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Probe Called Over Swan Cove Purchase

By Neal Rentz

At the conclusion of a heated public comment period at the May 1 Carmel town board meeting, Supervisor Kenny Schmitt called for a state investigation into a land purchase made by the town last year.

The dispute over the town's purchase of Swan Cove in downtown Mahopac has been a topic of debate in recent weeks as Mahopac resident Robert Buckley and Councilman Michael Barile have verbally jostled over the town's purchase of the land. Near the end of the contentious public comment period, Schmitt said, "I will send a letter and I'll request an inquiry into the purchase of the Swan Cove property" with Barile agreeing with Schmitt and expressing confidence that the purchase was above board.

Schmitt said he would send a letter to the New York State Attorney General's Office and New York State Comptroller's Office

requesting an inquiry into the purchase. The comptroller is already conducting an audit into the town, according to a comptroller's office spokeswoman.

Several March Iohud articles scrutinized Barile's actions over Swan Cove, a lakeside property in the town purchased last year for \$1 million in hopes of turning the parcel into a park and providing more parking for patrons. Barile pushed hard for the deal, but according to Iohud, did not disclose to other town board members that the property owner at the time, Frank Cotaj, did not have certain permits if he wanted to build on the land. By not having those permits, the price tag for the parcel could've been less than what the town paid, Iohud reported.

During his lengthy speech at a recent town board meeting in March, Barile didn't hold back bashing Buckley, who is

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Mahopac resident Robert Buckley (left) and Councilman Michael Barile battled yet again last week during a town board meeting in Carmel. During the meeting, the town board agreed to call on New York State to investigate the purchase of Swan Cove in downtown Mahopac.

Brewster Business Turns 50



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Marking its 50th year in business, Schech's Pool, Spa, and Patio had every reason to celebrate the occasion last weekend with owner Barbara Schech Freer, longtime employees, family, friends, members of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce and Mahopac Chamber of Commerce and County Executive MaryEllen Odell on hand. Schech's is the oldest pool store in Putnam with a unique expertise in pool and patio needs. The Brewster-based business was opened in 1969 by Schech Freer's father, Herb.

Filing Error Could Cost Mahopac Schools Millions

By David Propper

A filing error dating back eight years could result in the Mahopac Central School District losing millions of dollars in New York State aid if special legislation isn't passed to remedy the impending penalties.

A cost report filing for a capital project due during the 2011-12 school year was never submitted to the state, which could now result in the school system losing about \$4 million overall. The district completed several capital projects that year, but errors from a past administration have now led to trouble for the school community that includes some students that weren't even alive when the oversight occurred.

Assistant superintendent for business affairs Harvey Sotland said he noticed last July there was a form regarding eight small, energy efficient projects that totaled \$11 million that was never submitted to the state from 2012. The form is basically a recap of what was spent, he noted.

Because the deadline was missed, the state could withhold money it was going to give the district and force Mahopac to repay money it already received, too. The district would need to pay back \$3.1 million, likely over multiple years,

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and would lose out on \$2.7 million it is supposed to receive.

"Somebody said to me it's like getting the death penalty for jaywalking," Sotland said. "And it's true."

Local state lawmakers are working to push through legislation that would waive the penalties the district faces. NYS Sen. Peter Harckham introduced the legislation, which is currently in the finance committee, that would provide relief to the Mahopac school system.

"There's no reason to penalize a school district, its students and taxpayers so severely with a state aid take back for filing errors made by a former administration,"

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Dem Looks to Knock off Longest Tenured County Lawmaker

By David Propper

One county legislative race in Putnam will be contested this year as a Democrat has stepped forward to take on the longest tenured member of the lawmaking body.

Democrat and Carmel resident Rebecca Swan will face off with incumbent Republican Carl Albano for the District 5 legislative seat this November as two other legislators -- Paul Jonke, of District 7, and Neal Sullivan, of District 9, -- get free passes this year. Currently, only one Democrat sits on the county Legislature.

Swan, who has been active with the Carmel Democratic Committee for more than a decade, said she doesn't think one political party having a monopoly of power is good for government. Seeing how that's the case in Putnam with the GOP mostly in charge, Swan was motivated to get involved.

"That's not healthy," Swan said. "I really want to support competition. It really is one of the geniuses of the Founding Fathers. There has to be a balance."

Starting to attend legislative meetings, Swan said as she learns more about how the county conducts its business, she'll delve into issues and convey how she would improve the lawmaking body.

But she did say she believes there is a "tremendous amount of waste" in county government. Looking at the budget and the money allocated, Swan said how



Democratic challenger Rebecca Swan

contracts are awarded to vendors and other partnerships need to be dissected more carefully.

One idea she would like pursue is broadening the tax base in a smart way by thinking outside the box. Swan, who has her own organic garden, said there is potential for environmentally sound tourism with two train lines that come up from New York City.

"With the proper planning, we could develop a real eco-tourism business,"



Incumbent Republican Carl Albano

Swan said, adding "I really love this county and it has so much to offer."

Albano has been on the legislature for almost nine years and when he runs this year, if successfully, he would be term limited out of office after four terms. He said he's running because there is "a lot of unfinished business" with the physical services committee that he has chaired for several years now. Seen as one of the most consequential committees on the legislature, Albano said the committee

is still working on Tilly Foster Farm and other county properties.

"We did a lot of work over the last few years bringing things up to where they should be, I'd like to see all that primarily get complete during my years," Albano said. "We're at the end stages with a lot of these project and I just want to follow them through."

Albano said because of the money and planning poured into Tilly Foster and Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, the two properties have become "income producing" and desirable for residents to visit. He said he's been part of an effort to upgrade senior centers, including in Philipstown (which was controversial) and now in Carmel.

The county also has less debt than when he arrived on the legislature, Albano said. "Since I've been here we've put so much stuff in place," Albano said.

When asked about Swan's comments about one political party rule hampering government, Albano said there is a good group of lawmakers currently working well that has yielded positive results.

"Things are working quite well. Now we can say it's because it's all Republican, but I'd also say it's because you have a good group of people," Albano said. "Just to say change for change's sake, I don't think that really cuts it."

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active in local GOP politics and was the former recreation committee chairman, and Mahopac resident David McKay Wilson, who is the reporter that wrote the articles about Swan Cove and Barile for Iohud. The battle between Buckley and Barile continued at last week's meeting.

Buckley said he was not going to respond to the comments made about him by Barile at the March 27 meeting. Buckley said last year his interest in Swan Cove had to do with the town board doing its due diligence before buying the land. The Iohud articles stimulated his interest further, Buckley said.

"Mr. Barile, when you sold Swan Cove to the Cotajs, was it fully approved?" Buckley asked.

"In my mind, it was," Barile replied.

Barile then said under advisement from legal counsel, he was not to speak with Buckley or McKay Wilson, who attended last week's meeting as well. Barile added he was willing to put his comments in writing, though Buckley argued it was unprecedented that a town board member refused to answer questions from the public.

"The answer to the public is we've been conned by Mr. Barile," Buckley said. He passed out a packet of information with the title "Swan Cove never had

Full Approvals" to the town board, town attorney Greg Folchetti and members of the media at the meeting.

