less unfunded mandates and is on a committee focused on a full policy manual audit.

She said this year's budget is a "testament to the creative and thorough development" cultivated by the board and administrators that increases mental health education, curriculum development and assessment and technology services.

Daly said her professional background as public school arts educator, a small business owner, and currently as a mind-body professional gives her a diverse set of skills to contribute to the board.

"I bring an ability to see the big picture, a capacity and curiosity to always learn more, a passion for education, and a commitment to our community," Daly said.

Laura O'Connell

Laura O'Connell is looking forward to her son joining a school system that focuses on both a student's education and also their social and emotional welfare. She wants to join the Haldane school board to ensure that mission continues to be carried out.

As the director for capital projects for

the Public Theater in New York City, O'Connell is responsible for assessing the organization's long term needs while balancing the risks and financial implications that goes with every decision.

"I pride myself on the ability to implement, delegate and coordinate with a view to achieve a common goal," she said. "With the upcoming bond referendum, my background and skills will be a beneficial resource to the district as we assess the continued facility needs to pursue the mission of the district."

When discussing this year's budget, O'Connell said the district was able to find efficiencies and put together a budget that addresses the needs of the district within the tax cap. Still, going forward the board will need to focus on rising costs while meeting the needs of every student.

If elected, she wants to be a steward for the district and for public education, where it is all about the students and what can be provided for them.

"I am a community member and a future Haldane parent, the board should be represented from every aspect of the community, and I bring that to the board," O'Connell said. "My professional expertise and my ability to listen and be a collaborative partner with the

community and the district makes me a solid candidate."

Sean McNall

Vowing to be a diligent and active member that will represent parent and community groups, Sean McNall is running for the Haldane school board.

With the current strategic plan expiring in 2020, McNall said the district has the ability to reimagine the long-range vision for the school system that can lead to innovation.

"A renewed strategic plan will attract and retain quality staff and build valuable partnerships in the region," he said. "I will be a vocal advocate for high standards and expectations for student achievement and educator effectiveness, in strategic planning as well as in day-to-day board business."

McNall is currently the director of education for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. In that position, he trains and manages a 20-person teaching artist staff and is responsible for the fiscal health of the festival's arts education and professional training programs.

While the current administration and school board has improved greatly with communication, McNall said further engagement can be made in order to

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Carmel Budget and School Board Preview

By David Propper

While the Carmel school budget included minor cuts to teaching positions and nursing staff, the tax cap was not exceeded as voters will consider the \$127.7 million budget. The tax levy increase is 2.58 percent that includes \$397,897 debt service payment for capital project approved by voters earlier this year. Five candidates are running for school board with three spots open. Incumbent John Cody, former board member Eric Mittelstadt and newcomer Matt Vanacoro are running as a team as incumbent John Curzio and newcomer Tim Murphy are running on their own.

John Cody

With every decision John Cody makes, he makes sure to put students first while also considering the taxpayers in his decision-making. Running for a third term after serving six years on the board, Cody wants to continue to represent the community.

"I brought stability and also I feel parents, employees and community members know they can come to me with their concerns," Cody said. "I'm a good listener to help get things done."

If elected again, Cody would like to craft ways to control bullying and vaping in the schools, which are two hot button

issues for young people nationwide. Additionally, he wants to continue to look at safety measures and infrastructure in the district.

This year's budget was sound fiscally, he said, that enabled the district to go forward with most programs.

Cody believes during his tenure he's been effective working with fellow board members, the administration and the community.

"This is the most important thing a board member can do and I have demonstrated it over the past six years," Cody said.

John Curzio

As John Curzio runs for his second term in office, he believes he's kept the promises he made when he ran the first time three years ago. He considers himself an independent voice on the school board and is not afraid to convey the thoughts and beliefs from residents in the community.

Curzio said he's fought against wasteful spending within the district and beat back two multi-million dollar bonds that would have led to tax increases for property owners. (A third bond package passed earlier this year but at a reduced price tag.) Curzio has also spoken out against Common Core and has reviewed

curriculum changes and policies as a member of the board's education and assessment committee.

"I will continue to faithfully represent We The People to the best of my ability," Curzio said. "I will maintain that our students will remain the number one priority while also realizing that the taxpayers' sacrifice make public education possible."

Curzio voted against the budget this year because he didn't think it was responsible to the taxpayers or students. There was another tax levy increase, Curzio noted, while nursing staff and teaching positions were cut down. The board spent thousands in other trivial areas, including on the multiple bond votes, that they could've saved instead, Curzio said.

Curzio vowed to be a strong advocate for students and the "forgotten taxpayers" if he wins another term in office.

"I make you, the voters, a solemn promise: I'll work with you. I'll lead you in an open and honest way," Curzio said. "And I ask for your vote so that we all together can maintain Carmel Schools as amongst the best in the region. I believe in Carmel Schools and hope you do too."

Eric Mittelstadt

Dubbing himself the ears of the

community and a voice of reason, Eric Mittelstadt is ready to return to the Carmel school board after he lost his reelection bid a few years ago. Willing to represent all community members, but remembering students come first is critical to the former board member.

"While in office, I fought the status quo, questioned cuts and additions. I fought needless testing and Common Core," Mittelstadt said. "I felt I had a good relationship with the unions and I believe that I can work with them again on important issues regarding budget sustainability."

If elected again, Mittelstadt said he would work as a part of the board and not as a crusader. School board members must understand the realities of the new tax law, Mittelstadt said, which is putting a crunch on New York taxpayers. Holding a meeting with elected officials to tell them they need more state aid to come to Carmel schools would be something he would pursue.

Dissecting this year's budget, Mittelstadt said it was decent. He had a problem though with cuts to the nursing staff, noting parents need to feel that their children are safe at school and someone is there to handle a medical emergency. He called nurses "essential" employees.

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Putnam Valley Budget and School Board Preview

By David Propper

The budget for the Putnam Valley school system will be below the tax cap once again with a budget-to-budget increase of .75 percent. The overall budget will be \$51.2 million. As for the school board race, current member Jeanine Rufo is running, along with newcomers Tom Sawyer and Janette Yetter, with two seats up for grabs.

Jeanine Rufo

Serving on the school board for the last nine years, Jeanine Rufo hopes to continue to show she stands for excellence in education and high achievement for all students. Additionally, she said it's important for voters to know she speaks for taxpayers whether they have children in the schools or not.

"I believe that voters should be able to trust that I will continue to insure that all perspectives of any decision that the district makes is considered and that fiscal responsibility is our guiding principle,"



Rufo, who is the board president, said.

As a school social worker, Rufo said she is able to communicate well while also being a respectful and caring listener. As a taxpayer, parent and public school employee, Rufo said she has a personal understanding of each role, which is essential for a school board member.

If elected again, she wants to continue to increase rigorous educational opportunities for students and see students perform at even higher levels in the sciences, arts and athletics. With lower enrollment, Rufo vowed to continue to make wise fiscal decisions.

As for the budget, Rufo said this year's is fiscally responsible and stays within the tax cap.

Rufo believes she has demonstrated leadership qualities and authentic concern that every school board member needs.

"I am the only current candidate with actual experience of serving on the board of education. In addition, as we say goodbye to our educational leader of the past six years, Dr. Fran Wills, and usher in

a new Superintendent, Dr. Jeremy Luft, I believe that it is essential that the board leadership stays consistent to insure forward movement."

Tom Sawyer



In his run for the school board, Tom Sawyer is a parent who wants his children to get the best education and also a taxpayer that wants expenses managed so residents can live and retire in Putnam Valley.

"I understand that providing a quality education means spending for teachers, support staff, resources and facilities, however I believe that savings and efficiencies can be found in any district and we must focus our efforts not just on how we spend, but on how we save as well," Sawyer said.

With a background in information technology, Sawyer has more than 20 years of experience in a corporate setting where he has managed his own staff and has been involved in contract negotiations and vendor management. Sawyer said he also has experience in project planning and long-term implementation.

"I believe in approaching every situation with an open mind, listening to and valuing everyone's input, and collaborating on decisions," he said. "I would like to bring my skills, knowledge, and experience to the board and the school district to continue improving the education we provide our children and do so in a cost effective, fiscally transparent manner."

When addressing the annual budget, Sawyer said the school board must realize the community can't afford continuous increases, even if they are minor, each year. Taking a hard look at "small extras" is important and decisions need to be made to lower costs rather than increasing them.

With some school board races uncontested in the county this year, Sawyer is thankful that Putnam Valley

voters have a choice.

"I can only say that I believe I have the skills needed to be a productive and beneficial voice on the board for our students and our community at large and that I will do my best to represent everyone," Sawyer said.