Buckley said Swan Cove never had an approval document. Barile and his partners came to the planning board in January 2009 for a 10-unit, 20-bedroom development that would be built on Swan Cove.

On Nov. 28, 2012 Barile received approval for his project from the planning board contingent upon receiving state Department of Transportation permits for water and sewer for the development and sewer approvals from the Putnam County Health Department, Buckley said.

Barile and his partners sold Swan Cove to Cotaj for \$725,000, Buckley said.

On Oct. 3, 2017 Gina Cotaj sent an email to the planning board seeking an extension, Buckley said. Ms. Cotaj stated in her email that her project had DOT permits, but not water permits. On Oct. 11, 2017 the planning board approved a one-year extension for the project and on Oct. 19 she told the town's Environmental Conservation Board that she was waiting for a DOT water permit, Buckley said.

On Nov. 1, 2017 Barile, who was running for office at the time but not on the board yet, made "a passionate speech" urging the town board to seek to purchase Swan Cove, which he said had

all approvals that would allow for the development to proceed, Buckley said. Barile's statement that the project had all the necessary improvements "was an outright lie," Buckley said, adding the project does not have approvals from the DOT and Board of Health.

Buckley asked town board members if they believed all the approvals had been provided to allow the development of Swan Cove when they voted to purchase the land. Councilwoman Suzi McDonough said the town board was advised by its legal counsel to not comment on the land purchase with council members Jonathan Schneider and John Lupinacci remaining mum on the topic as well.

"This is ridiculous," Buckley replied.

"Their job is not to answer questions, they can choose to if they want to," Folchetti said, confirming he advised them not to.

The Board of Health had 24 questions for the partners who owned Swan Cove, but they did not reply, Buckley said.

The town paid \$275,000 more for the Swan Cove property than Mr. Cotaj did, Buckley said.

At a recent town board meeting Barile said he should have been at that meeting to discuss the property, but he was on vacation at the time, Buckley said.

"Your imagination and your

ignorance and your lackey here with the camera (David McKay Wilson)... are unconscionable," Barile replied. "I would never dignify a person like you with a response."

"Any developer worth his salt knows exactly what happened and you're just a rabble-rouser," Barile told Buckley. He also publicly encouraged Cotaj to attend a future meeting to defend himself.

"You conned the people of this town Mike," Buckley shot back.

"If you so sure that this was 100 percent above board you call for a state comptroller's investigation, a state attorney general's investigation," Buckley told Barile. "I think we should have an investigation on everything," Barile replied, adding he would call for an investigation of Swan Cove.

At times, the meeting spiraled nearly out of control when one of Barile's daughters and business partners, Nicole Barile Stern, started screaming at McKay Wilson to stop filming into the audience that included her. Barile Stern shouted, "you're harassing women" at McKay Wilson with Barile criticizing the reporter as well.

"This is probably one of the worse experiences that I've had," an exasperated Schmitt said. "I don't like the tone this meeting took."

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Curzio up for Re-election in Crowded Carmel BOE Race

By David Propper

With most school districts in Putnam County having competitive school board races later this month, none will be as crowded and possibly as hotly contested as in the Carmel school system.

Five candidates, including two incumbents, are vying for three seats on the seven-person board that has seen a tumultuous couple of years with multiple capital bond votes leading to discord between within the board and greater school community. Adding to the drama, John Curzio, who the rest of the school board tried to remove a couple of years ago, is one of the candidates running. The other candidates include incumbent John Cody, who is running on a team with former board member Eric Mittelstadt and newcomer Matt Vanacoro, and newcomer Tim Murphy.

Current board member James Reese is not running again.

Believing that most of his school board colleagues don't want him winning a second term, Curzio, in an interview, called himself the "underdog" in the race. Regardless, Curzio said he thinks he kept his campaign promises by fighting against tax increases and high spending.

"I'm happy to have the record I have on the school board," Curzio, who was the youngest elected official in New York State when he won in 2016, said.

During his tenure on the board, Curzio has frustrated other board members with his disagreements over the bond votes and the school budgets that have led to public bickering and prolonged meetings of arguing. Checks and balances are imperative, Curzio said.

The contentious nature between Curzio and other board members peaked in 2017 when the board held a removal hearing against Curzio because they accused him of misconduct for speaking out against an \$85 million bond package. Curzio maintained it was his 1st Amendment right to convey his thoughts at board meetings and out in the public. A hearing officer ruled Curzio violated education law, but he was not removed.



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School board member John Curzio is running for a second term in office.

While Curzio stands out for his dissenting views compared to the rest of the board, he said he votes with his colleagues on different issues 90 percent of the time.

"I'm sure they definitely don't want to see me on the board for another three years," Curzio said.

But the candidates running against Curzio claim they aren't focused on him.

Cody, the other board member running, when asked about how much the race would be about Curzio, he via email, "There are five individuals running for three open slots on a school board of seven."

He said he's running again to continue to put students first, which has been the guiding principle for him the past two terms.

Mittelstadt served on the board for two terms before he lost in 2016 to three other candidates that included Curzio. Since then, Mittelstadt has continued to attend board meetings and at times butted heads with Curzio. He said he was "drafted into" going forward with another campaign.

"I really don't think I finished what I started," he said. "I want to leave on my terms."

Mittelstadt said he calls out Curzio when he believes he is embellishing the truth, but the two aren't enemies and despite butting heads with Curzio, Mittelstadt said he has no ill will toward



From left to right: school board trustee John Cody, former board member Eric Mittelstadt and first time candidate Matt Vanacoro are running as a team for the Carmel school board.

him and would work with him if they were both elected.

Vanacoro, who was active in pushing for the most recent bond package vote to go through (which it did), said he wants to help the board convey information clearer. Advocacy at the state level is also critical, Vanacoro said, stating he would like to see the community get more involved.

When asked about the job Curzio has done, Vanacoro said he believes Curzio had valid ideas going into his term, but that he hasn't executed them. He agrees with Curzio that strong financial oversight is needed, but Vanacoro said Curzio

doesn't have enough experience to achieve those efficiencies.

"I'm not big on promising things that are not in your control," Vanacoro said.

Murphy said he finds what is occurring in the school system interesting and according to a candidate statement he made on the school's website, wants to help students have the best possible tools to maximize their education. When asked

about the current board's performance, Murphy said he wasn't going to convey an opinion because he has only started going to meetings and wants to observe more. He also said he had nothing bad to say about Curzio.

"He has an opinion, just like you, just like I do," Murphy, who is not running with a team, said. "You have seven people on the board, they're all going to have different opinions and they're going to butt heads."

Besides in Carmel, there are also contested school board elections in the Mahopac, Putnam Valley and Haldane school systems.

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No Primary Election for Putnam Voters This Year

By David Propper

For the first time in 42 years, Putnam County voters won't have to worry about going to the polls for a primary election.

This year will mark the first time since 1977 there won't be a federal, state, or local primary contest prior to the general election, though the county Board of Elections still needs to prep for early voting that will take place in October for the first time in New York State this election cycle.

With one countywide seat, three county legislative seats and a bevy of town board positions up for grabs, all a candidate

needed to do this year to represent their political party was clinch the endorsement of that designating committee to appear on the general election ballot. The last time there wasn't an inter-party battle in Putnam, a gallon of gas costs 62 cents, a first class stamp was 13 cents and the average cost to purchase a house was about \$49,000.

Both election commissioners at the Board of Elections welcomed the news of not having a primary election that would've cost thousands of dollars.

GOP commissioner Tony Scannapieco, who is also the county GOP committee

chair, said every year there are "bulls---artists" that talk about challenging a candidate that has the political committee's support, but they don't realize how much work it is to get on the ballot.

"All of sudden it comes time to do it and they disappear," Scannapieco said. "It takes a lot to do this. People think 'I'm going to run,' well go ahead see what it takes. Go ahead, knock yourself out."

Even though the time frame to collect signatures was moved up a few months due to state reforms, Scannapieco noted that instead of a candidate needing five percent of voters part of a registered party that encompass a particular elected office to sign a petition sheet to get on the ballot, this year only 3 and 1/2 percent was necessary.

Democratic commissioner Cathy Croft said the board of elections is excited to avoid the work that goes into holding a primary, but there is still plenty of time



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The Putnam County Board of Elections won't need to worry about holding a primary this year.

that needs to be spent in preparation for early voting and other election reforms enacted by the state Legislature this year.

Croft thinks pushing the state and local primary date up from September to June was one reason why fewer residents went out for public office. One resident contacted Croft after designating petitions were already due to ask about when petitioning season was starting this year.

"Sorry you just missed it," Croft told the resident.

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Trump at Center of Private Golf Course Tax Debate

By Abby Luby

At a rally right outside the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor on April 28, local residents protested unfair low assessments so private golf courses could pay decreased taxes.

About 45 residents from Ossining and Briarcliff and members of Indivisible Briarcliff-Ossining heard state and local officials explain two pending pieces of legislation that, if signed into law, would arm municipalities with the power to end inequitable assessment practices that favors private golf courses in Westchester and those throughout New York State.

"We are looking to pass legislation to protect property taxpayers and school districts," said Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) who is sponsoring the state Senate version of the bill, S.4420. "We want to make sure golf courses throughout Westchester and the state are paying their fair share of taxes. We are trying to close the loop hole that currently exists."

The legislation was originally introduced by Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) last year, but her bill (A.6444) was stalled in the Republican controlled legislature. This year, under Democratic control, Galef's bill was approved by her Assembly Property Tax committee March 19. It goes on to be reviewed by the Property Tax committee, the Codes Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Carlucci's bill was proposed in March and is currently in the Senate's Local Government Committee.

"We have a real big problem," Galef, who represents part of Putnam County, told protesters. "We have a multi-million-dollar problem. How do we go about solving it?"

Galef seeks to model the new law after New Jersey's current assessment policy. "Their law says golf courses can be assessed based on the highest and best use."

The legislation was re-energized when



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State lawmakers, including David Carlucci and Sandy Galef, attended a protest last month in front of a Trump property.

the Trump National Golf Club sought to slash their property taxes by 72 percent over four years. Currently the golf course owes the town of Ossining \$487,000. Trump National claimed the course was worth \$14 million while Trump's financial disclosure valued the course at \$50 million. The 40-acre course with its 75,000-square-foot clubhouse charges initiation fees of about \$50,000 and annual dues about \$20,000.

Similarly, the Apawamis Club in Rye and Harrison reduced its tax bill 50 percent in 2017. They received refunds of about \$900,000 for overpaying after their taxable value dropped from \$23 million to \$14 million. Apawamis membership initiation fee is around \$69,500.

The pending legislation, if enacted, is an "opt-in" law that would allow municipalities to assess different clubs and courses in their jurisdiction according to

how they are used. Galef said, "It would give communities the ability to have public hearings to determine a fair evaluation of a golf course and hear all sides, pros and cons. Then the town board would decide if they wanted to move forward and adopt the legislation. I think every community will do something different."

Along with Carlucci and Galef at the rally were Briarcliff Village Manager Philip Zegarelli, Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D/Tarrytown), Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D/Ossining).

Reportedly, opposition to the legislation have been golf course owners claiming the new law would put numerous courses out of business. Proponents include the New York State Club Association and national organizations like We Are Golf. Wary of the legislation is Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D/Scarsdale), and state Senator Shelly Mayer (D/Yonkers), along with state Senator James Gaughran (D/Long Island).

"We're not trying to put any one out of business," said Carlucci. "The current law uses the same calculations to assess municipal golf courses as it does more opulent, private golf courses, such as Trump National. The reality is this legislation gives towns and villages options to assess golf courses and country clubs at an equitable rate."

The rally had significant political overtones mostly expressed by Indivisible Briarcliff-Ossining. "I believe that private golf courses such as Trump National should pay taxes based on the real property value," said Margaret Cucchiarella of Indivisible. "They shouldn't pay on a value they arbitrarily decide on when it's time to pay taxes and then increase that value when you have to show your net worth."

Holding signs of support for the proposed legislation were Croton resident Cliff Weinstein and Ossining resident Chuck Bell. "It's important for private golf courses to pay their share and build up the tax base," said Weinstein.

Zegarelli downplayed the political nature of the proposed legislation. "From our prospective here in the village, this is a fairness and equity issue that has nothing to do with politics," Zegarelli said. "Our village has hired their own appraiser to separately reappraise both Sleepy Hollow and Trump National. And it looks like the New York State Conference of Mayors are looking at this issue more seriously."

"This problem started in the early 2000s," said Galef. "We didn't have these issues until our judges started looking at our municipal golf courses and private courses as the same. They certainly aren't the same. Sleepy Hollow has a restaurant, an equestrian center, a hotel — it's nothing like the municipal course Hudson Hills here in Ossining. You just can't compare the two. Our objective is to have fair and equitable treatment with all of our golf courses."

Galef urged people to write letters and reach out to their representatives. "I don't think we should stop shouting until private golf courses pay their fair share," she said.

Filing Error Could Cost Mahopac Schools Millions

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Harkham said in a statement.

Former superintendent Thomas Manko, who was in charge back when the filing error occurred, did not return an email seeking comment.

This year's budget was not affected and the capitol project referendum also on the ballot this May would receive all the possible state aid available, Sotland said.

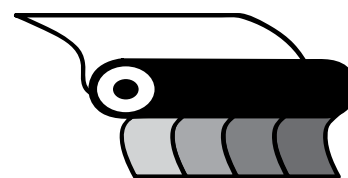
Current school chief Anthony DiCarlo said in a statement that if legislation isn't passed, multiple budgets would be affected going forward.

"We are hurting students, teachers,

programs and the community for an error in filing a state report from 8 years ago," he said.

Sotland said other districts have been in the same position before, with some of the bills passing in the state Legislature and others not. Sotland said he is preparing next year's budget under the assumption the district won't get relief. The result would be putting more of a burden of property owners, Sotland said.

"As much as we're hopeful and optimistic that legislation will go through, we have to take a worst case scenario in the event that it doesn't," Sotland said.



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A Whirlwind Start for Harckham as New Measures Abound in Albany

By Martin Wilbur

When Peter Harckham arrived in Albany in early January to take his 40th state Senate District seat for the first time as part of a new Democratic majority, he knew things would be different.