Janette Yetter

Living in Putnam Valley for 25 years and seeing her children go through the school system, Janette Yetter wants to give back to the community that helped raise her own kids. As the district goes through changes, Yetter believes this is an opportune time to make the schools better than they already are.

"I want the people of Putnam Valley to see the value in our schools and invest in them with great passion," Yetter said. "I want to be the voice of the hundreds of people who although no longer have children in our district, see the value in investing in our community."

Yetter currently holds a job where she leads teams of employees that instill quality initiatives for a major healthcare company. She must manage budgets and assure sound fiscal practices with honesty and integrity in mind. She has also been involved with the PTA, sports booster clubs, Boy Scouts and a board member of Putnam Community Cares.

If elected, Yetter wants to help enhance the communication and involvement between the school system and community, ensure financial responsibility with the best possible education for students in mind and advocate at the state and national level for students.

She said this year's budget was fiscally well

put together and benefits all taxpayers. Still, she would like to explore alternate sources of income for the district to make up for the lack of commercial base in town.

Yetter said she would bring a fresh perspective to the board.

"Listening, problem solving, communicate openly, and calm temperament are all attributes I have that will transfer to the task of leading, if elected to the board of education," Yetter said. "I am not running on a single issue, one individual concern or cause, I am running to be a part of decisions that will benefit the students, teachers and staff, and taxpayers of Putnam Valley."





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Carmel Budget and School Board Preview

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Mittelstadt wants to make Carmel a better school district.

“I love the community, I love the children that live here. I am a taxpayer and I understand the problems of homeowners,” he said. “I have served the community before. I would like to do it again.”

Matt Vanacoro

Communication and collaboration are critical for Matt Vanacoro as he runs for the Carmel school board.

With a lot of learning occurring in the district, Vanacoro said more opportunities could be gained if there was a bridge between the schools and rest of the community. Learning should extend beyond the classroom, “and the only way it will is if the school board is a conduit of the educational process and not the ‘top’ of it,” Vanacoro said.

Vanacoro said as an educator for 25 years, he knows the challenges students face and what works well for them. He’s also been involved in teacher contract negotiations for more than a decade and has helped administrators and teachers work together.

“I am a good communicator, and am highly organized,” Vanacoro said. “Community members can count on me to help the district keep everyone informed and aware of what opportunities the school can offer them.”

If elected, Vanacoro said he wants to form a committee to explore ways the district communicates and how school staff connects with parents and how administrators connect with students.

As for the budget, he said going forward contracts and long-term expenses need to be designed with the tax cap in mind since it isn’t going anywhere.

“We need our expenses to reflect that, and make sure the growth doesn’t exceed what we have to work with so we are not in a position of having to reduce programs and opportunities every year,” Vanacoro said.

Overall, Vanacoro believes he has a unique perspective and can offer a “point of view that is currently lacking on the board.”

Tim Murphy

The biggest message Tim Murphy wants to convey as he runs for the Carmel school board is the annual budget should be centered around the students and

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Other Budget and School Board Previews

Three Putnam County school systems have uncontested school board races this year.

It appears the Brewster school system will have a calmer budget vote than last year when voters actually rejected a proposed budget that was under the state tax cap. This year, the budget is once again under the cap with 4.06 tax levy increase. The overall spending plan is \$101 million, the first time the budget will hit the eight figure mark in the school’s history. Another proposition for voters is to purchase buses for \$753,000 and voters will also consider transferring \$2 million from the fund balance to a capital fund for a new HVAC system at JFK Elementary School. The school board race is uncontested with Krista Berardi and Scott Seaman running for two open seats.

The Mahopac school system will offer voters a \$122.6 million

budget that will stay under the tax cap. The tax levy increase is proposed at 2.1 percent. Because of a vacancy on the school board, all four candidates will get a spot on the board with one caveat; the top three finishers will earn three-year terms and the last place finisher will have a two-year term. Vice president Michael Mongon and current board member Lucy Massafra are running as well as Adam Savino and Ray McDonough.

The Garrison school system has a budget proposal that is \$11 million and remains underneath the tax cap with a budget-to-budget increase of 1.29 percent. The projected tax levy increase will be 2.08 percent. Two candidates are running for two school board seats. Jill Corsen Lake is running for another term and Sarah Tormey is running for the first time.



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were already in jail for it.

"They couldn't get me anyway," Santoro recalled Gombert telling him.

Santoro said he wrote down notes about what Gombert told him and then when he coincidentally ran into DiPippo in Putnam's jail in 2011, passed them along.

"I certainly think that the witness was very convincing and I guess the judge believed him," Bernhard said.

But assistant district attorney Larry Glasser tried to cast skepticism over Santoro's testimony and questioned if Gombert truly admitted to the rape and murder. When Glasser asked if Gombert mentioned any details of the crime, Santoro said no. Glasser also got Santoro to acknowledge that Santoro was "good

friends" with a niece of Krivak's.

Outside the courthouse once the conviction was tossed, Santoro posed in a celebratory photo with supporters of Krivak and his defense team.

Bernhard continues to hold out hope that the district attorney's office will change its stance that Krivak committed the crime.

"I just can't understand why there wasn't more of an investigation into Howard Gombert," Bernhard said.

Tendy said he wasn't expecting Zuckerman to rule in Krivak's favor, stating that it set a concerning precedent statewide. Tendy doesn't believe the defense met their burden of proof for a new trial and the DA's office is planning to appeal to the appellate division of the second department.

The DA's office is convinced that Krivak committed the crime, Tendy made clear. The statement allegedly made from Gombert to Santoro is not a confession of killing anyone, Tendy said.

"They're trying to say that Gombert said something that implied that he committed the crime," Tendy said. "He didn't."

"To grant someone a new trial based on someone coming forward saying 'I heard that someone said something,' if that's going to be the new standard in this state

then anybody that's convicted of anything can get a new trial," Tendy went on to say. "They'll be retrials all over the place."

There was a "very thorough investigation" into the Wright case, Tendy stressed, and the right two people-- Krivak and DiPippo-- were arrested. When Tendy took over as district attorney in 2016, he reviewed every piece of evidence, 1997 court transcripts and any other paperwork connected to the case.

"We rebuilt this case from the ground up to make sure everything was done right and everything was done right," Tendy said.

DiPippo, who was crying in the aftermath of the ruling, said he and supporters felt relief knowing Krivak will have a new trial. He wasn't expecting a ruling the same day as the hearing and is happy to know Krivak won't be sent back to state prison as he awaits a new trial.

DiPippo wasn't able to speak with Krivak Thursday, though the two made eye contact and smiled at each other a couple of times.

DiPippo said he sympathizes with Wright's family and friends that were also in the courthouse Thursday and believe Krivak and DiPippo killed Josette.

"But we have to bring Andy home," DiPippo said. "We have to continue to fight for justice."

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learn from the public.

"Meaningful engagement provides community members with a true voice," McNall said.

When talking about the budget, McNall said with the tax cap, the district needs to think creatively and take honest looks at existing programs and see how effective they are. Any budget process he would be part of would be open and honest, McNall said. A capital referendum that is being offered is necessary to maintain the facilities and keep the buildings in good order, he added.

McNall vowed to represent everyone in the community if elected.

"A vote for me is an investment in collaboration, inclusion and equitable leadership. I will listen, seek information, involve all stakeholders, and will work toward building consensus," McNall said.



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May 18, 2019
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Letter to the Editor

Curzio Should Be Kept Around to Challenge Status Quo

As an individual who is concerned about all of the students of Putnam Valley including those who attend Putnam Valley Schools, Mahopac Schools, Lakeland Schools, Carmel Schools and all of the Parochial Schools educating our youngsters; I follow closely those governing bodies of our schools, their Boards of Education. Over the past couple of years I have been very impressed by the caring and concern that a member of the Carmel School Board has shown towards all the constituent groups that make up the school family. That is; students, parents and faculty/staff. Mr. John Curzio has braved the fiercest winds I have ever witnessed during my entire life time spent here in Putnam County. This young man has shown a great regard for the Carmel

School District children and he also understands that the parents of these children are the individuals paying the School District's bills. Willing to stand firm and steady in the face of what seems to be an unending assault by some of his fellow School Board members, John has advocated for the children of the District while making sure that the parents of these children do not spend their tax dollars frivolously and without merit. John's stand on the recent bond issues was sound and represented a refreshing break from the "We must spend what we wish to spend" mentality of so many of those in our bureaucratic systems.

John is facing an election that really is a contest between the remnants of an old regime that believe spending tax dollars

on anything they want in the name of education is ok, versus a new way of thinking that believes spending when needed should never succumb to spending when wanting. We all want things. But when your neighbor is asked to fork over the money for those wants, that way of thinking and spending soon loses its shine. You see, John believes in spending for education to make sure the students are provided the best education possible. But John refuses to spend taxpayer dollars on those things that have nothing to do with education and are simply wants of an out of touch bureaucracy. John also has the strength of character and fortitude of soul to take issue with those that still believe in the old ways of doing things. His court appearance and his refusal to

abandon his view that not everything a Board of Education may want, is actually needed or necessary, attests to that.