The Democrats had promised sweeping changes, including election reform, passing additional gun safety measures that extends background checks and enacting a safe storage and approving the Reproductive Health Act to codify a woman's right to an abortion as part of the state's health law rather than the criminal code.

For better or worse, changes began happening this session not at a glacial pace but at warp speed.

"We kind of threw that tradition on its ear this year and right out of the gate we started passing important legislation, things that have been bottled up," Harckham said. "We talked about in the campaign, the first three months it was going to be the red flag bill, the Reproductive Health Act and the Child Victims Act. That was done in the first two months."

In the ensuing weeks, there was a still wider assortment of approved legislation from prohibiting single-use plastic bags, to banning conversion therapy, passing the online sales tax and making the 2 percent tax cap permanent.



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State Sen. Peter Harckham speaks with supporters last year in Mount Kisco.

Harckham said he and his Democratic colleagues got the session off to a quick start with Election reform. Not only do the dates of potential primaries align with the federal election calendar but more people are now encouraged to vote by making absentee ballots as-of-right and by introducing early voting, so if someone is busy or sick on Election Day they don't miss out on the chance to vote.

It was no accident that election reform

was the first significant order of business that was tackled, he said.

"We wanted to send that message that in order to fix everything else, we had to fix our democracy," Harckham said.

While there was not enough time during the first three months of the session to change the education formula, the legislature included about another \$1 billion in state aid, Harckham said. The districts that saw the biggest bump were those that were at less than 50 percent of foundation aid, had growing enrollment and a large contingent of English Language Learners.

In the area, Ossining will be receiving an additional \$3 million in 2019-20, Peekskill will see a \$2.4 million increase and Brewster about \$1 million more, Harckham said.

For Bedford, which has the extremes of wealth in certain parts of the district and a large immigrant population in parts of the district, there was an additional \$400,000 made available. There was legislation that also allowed Bedford to have an insurance reserve even if they are self-insured and districts are now allowed to set up a pension reserve in case pension costs escalate beyond estimates.

Harckham said that he supported making the 2 percent tax cap permanent despite complaints.

"The complaints came from town board members and school board members, not from taxpayers," he said. "Taxpayers overwhelming support the tax cap because we have to have some predictability in people's lives, especially with the loss of SALT."

Restoration of the full Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding, Harckham said, was done, which for some municipalities represents up to 1 percent on the taxes, or about half the annual allowable cap space.

As chair of the Senate's Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committee, Harckham

pressed for and was successful in seeing an extension for inpatient or outpatient substance abuse treatment from 14 to 28 days before insurance companies can do a review.

One of the major issues of the session, the potential legalization of recreational marijuana, has not been resolved. Harckham said that there has been an avalanche of concerns from parents' groups, school officials and police involving a potential increase in risky behaviors, issues that must be resolved before he would support legalization.

Since there would be an entire new industry established, he said it will likely be about two years from the time any legislation might be approved until it goes into effect.

"First, you're setting up this new agency like the Bureau of Cannabis, or something like that, and then they have to select first the growers, then they have to select the distributors and then there's also the debate of who are the growers, who are the sellers," Harckham said. "You don't want them to be one and the same, you don't want to get big tobacco involved."

Harckham said the pending shutdown of Indian Point is weighing heavily in Cortlandt and Buchanan. There is currently about \$69 million in a cessation fund that the affected jurisdictions will be able to tap into to ease the burden once. He also supports a proposal from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, which includes the spent fuel rods in the assessment of the property because of the unlikelihood of economic redevelopment.

While it was no secret that Gov. Andrew Cuomo appealed to Harckham to run for the seat last year, the senator addressed questions about whether he exhibits independence from the executive branch.

"As a legislator, you need to support your conference and your leadership, Harckham explained. "When the governor went to meet with Senate leadership over Amazon, I stuck with my leadership and I stuck with my colleagues in the Senate because that's what good colleagues do for each other. We have centrist members of our conference and we have incredibly progressive members of our conference. I get along with all of them. I work well with everybody."

He said that some of his fellow new colleagues have tested the tried and true ways of Albany but their fresh perspectives have helped to get things done.

"I think it's good that some of the young, more progressive members of the Senate conference are pushing the envelope on how we do business and openness and democracy," Harckham said. "I think that's a good thing. It may ruffle some of the old-timers' feathers. That's what representative democracy is all about. Everybody brings their own skills and attitude. I just enjoy working with everybody."



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Business of the Week

By Rick Pezzullo

Getting in shape takes time, discipline and motivation, and Rob Tomasulo, owner of Level Up Fitness in Yorktown, has all the expertise and training methods to help his clients reach their goals and potential.

Tomasulo, 26, a resident of Somers, opened his strength and conditioning gym at 1893 Commerce Street (near the Yorktown Diner) about four months ago and is working around the clock, seven days a week, to spread the word about what he has to offer to make people of all ages look and feel better.

"This become your entire life," Tomasulo said recently about the hours and sacrifices required to be a small business owner. "A lot of times people come in here very vulnerable. It is very challenging at times. I want people to push their limits and it's my job to show them how. If you really work hard, you will level up."

Tomasulo played baseball and football in high school and was the starting catcher for four years at Lynchburg College, where he earned a degree in exercise physiology. He worked at many gyms and trained people in his garage for about five years before he was able to open his business.



Rob Tomasulo poses in his gym in Yorktown; (right) Tomasulo helps a client with exercises.



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS

"Finding my own place, that was my main focus. We found this place. It was perfect," he said. "This is a very athletic area. As a gym owner, you have to keep up with the times. It keeps you engaged. It's not a typical gym where I tell you to come in once a week and you'll get results. I provide a motivating, inspiring and a very comfortable environment. I just want to keep growing."

Tomasulo creates personalized training

programs based on a client's abilities or limitations and assists each member in meeting his or her specific level by educating them on how the body responds to exercise and physiological influences.

Level Up Fitness also offers group and team training and a variety of classes seven days a week. Those classes include Strength Fit, Body Sculpting and yoga. Tomasulo is planning on having TRX classes in the near future. He has created

a personalized app for the gym where clients can sign up for classes and get updates.

"I like to make a team setting, almost like a family setting," he said. "I always want to try and help all levels of fitness. I always want people to progress and get better."

Level Up Fitness is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit www.levelupfsc.com or call (914) 302-2325.

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Letter to the Editor

Curzio Fights for Fiscal Responsibility in Carmel Schools

I am a Carmel resident and have been a personal friend of John Curzio for the past 13 years. I know John to be an individual of high character and impeccable integrity in both his personal and professional life. I will proudly be casting my vote for John Curzio in his re-election bid to the Carmel School Board on May 21st. During his first term, John has done exactly what he said he would do when he first ran for his seat.

John Curzio has fought for fiscal

responsibility and won a huge victory for we the taxpayers by getting the Carmel School Board to agree to hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings that he proposed. John also kept his promise to fight against the misguided Common Core by introducing a resolution at a school board meeting to oppose it at the local level and urge our Albany legislators to overhaul the disastrous Common Core. Perhaps most importantly, though, is that John has always stood with the students

of the Carmel School District. John is a member of the school board's Education and Assessment Committee, where he has worked diligently to review current and proposed curriculum, district policies, and made sure that the Carmel Schools hold Constitution Day on an annual basis. This day is a great opportunity for our students to learn about this wonderful governing document!