I can think of no better individual to be on the Carmel Board of Education than John Curzio. He cares about every child's education while never forgetting that in the end, every child's parents are the ones who foot the bills. Please continue this legacy of concerned and caring representation on the Carmel School Board. Keep John Curzio a member of this august body.

Sam Oliverio Jr.

Oliverio is a former school administrator and the current supervisor in Putnam Valley.

Why The Town Of Carmel Needs A New Master Plan

From a recent conversation over what should fill in the now-vacant K-Mart Store on Route 6, came this remark: If you want something nice there upgrade our town. It doesn't matter who said it, but it brings us back to the #CarmelVision2020 initiative the Chamber's Legislative Advocacy Board LAB presented to the Town Board and public in the Summer of 2017. It is an example of why an updated plan for Urban Redevelopment is so important.

Have you ever wondered that we should improve our town? Would big business be more apt to come if the town was looking more upscale or had a widespread capital improvement plan? Potential businesses do look for a community's blueprint. We need a map to move forward the next quarter of century and guide our town officials accordingly.

Why do you think planning is important? Have things changed

enough in the last 20 years to make it necessary for a makeover, update codes and infrastructure? Ask yourself Are you content with the status quo? Are Town Codes Business supportive? Are you happy with sewer & water services? Is there room for improvement? What and where would you like to see improvements?

Let's return to the conversation above. What you would like to see fill K-Mart is directly valued by what the town can offer a new tenant? And I am not talking about tax reductions should Amazon come knocking at our door. To attract the right entity, they will ask basic questions: Is there city water and sewer; Are there quality hi-speed communication networks; What does the neighborhood look like around this location; What are taxes like; What is the traffic flow like; How are the schools; What is the town like culturally and socially; Are there clear and fair business codes and regulations; Is

there an affordable mix of quality housing for employees; What about parking and public transport; Is there a pedestrian experience in the hamlet shopping areas?

A serious business is looking for top notch employees and other businesses to serve their new enterprise. That would bring more employment. All these things are considered in a state-of the art Master Plan.

Also, more quality business begets more tax revenue that does not have to come from the single-family homeowner. Lower taxes beget better real estate values and sales. Affordability, culture and entertainment keeps younger workers here.

A Master Plan becomes a magnet to potential business developers. It tells the world who we are and how we do business. What will replace K-Mart on Route 6? Once again, that is determined by how well we upgrade the town, which makes it easier for the property owner to sell a lease or two.

Again, why is doing a master plan so important to you? What makes a town attractive?

The town board built into the 2019 budget funding to seek out and hire a qualified planning firm to start studying the ideas. A bid for qualified consultants has gone out to see who will bid for the studies. Urban redevelopment and rewritten codes will eventually bring business to the Town of Carmel and with it added tax revenue. That means less tax burden on the single-family homeowner.

As always, the Chamber LAB wants your input. Contact the Chamber office and leave a message for Thom or Larry. You can also request your copy of the Carmel Vision 2020 position paper, which feature 10 items available from a new Master Plan for the town. Our new email is MahopacChamberLAB@gmail.com

The town board meets every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.. Please attend and ask when we can expect the renaissance to start?

Thom Iannicari & Larry Zacks
Co-Chairs for the Mahopac-Carmel Chamber LAB

Obituaries

Mary E. Fleischman

It is with broken hearts the family of Mary E. Fleischman, age 75, of Carmel, announces her sudden passing on May 6. Mary was born on June 7, 1943 to the late Mary (Reilly) and John Russell. She would go on to marry the love of her life Joseph "Ralph" Fleischman on the spring day of April 1, 1967 and together they would be blessed with many years of happiness and three loving children Ralph (Kerry), Joseph (Leslie), and Karen. Mary had a one of a kind sense of humor and a contagious laugh to match. She would always "hide" Twizzlers where everyone could find them. Mary single handedly kept Cheerios in business with a closet full of boxes enough to feed all of Lake Carmel. She fed anyone who walked

through the door, even if you weren't hungry she still made sure to feed you. It wasn't unusual for friends of her children to show up at dinner even on holidays. It was known by all that if you didn't have someplace to go - you did now. Whether her kids were home or not, everyone knew a hot plate of food would welcome them in her kitchen. Mary's amazing brownies were always a treat to look forward to. She was a mother to all and a super mom to her own three children. Her grandchildren and fur grandchildren were the light of her life. Mary was a pillar of strength and love to family and friends and so much will be missed about her because she was a truly remarkable one of a kind woman. Mary is survived by her loving husband of over 52 years who was both her partner and best friend.

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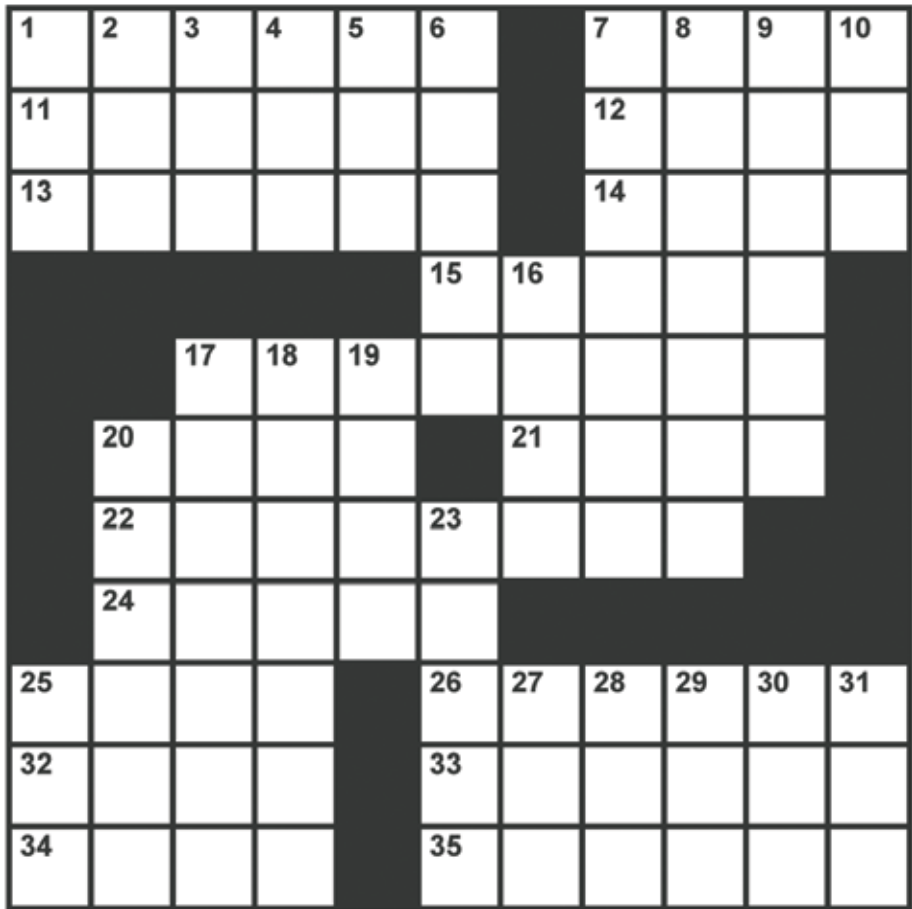
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 21

- Across
1. Plain and simple

7. This Mt. Kisco Florist will “grow” on you all year ____ Seasons Flower Shop

11. Loosen

12. Approximation phrase

13. Horse race

14. It means nothing to the French

15. Drew in

17. Habitually lazy

20. Health-giving berry

21. Port. is part of it

22. Judicial second chances

24. Bill of talk TV

25. Biological classes

26. Competitors

32. Yemen capital

33. Covering

34. Physics calculation

35. Group of stars
10. Paul or Howard

16. Forearm bone

17. Mountain climbing gear

18. Belonging to Revolutionary war hero Hale, -or new JV Mall weiner wonder

19. Acute

20. Fleet

23. Like some vbs.

25. Tartan cap

27. ____ sense

28. “Batman Forever” actor Kilmer

29. Medical org.

30. Superman foe, Luthor

31. Machiavellian

- Down
1. Hangup

2. Spanish article

3. Camera type, briefly

4. Driveway surface

5. Winter coat

6. String quartet member

7. Genuine

8. Adjusts

9. Comfortable with



Obituaries

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She is also survived by her adoring children her sons Ralph and Joseph and her daughter Karen who she shared such a special relationship with. As well she is survived by her three precious grandchildren who were her little angels on Earth Owen, Colin and Audrey; she goes on to now be their angel. Mary is also survived by her brother Richard. She will continue to be held close in the hearts of those she loved and those who loved her. Mary has been reunited with her parents and her brother Johnny. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Tuesday May 14, 2019 between the hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel NY 10512. A Memorial Mass will take place on Wednesday May 15, 2019 at Our Lady of the Lake Church at 10:30 a.m. Following Mass Mary will be brought to her final resting place at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel.