Has John always agreed with the other school board members? No. And that's a

positive thing! It's a good thing to have debate, discussion, and differences of opinion. And it's good to have checks and balances in government, even at the local school district level. For these reasons, I will proudly be voting for John Curzio on May 21st and hope you do too.

Giovanni Santana
Carmel

Kids' Day Returning to Putnam Hospital Center

Kids' Day, a popular community celebration at Putnam Hospital Center, will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 670 Stoneleigh Avenue.

This will be the 13th Kids' Day on the hospital campus hosted by the Putnam Hospital Center Auxiliary.

"Kids' Day is a fun and festive way to take part in your community," said John Mahoney, manager of Volunteer Resources. "We look forward to bringing together organizations from all over Putnam County to celebrate children and families."

Join Dr. Bear for this fun-filled day that includes a host of interactive health and safety exhibits, along with kids' crafts, child identification program and a teddy bear clinic. Hospital departments will be on hand to provide information on nutrition, emergency care, physical therapy and more. There will be demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet use and heart monitoring, as well as fire truck and ambulance tours.

Families can also enjoy a variety of games, inflatable bouncy attractions, Touch-a-Truck, a visit from princesses and costumed characters and face painting. Raffles and kids' baskets created by hospital departments will also be awarded.

For more information on Kids' Day or to volunteer, please contact John Mahoney at 845-279-5711 ext. 4752 (TTY 1-800-421-1220) or jmahoney@health-quest.org.

If you would like to set up an informational booth or learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Priscilla Weaver, executive director of the Putnam Hospital Center Foundation, at 845-230-4763 (TTY 1-800-421-1220) or pweaver@health-quest.org.

Obituaries

James F. Grundman

James F. Grundman, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died suddenly on April 29, at the age of 79. He was born on August 24, 1939 in the Bronx. James was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and served four years active duty from 1956-60. On April 28, 1963 he married Isabella Mossa and they were blessed with three children. James was an electrical contractor and proprietor of Mahopac Electric. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. James is survived by his wife of 56 years, Isabella "Lisa", daughter Frances and her husband Daniel, daughter Maria and her husband Michael, son Jimmy and his wife Amanda, step-sister Cecile, and his grandchildren Morgan, Michael, Gianni, and James.

Anita M. Fahs

Anita M. Fahs, of Brewster, formerly of

Somers, died peacefully at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home on Monday April 29. She was 91 years old. Born on August 22, 1927 in the Bronx, the daughter of Rudolf and Gertrude (Goohs) Stein, Anita graduated from Jamaica High School. She married the love of her life Otto and together they raised four children and several foster children. Otto predeceased his wife in 1985. Together, Anita and Otto owned German delicatessens in the Long Island area; the final one being Otto's Deli in Wantagh. She loved birds, loved to crochet and especially loved tending her flowers - often exhibited at flower shows. She had a gregarious personality, had many friends, and was known as a grandmother to all. Anita is not only survived by her loving children; Karl Fahs, of Carmel, Lynn Miller of Somers, Dorothy Lucy of Clintondale, and Lora Fahs Kuritzky of LaGrangeville, but also by 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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PHC President Gives State of the Hospital Breakfast

Putnam Hospital Center President Peter Kelly met with Putnam residents, leaders and elected officials last month at the Putnam County Golf Course for his third annual State of the Hospital Breakfast.

More than 50 community members attended the event to hear updates from Kelly on Putnam Hospital Center and the changes and additions being made at the system level.

"As a major provider of healthcare and employment in Putnam County, it's important to keep all of the various agencies we work with and constituents we serve well informed about our continuing progress," Kelly said.

The presentation highlighted growing service lines, including the recent addition of three cardiologists from The Heart Center, a division of Hudson Valley Cardiovascular Practice, PC, an affiliate of Health Quest. Cardiologist Dr. Anthony Messina spoke about the variety of advanced cardiac services now available to patients at Putnam Hospital Center.

Kelly focused on three topics including the addition of a graduate education program that will see its first crop of medical residents begin on July 1. Putnam Hospital Center will join in this network-wide transformation with



the launch of the internal and family medicine residency programs this summer.

Kelly also spoke of the planned opening of the Marist Health Quest School of Medicine. This pioneering collaboration between Marist College and Health Quest will change the academic and healthcare landscape in the mid-Hudson Valley and will be among 152 MD-granting schools of

medicine in the nation. The medical school will be located on the Vassar Brothers Medical Center campus in Poughkeepsie and is set to open in 2022.

Kelly concluded the breakfast with a discussion on Health Quest and Western Connecticut Health Network combining to form a new system, Nuvance Health that will provide residents across New York's Hudson Valley and western Connecticut with



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From left, Dr. Anthony Messina and President Peter Kelly

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Few schools can call themselves home to over 200 domesticated farm animals and wildlife including 50 birds of prey, such as an Andean condor; Griffon vulture; numerous hawks, falcons, and owls; several crows; and permanently disabled bald and golden eagles. But the Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center is a pivotal component in the education and therapeutic treatment for the children who attend Green Chimneys School.

Through the school's unique nature-based approach, Green Chimneys students learn the true meaning of stewardship. Their participation in the care, and sometimes rehabilitation, of these animals helps them understand that animals can be needy and that they can play a role in nursing them back to health. It's an important lesson for children who have special needs of their own: that a service receiver can become a service provider.

Green Chimneys' animal program provides valuable education and interactive experiences not only for the students but for the larger community, as well. Part of this is the annual Birds of Prey Day, launched over 25 years ago as a fundraiser to build Green Chimneys' very first aviary. It has since grown into a full-day educational program and celebration

of birds of prey and the environment, hosting thousands of visitors.

On Sunday, June 2, Green Chimneys continues its famous tradition featuring more than 100 birds of prey on display with falconers from across New York and Connecticut. Visitors will have a chance to get "up close and personal" with majestic eagles, hawks, owls and falcons and learn from top wildlife and environmental experts.

This year Green Chimneys will welcome renowned Mongolian Eagle Hunter Lauren McGough. What began as a teenage fascination of golden eagles became a personal and professional passion. Lauren will share her experiences as a falconer, rehabber and anthropologist along with an impressive lineup of wildlife experts and environmentalists such as: Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom; Jonathan Wood The Raptor Project; Bill Robinson Wildlife Lectures; Brian Bradley Skyhunters in Flight; James Eyring Pace Environmental Center; Erik Callender Reptile Adventures and Nature Nick's Animal Adventures. Plus special guests Two By Two Zoo, and the New York State Falconry Association.

High points of the day include free-flying raptors, live animal demonstrations, and the release of a rehabilitated bird; a very



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Mongolian Eagle Hunter Lauren McGough

significant moment for Green Chimneys' staff and student rehabilitators, as well as the numerous wildlife professionals in attendance. Other animal highlights include introductions to exotic species under the main tent, the animal residents of the Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center and always, some four-footed (or no-footed) surprise guests! View details of the day at www.greenchimneys.org/preyday

Event Schedule

Doors open: 10 a.m.; Animal & Birds of Prey Demos: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Live Stage Show: 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Ceremonial Bird Release to close the event

Admission

Adults \$15, Kids \$5, Seniors \$5, Family Pass \$35, free for military with ID and scouts in uniform

Birds of Prey Day is one of Green Chimneys' largest fundraising events and welcomes approximately 3,000 people to its 200-acre Brewster campus each year. The 2019 celebration has been made possible through generous sponsorship from: Volz Auto; KWM Financial; Brewster Rotary; Guardian Veterinary Specialists; M&T Bank; Mitchell Energy; East Coast Capital; Utter Brothers Feed Supply; The News-Times/Hearst Media Services

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Green Chimneys is a multi-faceted nonprofit organization helping young people to maximize their full potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services, in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature. Founded in 1947 and headquartered on a farm and wildlife center in Brewster, NY, Green Chimneys is recognized as a worldwide leader in animal-assisted therapy and educational activities for children with special needs. Services include an accredited special education school on two campuses, residential treatment center, animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs, public education and recreation programs, and community based support for underserved youth and families. Green Chimneys is a past recipient of the ASPCA's prestigious Henry Bergh Award honoring commitment to the care and well-being of animals. www.greenchimneys.org



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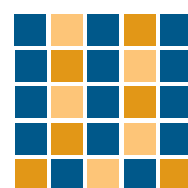


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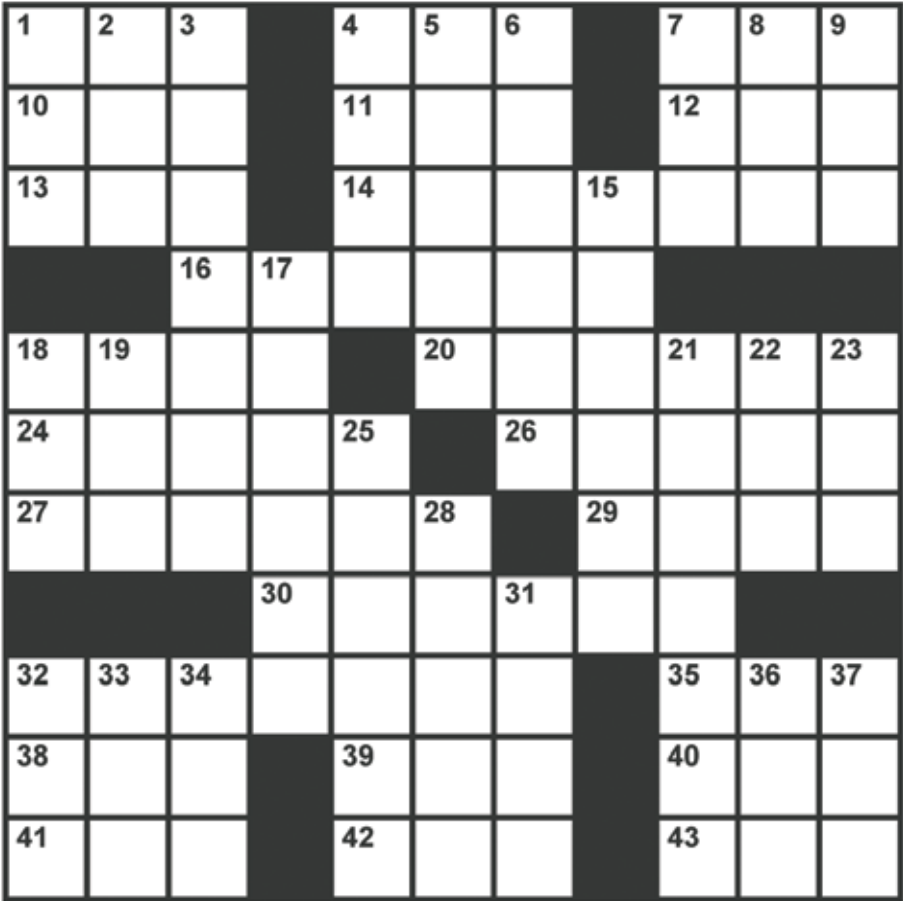
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 21

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1. Spanish for “Leah” or Brewster Honda dealership

4. Submissions to eds.

7. Prefix with natal or nuptial

10. One-striper, abbr.

11. Ending meaning “resident”

12. Seafood selection

13. Animal with curved horns

14. Belonging to former Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi, or Thornwood Italian restaurant

16. Cores

18. Bricklayers’ equipment

20. Implant

24. Heavenly spots

26. Desert bloomer

27. As part of this document

29. It’s south of Georgia

30. Pioneer transports

32. Grant

35. Questionable marketing compa-nies

38. “This __ test”

39. Born

40. Popular baby girl name

41. Garfield

42. Elder

43. Goose egg\
3. Into pieces

4. Assorted, briefly

5. Fence step

6. Breakout movie role for J.Lo

7. Canadian province with red sand, abbr.

8. Popular ‘20s auto

9. Golfer dubbed “the Big Easy”

15. Airline first name

17. ____ and World Report

18. Laugh sound

19. Keats’ forte

21. Crew member

22. Eggs, in a lab

23. Hamilton’s note

25. Ink spots, e.g.

28. Mount ____, Utah peak

31. Hearing in open court

32. Command to a guard dog

33. Canadian neighbor

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36. Roman 56

37. Prefix before ware or adjusted

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1. Table support
2. Room offerer



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Lakeview Elementary PE Teacher Wins National Teacher of the Year

Donn Tobin was named National Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award by SHAPE America — Society of Health and Physical Educators. Tobin's selection is the highest honor a physical education teacher can receive in the country. He was also named the 2019 District Teacher of the Year in Elementary Physical Education in the Eastern District earlier this year which geographically includes Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virgin Islands.

"To be the recipient of the national Teacher of the Year Award SHAPE America is a distinguished honor. It is an acknowledgement of his commitment to professional excellence and to his students. Donn and his family should be exceptionally proud of his accomplishment," said Colleen Corsi, executive director, New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (NYSAPERD).

Although not confirmed, due to archive information not being available past 2004, it is believed that Tobin is the first elementary teacher in New York to win the national teacher of the year award.



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National Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Donn Tobin.

"I am humbled and truly honored by this recognition. It is an absolute privilege to teach the children in the Mahopac community. Our students are eager to learn and I cherish getting to watch them grow. It's wonderful to be part of a place which parents and caregivers truly support our students' education and livelihood," Tobin said.



Since his youth, teaching and working with children have been a big part of Tobin's life. When he was young, he was involved in martial arts where he learned the notion of breaking down skill instruction into simple steps; this is something that he still uses with his students today. As a teen, he worked as a counselor with children at summers sports camps.

Tobin's father was the true motivator for encouraging him to become a teacher which resulted in a bachelor's degree from State University of New York College at Cortland in Physical Education

with a concentration in elementary education. Tobin earned his master's degree in school administration also at Mercy College.

"My philosophy to teaching is to keep instruction as simple and as positive as possible so I can help create a lifelong commitment to health and fitness with my students," says Tobin. His favorite part of teaching is seeing students grow and improve, especially when they reach the "aha" moment of skill mastery.