Richard C. Huckell

Richard C. Huckell of Carmel, and New Port Richey, FL died on May 7 after a long and beautiful life at 101 years young. Born on June 7, 1917 in Utica, to the late Raymond Huckell and Abbie Haynes, Richard would live a long and blessed life filled with many happy memories surrounded by family

and friends. He would live to see over a century of development and enjoyed telling stories about his life and the “good old days”. While living in Manhattan as a young man and working in the upholstery business, Richard enlisted in the US Army, proudly serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He learned lessons he would carry with him throughout his life. Richard felt strongly about his service to his country and would often talk of his time in Australia. After the war, he returned to Manhattan and met the love of his life, Alice. They later moved to Carmel to care for his Stepfather where he began a new career working for and later retiring from NYC DEP at reservoirs in Putnam and Westchester. Richard enjoyed square dancing and also opened a square dance shop in Carmel. He loved exploring and, with Alice, traveled all across the US and Canada in their RV. When Richard wasn’t traveling, he could be found tending his gardens and spending time with family and friends. Mr. Huckell is survived by his grandchildren, John(Elaine) Krauss, Daniel(Ashly), Matthew, Erik and Nicole Huckell. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. He is pre-deceased by his wife Alice, daughter Mary Owen and son John Huckell.

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Phelps Hospital

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Register online at <https://celebratingwomenshealth.eventbrite.com> or call (855) 850-KIWH (5494).

Healthy refreshments and a light dinner will be served. All attendees will be entered into a raffle to win a gift basket.

Cancellation policy:

All cancellations must be confirmed in writing to womenshealth@northwell.edu or 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite E110, Lake Success, NY 11042 no later than June 10.

No refunds will be made after this date for cancellations or “no shows.”

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Summer Camp Guide

Ways That Families Can Choose a Camp at the Last Minute

By Jess Michaels

With time growing short until the end of the school year, are you regretting putting off summer camp plans for your child?

Don't worry, there are still some summer camps with availability. Here are some tips from the American Camp Association or New York and New Jersey on best ways to find a camp at the last minute.

Call the camp director

If you have a specific camp in mind, call the camp director and ask what sessions are still open and if there is space in your child's age group.

Try to be flexible. Maybe you had the month of July in mind for camp but try to be open to the second session of camp programs. This may mean changing around vacation plans or trips to see grandparents. The more flexibility you have, the better chance you have of finding the camp you want at the last minute.

Even with last-minute camp decisions, parents want to make sure they are doing their research and choosing the right camp for their child. Ask the camp director about the camp's philosophy and program. Does the philosophy of the camp match your family's? Does the camp



offer a program that is of interest to your child? Do you feel that the camp director is answering all your questions and happy to do so? You are forming a partnership with the camp director so you want to make sure you click with the director and feel comfortable leaving your child in the camp director's care.

Not sure where to start?

You can call the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey at 212-391-5208 for free, one-on-one advice in finding a camp. Its camper placement

specialist can help guide you in your decision and help narrow down the many summer camp choices.

Talking to friends and neighbors is also a good way to find out about summer camps. But families should keep in mind that just because a camp is the right fit for a friend's child, it doesn't mean it will be the right camp for your child. Take their suggestions but make sure to do your own research. You know your child best.

Summer 2020

It's not too early to be looking for a

camp for next summer. Looking this summer gives you the opportunity to go visit camps. Touring camps allows you and your child the chance to see what an actual day at camp will be like and see the lake, pool, bunks and activity areas.

Both day and sleepaway camps offer camp tours throughout the summer. A tour gives families a good feel about whether the camp is the right fit for their child, and if you decide to send your child the following summer, he or she will feel part of the decision process.

Looking early can help to plan financially

By touring camp the summer before and deciding on a camp almost a year before sending your child, you are able to plan financially. Some camps offer early bird discounts for registering early or payment plans, allowing you to pay for camp over the year. You can make camp part of birthday presents and holiday gifts over the upcoming year. Families can also inquire about sibling discounts for registering more than one child.

Jess Michaels is director of communications for the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey and can be reached at 212-391-5208. Also visit www.acanynj.org for more information.

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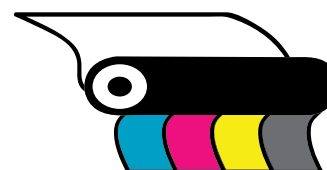
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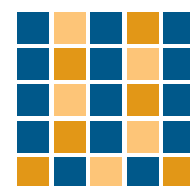


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Tuesday, May 14

We are gearing up for the new season at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact us opening date of June 28. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, Fridays 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 729 Peekskill Hollow Road June 28 TO August 30. Vendor contact info: putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com

Digital Decluttering at Reed Library: 6:30 p.m. Are you inundated with emails and overwhelmed by apps? Join us to learn clutter-reducing techniques for your virtual world. Please call the library to register 845-225-24

Stenciling at Reed Library also: May 21 and 28, 10 a.m. - noon. Using pre-cut stencils, participants will paint beautiful designs on a variety of surfaces - paper, glass, canvas. Registration required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

Thursday, May 16

2019-20 CCSD School Budget Presentation: The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association will host a presentation of the 2019-2020 School Budget for the Carmel Central School District. 7:00 p.m., Carmel Firehouse, 94 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel. For more information about the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association, visit their website at www.carmelcivicasoc.org

Build-A-Bot: 4:30 p.m. Do you like drawing or painting? What if you could build a robot that creates its own art? Come create an Art Bot, a robot with markers for "legs" that creates drawings as it moves across paper. This is a beginner-level class with no robotics experience necessary. For Ages 9 to 13 years. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar

Saturday, May 18

Kids' Day: noon -4 p.m. Putnam

Hospital Center Kids' Day brings children and families together while providing educational activities and experiences that teach good health and foster connections through fitness, sports, fun and healthy habits.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day for Putnam County 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Fahnestock State Park, Canopus Beach Parking Lot, Route 301, Kent, NY. Pre-Registration is required. For more information call (845) 808-1390 x43150 or visit www.putnamcountyny.com/green-putnam/ and select "Special Wastes." To register by email, send your 3 preferred times (every 15 minutes beginning at 9 a.m.) to PutnamHealth@putnamcountyny.com. A confirmation with a time will be emailed to you. If you do not receive the confirmation email within 2 business days, please call the above number.

Sunday, May 19

As part of National EMS Week, **The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps** will be holding an Open House. From Noon to 4 p.m. local residents may visit the Ambulance Corps Headquarters building at 218 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley for a number of interesting and fun programs, demonstrations, training and even some gifts and prizes! In addition to tours of the building and the corps four ambulances, there will be demonstrations by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and members of the Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps. PVVAC website: www.pvvac.org/content/training

Echoes of Sinatra Show Band featuring Steve Kazlauskas 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Music! Dancing! Light Buffet! BYOB! \$35 per person at the VFW Building, 32 Gleneida Ave (Rt 52) Carmel. Reservations required by May 13th to glitalaw@gmail.com For additional information 914-419-7250 Fundraiser sponsored by Sons & Daughters of Italy, Fr. Licata Lodge, Carmel.

Law Enforcement and First Responders Appreciation Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Carmel Baptist church 845-225-4255 76 Gleneida Ave. Carmel. For all events visit: MCBchurch.org

Race Amity of Northern Westchester & Putnam presents Professor Eugene Ritchie leading a discussion on "The Power of Amity" after viewing the TED Talk by Christian Picciolini "My descent into America's neo-Nazi movement -- and how I got out". Refreshments will be served. 2:00 p.m., Somers Library Meeting Room 82 Primrose Street (Reis Park) Somers. For more information, contact jstavans@gmail.com

Monday, May 20

Fine Garden Tour: Brewster Carmel Garden Club will host a fine garden tour featuring the opportunity to visit and enjoy beautiful local gardens on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance by mail to Brewster-Carmel Garden Club, PO Box 446, Brewster NY 10509 or in person at Salinger's Orchard, 230 Guinea Rd., Brewster. Day of event sales are \$25 at the Brewster Library 70 Main Street Brewster. Directories will be available for pick-up only on Saturday, June 8 at the library from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer Art Programs: Kids Summer ARTS Programs in Mahopac Draw, paint, build, create, and let your imagination soar @ our flexible and affordable ARTS on the Hill Camp for kids 6-13 at the Art Center, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac. All classes are taught by experienced working artists in our climate controlled art studios with help from interns and counselors from local high schools. Limited enrollment encourages personal instruction and attention. Register, find fees & details @ www.putnamartscouncil.com

The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) is offering free hepatitis C testing in recognition of National Hepatitis C Testing Day. Testing starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. at the main health department office at 1 Geneva Road in Brewster. No appointment is necessary, and results are ready in 20 minutes. For more information, please visit our County website at www.putnamcountyny.com

Monthly Commission meeting: 7 p.m. in our parks and Recreation office: FMI: 845-526-3292

Tuesday, May 21

The Mahopac Falls Nursery School: 411 Route 6N in Mahopac on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church is now accepting registration for 2019 Summer Sessions and 2019/2020 Preschool morning and afternoon. Please call Michelle Armstrong, Director, at 845-803-0701 or email Mahopacfallsnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information and to set up a tour. Check out all the fun on their Facebook and Instagram pages - The Mahopac Falls Nursery School

Estate Planning: How to Protect Your Parents and Yourself. 6:30 p.m., at Reed Library. Attend this seminar for answers to important questions about protecting your assets. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, May 22

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Carmel Budget and School Board Preview

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then infrastructure must be maintained so students know they have a safe environment to learn in.

As vice president of the Putnam Youth Hockey Association, Murphy helps maintain a tight budget. He said he is a problem solver that would be willing to work with board members and the school superintendent as "one cohesive unit."

"That is the only way to get things accomplished," Murphy said.

Murphy said he thought the budget was well done, noting some of that money in

the budget comes from state aid so the overall expenditure plan doesn't have as steep a price tag as it seems.

At the end of the day, Murphy wants what's best for his children and every student in the district. It's important for the district to help every child become his or her best self and provide them with the tools to succeed.

"I feel the voter should vote for whoever they feel will do the best job I'm confident in my abilities that I will do the best for the students and I believe all the candidates believe that as well," Murphy said.

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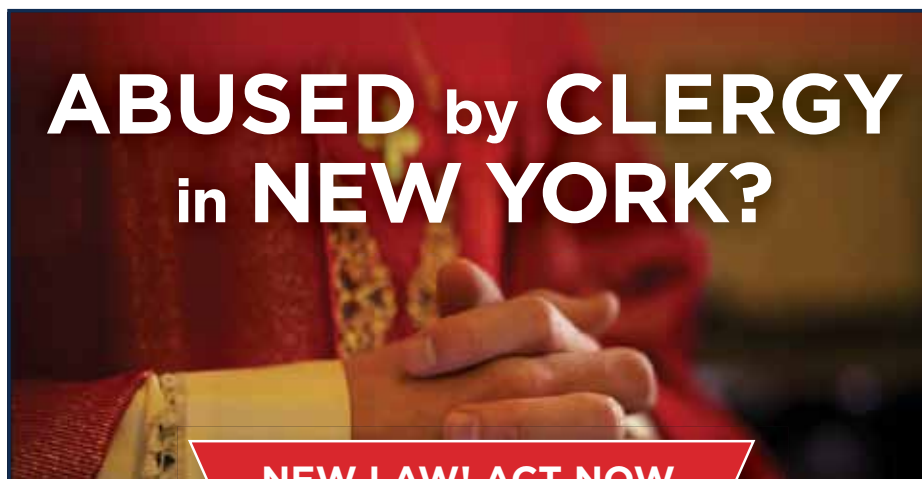
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 395 WYTHE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/19. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **395 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KESTELOO VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 4/5/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **1501 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: Internet Marketing.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS **MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Home-**

stead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to **Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127.** The office address in PA is **1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111.** Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE STYLE MIXX LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of

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New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469. Purpose- any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is: **Nate The Dog Man, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Westchester. The SSNY is designated

as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: **415 South St, Apt 4A, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF UNDERPINNED LLC. Art. Of Org. file with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **118. N. Bedford Rd., Suite 100, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUILT-STONES, LLC. filed with SSNY on 4/25/18. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **126 Kellbourne Ave, Sleepy Hollow, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TIG & PEACH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/2/2019. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, **545 Fowler Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday May 23, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. 2. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-**

2; LP Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. New Application 3. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 &7; R-1& LP Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. 4. DiPillo, David, 370 Church Road,-73.13-1-25; R-3 Request side and rear yard setback variance for propane tank. 5. Martinez, John & Brandi, 54 Lincoln Road, 73.17-1-51; R-2 Request side yard setback variance for above ground pool. 6. Harris, Alex & Lindsay, 45 Lake Shore Road, 41.14-1-14; R-3 Request side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for height for entryway and mudroom addition. 7. Casar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3 Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. 8. Anderson, David, 48 Winnebago Road, 51.73-1-29; R-3 Request a side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for addition to existing residence. 9. Lennon, Patrick, 8 Oakdale Road, 51.14-1-23; R-3 Request side, front, rear yard and lot coverage variance for proposed new entryway. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN

NOTICE: Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday May 20, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for May 20, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A

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copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall.

1. O'Brien Family - 19 Cindy Lane (TM# 84.14-1-11/File: 2019-0193) The subject property consists of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 19 Cindy Lane and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan to legalize a basement apartment. **SKETCH 2. Squeglia & O'Brien - 7 Stephen Smith Drive (TM# 85.-01-18/File: 2019-0192)** The subject property consists of + 3.33 acres of land and is located on 7 Stephen Smith Drive and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Site Development Plan, Major Grading Permit and Wetland Permit, for pond restoration, pond spillway and tree removal and planting.

3. Lamanna Residence- 39 Roberts Drive (TM#85.5-1-37/File 2019-0194) The subject property consist of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 39 Roberts Drive and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking an Amended Site Plan for deviating from previously approved Site Plan and increasing the paved driveway area. **EXTENSION 4. Reape / Ferreira- 64-68 Pleasant Road (TM# 83.65-1-37 & 35/File 2018-00182)** 5. **Juliano, Sam,-50 West Shore Drive (TM: 62.13-2-18 / File:2010-0073)** APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2019

AT&T MOBILITY, LLC is proposing to construct an approximate 180.0-foot monopole telecommunications tower with an associated equipment compound located at Barnes Lane, New Castle, Westchester County, NY 10514 (N41° 10' 58.1" and W73° 48' 16.6" W). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Action Section 106. Comments pertaining specifically to historic resources may be sent to **Impact7g, Inc., Attention Ms. Madeline Sarcone at 9550 Hickman Road, Suite 105, Clive, IA 50325 or call 515-473-6256. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.**

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY Town Board Meeting May 15, 2019 6 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance. 2. Department Reports 3. School Report 4. Legislators' Reports. 5. Presentation by Chris Kopf, O'Connor Davies, of the 2018 Audit for the Town. 6. Accept Town Board minutes from April 3, 10 and 17 and May 01. 7. Camp designated as parkland resolution. 8. Approve Personnel for the Sunset Series 2019. 9. Authorization to sign MS4 Annual Report. 10. Discussion de-icer ordinance. 11. Set hearing for decibel level addition to noise ordinance. **Building Department** 12. Daily Fee Report - Summary **Parks & Recreation** 13. Personnel 14. Refunds **Districts** 15. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for a Lake Oscawana fish survey. **Highway Department** 16. Driveway Opening Permit 17. Budget Transfers 18. Public Comment 19. Audit of Monthly Bills

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According to that same organization, nine out of 10 home break-ins could be prevented if homeowners would take simple steps to burglar-proof their homes.

Of all the years we lived in our historic home in Yorktown, we didn't invest in a sophisticated security system until we were ready to sell the house, feeling that it would be an added incentive for prospective buyers. Less than 20 percent of households nationwide have security systems. The rest of us must take other precautions to discourage break-ins while we're away from home.

How well I remember the discomfort combined with the relaxation of every vacation while we were traveling,



By Bill Primavera

especially if it were for more than a week. In the early days, I remember that we would call home and feel comforted to hear our answering machine just to know that everything was "still there." And when returning home, there would always be that anxious moment when we were turning onto our street and my wife and I would turn to each other and ask, "Is the house still standing?"

We had good reason to be Nervous Nellies, having sustained two break-ins when we lived in the city. We developed a litany of devices to make our home less appealing to burglars, combined with other ideas combed from other sources, some of which are really creative. For those who don't have security systems, consider the following steps.

Lock All Doors and Windows: This may seem unnecessary to even mention but 28 percent of all burglaries occur without having to use force to gain entry.

Burglars simply find an unlocked window or door, so be sure to double-check all the windows and deadbolt all exterior doors. Place a metal or wood dowel in the track of sliding glass doors. And, if you have a spare key hidden outside, make sure it's brought inside while you're away.