"Mr. Tobin's dedication to inspiring students, nurturing their natural abilities, and encouraging them to lead an active and healthy lifestyle makes it no surprise for us that he was awarded this prestigious national honor," said Jennifer Pontillo, Lakeview Elementary School principal.

"We are so proud of Mr. Tobin and his recognition as national teacher of the year is duly deserved. He serves as a positive role model for all students and is an inspiration for us all to be healthy, fit and active for a lifetime," said Anthony DiCarlo, superintendent of schools.



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CHS's FIRST Robotics Team Qualifies for World Championship

The Carmel High School FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team #5943, the Bad News Gears went to the Worldwide FIRST Championship in Detroit, Michigan at the end of last month. This is the first time the team competed in the international competition. Registration fees (\$5,000) for the event are paid for by NASA.

The Bad News Gears qualified for the 2019 FIRST Championship after receiving the prestigious "Engineering Inspiration Award," earlier this year at the Tech Valley Regional 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition, hosted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. This award recognizes the team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers both within their school and their community.

The award criteria included the extent and inventiveness of the team's efforts to recruit students to engineering, the extent and effectiveness of the team's community outreach efforts, and the measurable success, passion, knowledge and commitment of those efforts. The Carmel team was recognized for developing and implementing a six-week program for elementary students, and for assisting two neighboring high schools in launching their teams--The Putnam Valley Schockbots and the Brewster Cybearbots. In addition the team worked



Bad News Gears members include: Richard Abele, Antonio Artigas, Adrianna Beers, Ryan Calhoun, Madeline Donohue, Christopher Figura, Josie Garrity, Zack Ginesin, Callum Halliday, Seth Kowitz, Salvatore Lagana, Alejandrina Marte, Kaitlyn Musial, Kate O'Sullivan, Tyler O'Toole, Hailey Sango, Sergio Vaccaro, Matthew Wilcha, Steven Carlson (Alumni), Don Saldicco (Advisor) Jenn Saldicco (Co-Advisor)

with e-Nable, a program that uses modern 3D technology to print prosthetic hands for children with disabilities.

For 30 years, FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) has been the world's leading international youth organization with the expressed goal to develop ways to inspire students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Its philosophy is expressed by the organization as coopertition and gracious professionalism. FIRST has evolved into a global movement, engaging millions of people and is a proven game-changer in preparing kids to solve the world's greatest problems. FIRST programs inspire innovation and leadership through engaging, hands-on robotics challenges developed to ignite curiosity and passion

on me was the growth of my team. I have seen this before, but not to this degree. The energy and sheer determination displayed by the students was palpable. I'm so proud of their achievement!"

Board of Education trustee Tara DeTurris who works in the technology field and has lent a hand to the team said, "I am impressed with the commitment these students have to engineering and each other. Having had the chance to work with this team I am so proud of how much they have grown individually and as a team."

Team members also speak highly of their FIRST team experience. "FIRST robotics is an opportunity to bring people of all different backgrounds to a new world to bond over something they all have in common," said Josie Garrity, a Junior at Carmel High School, and 3rd year team member.

Carmel's Bad News Gears was founded by FIRST coaches Don and Jenn Saldicco in 2015 with just eight team members. Since that time the team has tripled in size, with girls comprising over half the membership. From the beginning, the team's mission has been to engage, impact, and inspire everyone they come in contact with; whether that is with their own team members, people in their community, or the students in their school. The team's impact is clearly evident: 95% of team

alumni come back to serve as team mentors and 100% have chosen STEAM-based fields of study in college.

The team has been consistently rewarded for their efforts. In their first year, they received the Rookie Inspiration Award at the 2016 NY Tech Valley Regional competition. This year, in addition to the Engineering Inspiration Award, the team received the "Gracious Professionalism Award" at the Hudson Valley Regional competition at Rockland Community college.

CHS principal Lou Riolo summed it up this way: "What the team and advisors have achieved in their community outreach to surrounding districts is simply inspiring. The corporate and community support for our team, which is led by Jenn & Don Saldicco is nothing short of amazing."

Bad News Gears strategically recruits STEM-based companies as sponsors. Sponsors not only provide funds but also experience and mentorship, creating a symbiotic relationship. Many sponsors offer internship and employment opportunities for students upon graduation. Among these alliances are GlobalFoundries, Haefely Hipotronics, Insite Engineering, Fryer Machine Systems, and many others.



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Left to right: Kaitlyn Musial, Don Saldicco, Matt Wilcha

in students in grades K-12.

For this year's challenge, "Destination: Deep Space," (presented by the Boeing Company), the Bad News Gears built a robot that had to traverse a planet with unpredictable terrain and weather patterns to collect as many cargo pods as possible, all within two minutes.

Working on this year's project for competitions has been especially rewarding for the team. "Aside from the tremendous hands-on learning and real-life STEM skills implementation, students learned more about collaboration and workplace professionalism on this year's project than they did the entire school year," says Don Saldicco, a Carmel High School technology teacher and the team advisor. "What made the biggest impact

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Brewster's Cybearbots Bring Home Two Awards from Competition

Students huddled in front of Rebecca Greenfeld's desk, diligently buffing a plaque from the FIRST Robotics Competition.

"Is that a scratch?" one student asked. His teammate stepped closer to inspect the spot and used a puff of breath and a rub from his t-shirt to restore some shine to the award. The pride they felt for the awards on the table in front of them was apparent in their smiles and in the care they took to maintain their pristine appearance.

Brewster High School's robotics team, the Cybearbots, was the first Brewster team ever to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition. After seven months of preparation and six weeks of working to get their robot built, they competed against 45 other teams in the region. Ranking 12th out of 46 teams, the Cybearbots competed in the playoffs as Captain of Alliance 8 before they were eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Collaborating and using their critical thinking skills to the very end, the perseverant team brought home two awards: the Highest Rookie Seed award, which celebrates a rookie team's outstanding success in qualifying matches in their first competition, and the Rookie Inspiration Award, which celebrates a rookie team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers, both within their school, as well as in their community.

"They really came together as a team



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and they were so excited," said Greenfeld, the club's advisor. "It was nice to see them have this opportunity. They got to meet people from other countries. They got to exchange ideas. They got to really do something applicable with math and science and engineering. They were immersed in it."

Still, it wasn't easy. It takes money and a lot of people to have a successful robotics team. As Greenfeld explained, the team is made up of different crews. There is a crew for publicity, for video, for build, and design. There is a pit crew and a drive crew.

"They all have a place. They all have a role," Greenfeld said. "You can take all

of these different people and pull them together to be one, which is the nice part."

Now that the team has competed in its first competition, they have a much better idea of what to expect in the future. They're already looking ahead to compete in the off-season, which begins after spring break.

"The whole idea is, this is our robot. It only did one thing. Let's keep the kids going," Greenfeld said. "They can still work on this bot, drive the bot, program the bot. And they can still follow that design process. This club isn't a typical

club. It just doesn't stop."

The team is excited to keep working and competing and getting better. Next up: raising the funds required to do that.

The Cybearbots use every single one of the district's Strategic Coherence Plan skills. It's a team that does so much more than compete in individual matches. They have built their club from the ground up and have been forced to persevere, adapt, and collaborate every step of the way.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte was there to see the team in action.