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Invest in Timers: To make your house look lived in, utilize timers to have the lights go on and off at various times throughout the day.

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Maintain Your Lawn: If it's an extended trip and you normally maintain your lawn yourself, arrange to have a service take care of it while you're away.

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Mahopac DH Joe Lacaparra (34) is mobbed at home plate after his three-run yard bomb highlighted an eight-run eighth inning in the visiting Indians' 12-4 win over rival Carmel last Friday, completing a sweep of the Rams on both the softball and baseball diamonds. The Indians went 4-0 for the week and the slugging Lacaparra went 9 for 14 with three doubles, a home run, seven RBI and six runs scored during the stretch. He also earned a complete-game win against Carmel earlier in the week.... see Baseball Notebook.

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Softball Notebook

Becker, Mahopac Nips Yorktown for Husker Tourney Title

By Alex Wendling

The Yorktown Softball tournament featured two section 1 powerhouses last Saturday as the host Huskers took on Mahopac in the championship game. All eyes were on Mahopac pitcher Shannon Becker, fresh off a “perfect, perfect” game by striking out all 21 batters she faced

in last Wednesday’s 8-0 rout of visiting Carmel.

Becker spoke about her historic perfect game saying, “I was just trying to take it one pitch at a time, and just go after the next batter. I knew in the back of my head I was coming up on the 21 strikeouts, but I was really focusing hard on not letting it

affect my game.”

The performance from Becker and the state-ranked (No.20) Indians (14-3) helped spark them to winning the Yorktown tournament, 1-0, over the Huskers. After the win on Saturday Mahopac Coach, Cristina Giansante spoke about her star player and how the tournament went overall.

“This tournament is great we love coming to it every year,” she said. “It’s awesome to actually win it for the first time. We have been trying to do that for the last few years. Beating Suffern was huge for us since we lost to them in the quarterfinals last year and coming in to beat Suffern and Yorktown and winning this tournament for the first time is an awesome



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Yorktown's Marlaina Cirone gets in under tag of Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia in host Huskers' 1-0 tourney title loss to Indians Saturday.



Yorktown IF's Bella Vano and Juliana Piehler celebrate Vano's sweet double-play in Huskers' 1-0 tourney loss to Mahopac Saturday.

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Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia narrowly beats out infield hit to plate game's only run in 1-0 tourney win over host Yorktown and Husker 1B Alyssa Buck Saturday.



Mahopac players pose with hardware after beating host Huskers, 1-0, in Yorktown tournament Saturday.

Sports

Softball Notebook

Surging Hen Hud Hopes to Compete in Deep Class A Field

By Tony Pinciario

The 2018 varsity softball season came to a premature conclusion for **HEN HUD**. Following an excellent regular season, the Sailors were upset by Pearl River in a Section 1 Class A first-round game. This left Hen Hud unfulfilled.

"It was really frustrating as they've upset us before and we were a seed above them," said senior and Captain Thea Barbelet. "I think this will motivate the team this time around to play harder and give our first-round game this year our all."

Hen Hud has given it a collective all through this point of the 2019 season as the Sailors own a 14-1 record. If the Section 1 Class A Softball Championship began today, Hen Hud would be seeded among the top three.

The Sailors improved to 14-1 with a quartet of victories last week – Ketcham (7-3), Our Lady of Lourdes (8-2), Nyack (19-3) and walk-off 9-8 triumph over Brewster provided by Michaela Capicotto.

The outstanding record is not surprising when you consider Hen Hud graduated one player-current Georgian Court University freshman and player Ashley Lupi.

"Ashley was an extremely valuable player and leader who definitely left a gap in our lineup, but our new, younger players have certainly stepped up to fill her shoes," said Barbelet, who will attend Binghamton University in the fall and study Environmental Science with a concentration in Policy. "Since we only lost one senior, I don't think any of us considered this a year to rebuild."

Hen Hud only has two seniors, Candace Crowley (shortstop) and Barbelet (first base), but juniors Jillian Attinelly (right field), Nicole Kopfensteiner (second base) and Capicotto (catcher) have become impact players, as have Alana Espinoza

(pitcher) and Jessica Bleakley (third base).

The momentum and confidence Hen Hud gained with its season-opening victory over John Jay snowballed as the season has progressed.

"As the season has progressed, we've learned how to play as a unit and I feel that our confidence has increased, but our successes have not made us complacent," Barbelet said. "The same energy can be felt in every pregame and each player is always putting in their all. We're all improving with time."

Barbelet and her teammates know that sectionals will be a grueling road because of Class A's depth – Lakeland, Hen Hud, Lourdes, Pearl River, Tappan Zee, Pearl River, Nanuet, Harrison and Pelham, to name a few. The Sailors hope to extend their season much further this year and realize what it will take.

"To secure a section title, we need to stay grounded," Barbelet said. "There are so many quality teams in our division and we can't take any of them lightly. It's no secret that for the majority of this season, we've been the underdog, which is just how our team likes it."

LAKELAND had an exhausting, but productive week with five wins in six days, improving to 17-0.

The Hornets swept Our Lady of Lourdes, 9-3 and 7-2, and blanked Horace Greeley (9-0), John Jay-Cross River (5-0) and Tappan Zee (2-0).

"Winning all five was great and I can tell you that everyone on the team is ecstatic," senior Claire Fon said. "With only three more regular-season games left, we are getting excited for sectional play."

Freshman Stella Bale tossed a no-hitter with 15 strikeouts against John Jay. She was aided by Hannah Matusiak's two hits, two runs and RBI. Krystal Badillo added two hits and an RBI and Amanda

DiClerico had a hit and two RBI.

"I am so happy and excited for Stella," Fon said. "Throwing a no-hitter is a major accomplishment and she deserves it. She has put in so much work and it clearly shows."

Fon fired a five-hitter and struck out 12 against Horace Greeley. Fon also homered, doubled and drove in three.

Bale finished with three hits, two runs scored and two RBI and Ava Knopf collected two hits and three RBI.

Lakeland and Tappan Zee engaged in a pitcher's duel as Fon tossed a two-hitter with five strikeouts.

The Hornets were limited to one hit, but Badillo made it count – a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning.

"Krystal really helped us out with that key hit," Fon said. "Once she made contact with the ball we all knew it was out of the park. Krystal has been doing great in the box."

"Tappan Zee has a great program and I wouldn't be surprised if we faced them during the sectional tournament."

PUTNAM VALLEY won the League III-E title and in grand fashion as Emily McKenna tossed a no-hitter in a 12-0 victory over North Salem.

It was the Tigers' first league crown since 2009 and initial one for Putnam Valley coach Rena Finsmith.

"This program has worked very hard to improve each year," said Finsmith. "We have strong coaches at the modified and JV level and I thank them for their help in building this program. The JV and varsity girls have put in work during the offseason to get better in all aspects of the game by attending many off-season workouts."

"From a program that barely made the playoffs seven years ago to now league champs means a lot," she added. "The girls have bought into what we talk about, how

we approach practice, and play the game. The leadership from our captains, senior Sophia Lord and juniors Alex and Keiko Waters has been invaluable this season. I am so proud and happy for these 16 girls who have put in the hard work over these past few years and can look up at the banner in the gym and see 2019 placed on it."

The league-title clincher came after North Salem outslugged Putnam Valley, 19-11. The new league champions closed out the week and its home schedule with a mercy of Yonkers Montessori Academy as McKenna struck out nine and allowed one hit.

Putnam Valley is now 12-6 this season.

In the league-title clinching win, Sonya Garcia had three hits and three RBI, Sophia Lord also had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run and Alex Waters doubled twice among her three hits and collected three RBI. Keiko Waters added two hits and two RBI and Sabrina Cross had two hits and an RBI.

Cross led Putnam Valley in the loss, going 4 for 4 with three RBI. Frankie Reyes chipped in three hits, two runs and three RBI and Lord collected three hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Alex Waters had two hits, including a double, an RBI and scored twice, including her 100th varsity run. Last month, Water and her sister, Keiko, each registered their 100th varsity hit.

Reyes had a big day against Yonkers Montessori Academy, going 4 for 4, including a double and home run, scoring three runs and driving in six. Kathleen Gallelo also had six RBI.

Alex Waters went 3 for 3, including a home run, four runs and three RBI. McKenna helped herself with two hits and three RBI and Keiko Waters also added two hits and scored four runs.

Becker, Mahopac Nips Yorktown for Husker Tourney Title

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Yorktown 2B Juliana Piehler awaits throw as Mahopac C Michelle DellaMura cruises in to 2B with double in 1-0 Indian win over Huskers Saturday.

accomplishment and they absolutely deserve it."

Coach Giansante went on to talk about how vital her star pitcher, Becker, has been throughout the tournament. "It's indescribable she's incredible," she said. "She has been on her game completely. It takes a lot to get on base with her and when that happens, she keeps her cool and does her thing and she gets out of it."

Mahopac SS Danielle Sabia drove in the game's only run, plating Becker.

On the other end, defending Class AA champion Yorktown (8-7) was rolling until Saturday when Mahopac beat them in the title game. Yorktown fought hard and played a tough game

against Mahopac. Yorktown's star pitcher Allie Cortino pitched all seven innings and got eight strikeouts. Yorktown Coach Samantha Fernandez talked about how her team played hard throughout the tournament.

"I felt like we came out strong against Mamaroneck the other day," she said. "We were getting a lot of runners on moving runners and scoring runners. Allie Cortino started the game she had four strikeouts, and then against Mahopac, we started Allie again and she did phenomenal. Sam Riccardulli got on base two out of her three at-bats and had three stolen bases, she led this team in hitting and she brought a lot of energy to the team."

Sports

Baseball Notebook

Vetrano Fires 2nd No-Hitter in Lakeland's 7-0 Win vs. Yorktown

Hornets Win Sorrentino Bragging Rights; Mahopac Seeps Carmel; PV Rockin' Class B

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LAKELAND junior lefty Joe Vetrano continues to be the big story in our neck of the woods after pitching his second no-hitter of the season in the reigning Section 1 Class A Hornets' 7-0 win over host Yorktown in the 38th annual Sorrentino Cup game. And while Yorktown inexplicably refused to allow Lakeland the chance to pose with the cup during post-game ceremonies, as NYS Senator William Marcy said in 1832, to the victor goes the spoils, which in this case means nothing but bragging rights.

The 2018 NYS runner-up Hornets busted the game open with a five-run fourth, highlighted by SS Leo Cummings' two-run single and a run scored. Chase Delullo and Evan Berta (run) each added an RBI for the Hornets while C Zach Lerman had two hits and scored a run and Vetrano scored and drove home another.

From there, Vetrano settled into cruise control against the Huskers, whiffing a season-high 14 batters along the way. He walked one and hit three batters, but worked out of minimal trouble with an almost-untouchable fastball. He threw



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown SS Chris Sica can't get tag down in time -- though he did crush one ball -- as Lakeland's Joe Vetrano steals 2B in Huskers' 7-0 loss to Hornets.

100 pitches and defeated Yorktown for the second time this season, both no-hitters. In 12 innings against the Huskers this season, Vetrano whiffed 24 batters, or two per inning.

"They were saying some things to try and get under my skin," Vetrano admitted. "I didn't let it get to me. It felt really good to beat them again because that's a good

everyone's ace in the upcoming playoffs as the No.1 seed.

"Once Joey gets focuses, he's fun to watch," Coach Casey said. "Right now, this team still has the mindset that they are the No.12 seed from last year's playoffs as opposed to a team that reached the state finals last year. I'm glad that their not cocky, that they remain focused and treat every game and series just as important as the next. We hope that continues because I do like the approach of this team."

CLASS A

In other Yorktown action, the Huskers (10-8), the potential No.10 seed, gonged John Jay, 14-4 last Wednesday when Robert Miller (3 for 4) homered and drove home a career-high six RBI. Luan Biberaj went 3 for 4 with an RBI and four runs scored for Yorktown.

Lakeland socked SOMERS, 12-6, with Vetrano stroking two homers, driving home four and scoring two runs. Berta (2 for 3, HR, RBI, 3 runs) and Cummings (2 for 2, double, RBI) were also big contributors toward winning P Berta (5 IP, 2 runs, 4 Hits, 2 BB, 5 K's).

Tusker Anthony O'Donnell (3 for 4, 2B, RBI) had a day for the Tuskers, who put the hammer to Yorktown in a 13-4 decision behind P Liam Kaseta, who went yard, drove home three, scored twice at the plate while working 5-1/3rd on the hill, allowing just two hits while whiffing nine.

Tuskers Logan Carriero (3 for 3, 3 runs, RBI) and Michael Barbagallo (2 for 3, 3 runs, 2B, 2 RBI) provided the impetus



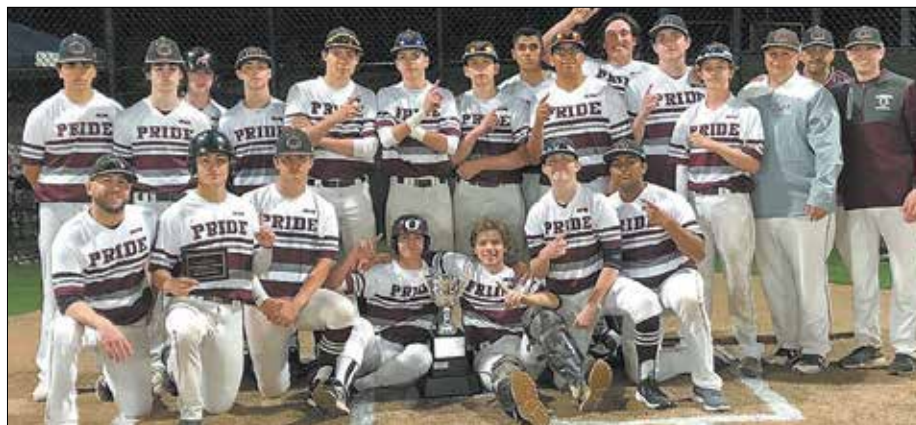
Mahopac's Frank DiGaudio (3) greets CF Mike Musantry after his potential game-saving grab in Indians' 12-4 extra-inning win over host Carmel Friday.

on offense. Somers is 8-9 and looking like a potential No.13 seed, which is not enviable due to outbrackets.

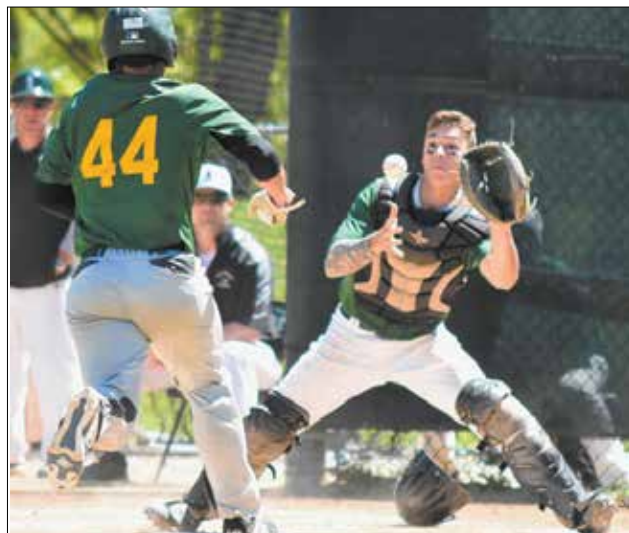
HEN HUD (13-5-1) is looking more and more like a top-6-7 seed in the playoffs after the Sailors defeated Lourdes, 2-0, for a share of the League II-E title (Beacon). Sailor P Nick Hitsley worked all eight innings for the win. Matt Olstrom drove in both runs for the Sailors, who also lost a couple of close one to Nanuet, 2-1, and to Briarcliff, 3-2.

"Hitsley was tremendous against Lourdes," Sailor Coach Van Vourliotis said. "He was able to keep putting up zeros until we found a way to score in the eighth. His mental toughness is tremendous, especially when he has to pitch out of jams with runners in scoring position and when he's in the most pressured situations. It definitely had a playoff-like atmosphere to this game,

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Members of Ossining Pride pose with hardware after beating Croton 6-5 in Saturday's 2nd annual Casey Cup game.



Yorktown C Luan Biberaj gets the put-out on Lakeland's Nick Badillo in Huskers' 7-0 Sorrentino Cup loss to Hornets Saturday.

ball team. It's a huge rivalry game with the cup on the line, so we were pumped to bring our best game. We're focused and hungry to get back where we were last year. We know that one hot pitcher can change our run and end things for us, so we play every game like it can be out last."

That approach has paid massive dividends to date, including a meaningless No.1 Class A ranking in the state polls. Coach Bill Casey knows all too well that that Hornets will get



Mahopac Assistant Coach Sean McGee puts it on Indian SS Matt Weiner after he delivered game-winning RBI in 12-4 extra-inning win over Carmel Friday.

Sports

Boys LAX Notebook

State-Ranked (No.4) Yorktown Holds No.1 Seed in Class B

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No.1 YORKTOWN –Class B state-ranked (No.4) Huskers (10-5 overall, 8-0 Section 1) would appear to have a clean road to sectional finals with 1st-round bye and four non-contenders (for the most part) on their side of the bracket, should they hold on to No.1. The thing is, though, reigning champion John Jay CR, ranked No.6 in NYS, is playing its best lax as we speak, and they strongly object to the notion that the 5 goals they lost by in April is irreversible.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Class A Rebels (6-10 overall, 6-8 Section 1) are looking like the potential No.7 seed, which isn't all that bad a path when you consider No.2 Scarsdale and No.3 Wappingers are the obstacles. Both can be had in what should be winnable games if the Rebels come to play and hope to compete in their 4th straight title game. I'd prefer that path

to the finals than the one Mahopac might get at No.5.

No.2A MAHOPAC – Class A Indians (9-7, 9-6), as the potential No.5 seed, will have to go through No.4 North Rockland and No.1 Mamaroneck to reach the finals, what would be Mahopac's first title appearance since 2015. That's a rough draw and only doable if the Indians can reach the next level in the days ahead.

No.4 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (7-6) should draw the No.6 seed and figured all along the road to a sectional title, their first since 2009, would always go through John Jay CR and Yorktown, and that'll be the case if they can survive No.3 Fox Lane in the quarters.

No.5 HEN HUD – Class C Sailors (9-7) should secure the No.4 seed and might draw both No.5 Eastchester and No.1 Rye, ranked No.12 in NYS, should the seeds pan out. That's a tough road for the Sailors to reach their first final since 2012.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (8-8 overall, 7-8 Section 1) have



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Lakeland-Panas' Michael Castelli (L) and Yorktown's Shane Dahlke hope to survive and advance to NYS tourney in Class A and B, respectively. Playoffs begin this week, May 15-16.

fallen to No.9 on the depth chart, which means their season comes to an end in the quarters against No.1 Bronxville, ranked No.1 in NYS; unless Coach Weir has a plan to slow down a prideful Bronco

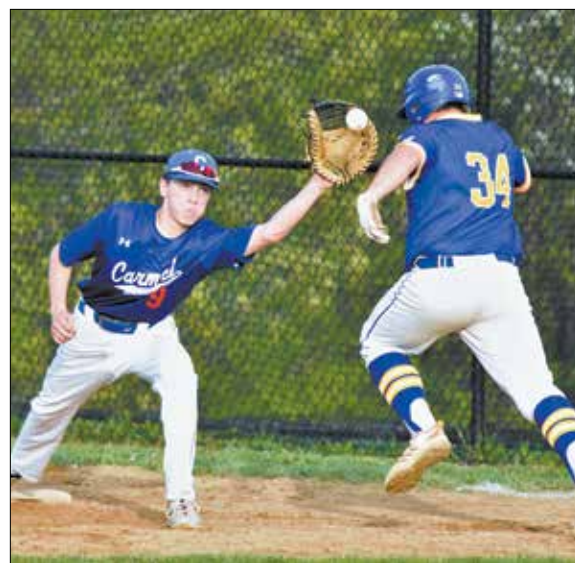
outfit that is seeking the first sectional title since its four-peat in 2014 while PV seeks its first championship appearance since 2010.

HM CARMEL – Class A Rams (6-9) have taken strides to improve the program and as the No.11 seed they could draw No.6 Suffern in the opening round and No.3 Wappingers in the quarters, should they survive the Mounties, which would be the biggest win in Carmel lax history #HaveAtIt.

HM BREWSTER – Class B Bears (5-11, 4-11) are the current No.10 seed, which puts them in line to face No.7 Clarkstown South in the opening round and No.2 John Jay should they survive the journey across the river, which is all we can ask.

HM HALDANE – Class D Blue Devils (13-2) are holding firm to No.3 seed, which puts the Dobbs/Hasting survivor in their path. After that, it's No.2 Briarcliff in the semis and the season on the line. Blue Devils would have signed in blood for that chance when the campaign began.

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Carmel 1B Nick Montagna takes put-out as Mahopac's Joe Lacoparra crosses late in Rams' 12-4 extra-inning loss to Indians.

so hopefully it prepares us for sectionals when they begin."

BREWSTER (11-4-1) is clinging to the No.5 seed after knocking off Somers, 6-4, behind the stick of Bobby McBride (2 for 4, 2 doubles, 2 RBI, run), Jack Gusler (2 for 3, RBI), Thomas Mark (2 for 4, double, run) and Joe Girard (2 for 4, 2 RBI) all supported winning P Austin Beal (6 IP, 1 R, 6 Hits, 2 BB, 5 K's). Brewster backed that up with an 8-3 win over Panas behind a seven-inning gem from Mark, who did not allow an earned run. Paul Catalano led the Bears' attack, going 3-4 with a HR and four RBI. The surging Bears began the week with a 5-1 win over Horace Greeley behind McBride's sick game. The

UConn-bound righty worked six diligent frames, allowing just two hits while sending 14 Quakers down K-way. Girard (3-4, homer, two 2Bs, 2 RBI) and Keith Rusinko (2-2 RBI) did the damage at the plate.

PANAS (8-10) dropped to the current No.15 seed, which puts them in the precarious position of having to win an outbracket game if they can't reach the No.12 seed.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC swept **CARMEL** last week, which is always a big deal. The Indians (10-7) are sitting at the No.9 seed right now and could drop like a stone with state-ranked (No.7) RCK on the docket twice this week. Mahopac took home a 12-4 extra-inning win Friday against the youthful Rams (4-

13-1), who are in full rebuild mode as the possible No.16 seed, which would draw a likely outbracket path toward an opening round game with RCK.

Mahopac busted the 4-4 game open in the eighth when SS Matt Weiner singled home two runs and Joe Lacoparra (4 RBI) blasted a three-run dinger to support reliever Matt Luongo. The crafty lefty dropped deuce after deuce on the Rams and worked his way out of an inherited bases-loaded jam without allowing a run. He finished the game with four innings and one run off four hits. Chris Walpole was a thorn in Carmel's side, going 3 for 6 with two RBI and two runs. Mike

Musantry made a diving grab in center and added two RBI, two hits and a run for the Indians. C Chris Stepkoski added two RBI and a run for Mahopac. Nick Montagna had three hits and three RBI to lead the Rams, who Mahopac Coach Myckie Lugbauer was impressed with.

"They have some pretty solid young talent over there," he said. "It should be interesting the next couple of years."

Mahopac went on to rock Panas, 6-1, on Saturday behind the five-hit effort of Weiner, who went the route for the win. Walpole doled out a pair of hits and two RBI. Lacoparra added three hits, an RBI and a run.

OSSINING chalked up its biggest win in recent memory in a 7-5 triumph over Fox Lane last Wednesday when P Peter Bossinas had three hits and three RBI for the Pride (15-5), who are having their best season in many years under Coach Scott Deiso, looking like a potential No.5 seed. The Boss Man fired six innings and earned the win. Mark DeAngelis added three hits and Matt Minihi hit a home run.

The Pride also took home the 2nd annual Bill Casey Cup in a 6-5 win over **CROTON** in the bottom of the ninth on a walk of single by Tej Verma. AJ Manicchio was game's MVP. The Tigers (7-10) have fallen out of the top-10 in Class B.

CLASS B

Apparently, there's a sectional title contender that no one is talking about. Everyone who's anyone knows about state-ranked (No.1) Class A Lakeland as a much-ballyhooed title challenger, but about a mile over the Westchester border sits Class B **PUTNAM VALLEY**, winners

of 11 in a row after senior TJ Brescia's 2-1 no-hitter over visiting Blind Brook last Wednesday on senior night in the Valley and two more wins over Haldane and Ardsley.

Brescia, and classmate John Millicker, are making the most of their senior seasons, leading the under-the-radar Tigers to a 13-4 record and the current No.1 seed as the playoffs approach. There's also a League III-E title up for grabs in the days ahead with North Salem on tap (5/14-5/16).

After a 1-3 start, Coach Joe Natalie's Tigers are suddenly in the Class B title conversation for the first time in a few years after Tiger 1B Matt Carravone stroked the game-winning single with one out in the bottom of the seventh to plate Bobby Kroboth with the winning run over Blind Brook.

The Tigers ended the week with a huge 12-2 win over Ardsley when they broke the game open in the first inning behind a three-run triple by C John Listwan, who is starting to mash.

Putnam Valley tacked on four runs in the third inning when Franky Curran, Ryan Singer, Alex O'Brien and Matt Carlsen all drove home a run.

O'Brien, who has been a steady No.3 this season, earned the win, surrendering just two runs on five hits over five innings, striking out four.

Against Haldane, senior P Matt Carlsen fired a tidy three-hitter with eight K's in a 14-0 win. He also went 3 for 3 with a double, an RBI and three runs while SS Franky Curran led the offense, going 4 for 4 with a double and four RBI.