"I am so proud that the Brewster High School Cybearbots, with the help of Mrs. Rebecca Greenfeld and the mentorship of Mr. and Mrs. Brillon, Mr. Gallo and Ms. Frey, are the first team from the District to enter the FIRST Robotics Competition," Henning-Piedmonte said. "It was joyous to see our students applying the 21st-century skills that have been our focus for three years. This competition was an example of authentic project-based learning where team members were able to adapt, persevere, quickly identify and solve problems collaboratively and work together in their 'robotics community' to achieve a common goal. As a rookie team, they raised the bar for others. They will certainly inspire other students in the district to join next year's team or to come to the competition to cheer on the team."



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13th Annual Food Operator's Seminar Draws Record Crowd

A record crowd of nearly 200 attendees—chefs, caterers, owners, food establishment operators and other food industry representatives—were in attendance for the Thirteenth Annual Food Operator's Seminar and Expo on April 23. For the first time, the event featured an expo with food industry vendors, displaying their products and services. The jam-packed event offered a "one-stop" opportunity for food operators to learn about the latest dining trends, enhance their business skills, and improve their bottom line. At the same time they were able to visit with vendors, see products first-hand and learn about the latest services available to make their facilities run as smoothly as possible.

"This event surpassed all expectations," said Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD, the Commissioner of Health. "We work year round with all our food operators, with this event we advanced those efforts to a higher level. Public health is about building community partnerships—it is fundamental to the way an accredited health department operates. As our public health sanitarian Shawn Rogan who oversees the PCDOH's food industry program has said many times, 'When our restaurants succeed, we all benefit,' and I certainly agree."

Shawn Rogan, who together with event coordinator Jane Meunier, oversees the



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County Executive MaryEllen Odell, is joined by Putnam County's current Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD, and former commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, who currently serves as health commissioner in Westchester County.

Food Operators Seminar and Expo, thanked his colleagues for their ongoing success in changing Putnam's food-licensing culture from one historically viewed as regulatory, to a more supportive relationship in which the goal is improving quality and problem solving. "We have more in common with food operators than you might think. We are both service-based operations," said Mr. Rogan. "This event helps us strengthen our working relationships and it is our residents who ultimately benefit."

Vendors were not the only newcomers to the event. Public health professionals from health departments in the surrounding counties of Westchester, Orange and Dutchess County also attended. They were interested to see how the event was planned and to study how they might coordinate a similar event in their own county.

The event also offers an opportunity for the health department to recognize food establishments for lifetime achievement, distinguished performance and operational success in the past year. Health Inspectors Commendation Awards went to George Seitz at the Arch Restaurant and another to David Humphreys of Wandering Dave's Fork in the Road, both in Brewster in the Town of Southeast.

The 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award went to Joseph Iebba, from Nicola's Italian Restaurant in Philipstown. The department's highest and most stringent honor, the Commissioner's Gold Award for operational excellence was presented to James and Patricia Turco who own and operate the Ice Cream Studio in Lake Carmel, Town of Kent.

Commissioner's Gold Awards also were awarded to Patrick Rodia from the Carmel Central School District and Cathy Ashe from the Brewster Central School District. These awards recognized nine specific schools. Food service director at Mahopac High School Rob Campisi, from Aramark, won for the first time. The remaining eight were repeat winners: Matthew Paterson School, ten times; John F. Kennedy Elementary



Mahopac residents Kieren Farquhar, center, and Terri Ferri, right, joined Carmel resident Susan Moore, as volunteers to help with event registration. The women are part of the Putnam County Medical Reserve Corps, or "MRC," as it is known, which supports the county not only during emergency situations, but also at planned, large-scale events year round.

School, eight times; Kent Primary School, seven times; and George Fischer Middle School, 6 times. Carmel High School and Kent Elementary School both won for the fifth time. Brewster High School brought home the gold for the fourth time and Henry H. Wells Middle School won gold for the third time.

Complete Award Listings

Commissioner's Gold Awards
Carmel High School, Patrick Rodia
Brewster High School, Cathy Ashe
George Fischer Middle School, Patrick Rodia
Henry H. Wells Middle School, Cathy Ashe
John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Cathy Ashe
Kent Elementary School, Patrick Rodia
Kent Primary School, Patrick Rodia
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Exploring How the Living Room Has Evolved Over Time

After having written 538 columns, I sometimes think I have exhausted every topic about homes to be explored.

I was feeling that way this week when, just the morning of my writing this, I received a very gratifying call from Jeanne Earle, who tells me that she reads The Home Guru every week. The second purpose of her call was to suggest a topic she had not seen addressed: the evolution of the living room. Thank you, Jeanne!

Before researching the subject, I sat back and considered my personal experience with the living room. I'm old enough to have been born before the introduction of the "family room" to American home house plans, when "living" was very much assigned to the living room. Outside of eating, all other family activities were in the living room prior to the advent of television. (Yes, I'm that old!)

I remember the layout of my parents' house which they had bought at about the time I was born. It was a stone and brick attached home, or "row" home, in a middle-class West Philadelphia



By Bill Primavera

neighborhood. There was no foyer. You entered the house directly into the living room, facing a staircase going to the second floor. I remember that staircase well. With no carpeting, I was able to descend it by bouncing on my fanny from the top to the bottom. How I loved that adventure.

The upholstered furniture – a large couch and two arm chairs – was covered with a very itchy indestructible fabric, blue for the sofa and green for one armchair and red for the other. As an attached house, the living room flowed directly into the dining room, with an arch as the divider.

My mental picture of that living room features my entire family – mother, father, older sister and brother and me – all gathered listening to the radio. My parents entertained family and friends in that space, but it was also where my siblings and I played games and did our homework. The room was well worn.

But today, and for many years, my living room has been a "pass by" room, reserved only for entertaining.

I was surprised to learn that the term

living room was not used extensively until the early 20th century. It was used commonly shortly after World War I, prior to which – get this – it was called the "death room." It so happened that after the end of the war, the influenza epidemic spread across the globe and millions of people died. With so many deaths, the deceased were kept in the front room of the house for mourning before being taken away for the funeral.

With improving health conditions, the name change was widely attributed to an influential article that appeared in the Ladies' Home Journal, suggesting that the room be renamed. Since it was used for various activities and was now more a lively place than a mourning room, the article suggested it be called the "living room."

In my own family, I have certain memories of the death room and living room, some pleasant, others not. My Aunt Helen, who lived to be nearly 100, told me that, upon his death, her father (my grandfather) was laid out in the living room for an extended period of time because, she said, the ground at the cemetery was frozen solid. She told me that the family would gather in the living room during this period to pay respects on a daily basis. At one of these gatherings, my grandfather's chest

suddenly deflated with an alarming sound, and everyone in the room screamed.

Upon the death of my father when I was a teenager, my mother decided to have an old-fashioned wake in our living room rather than at a funeral home. The coffin was placed where our sofa would normally be. I would never recommend this because of the memories it would later evoke. My mother, who must have had an odd sense of how to motivate people, would sometimes tell me to get up from lounging around on the sofa because "that's where Dad was laid out."

In the past I've written about how the more formal living room in today's house plans are shrinking in size in deference to larger family rooms where the family "living" activities are more likely to take place. In tomorrow's home, designed to be ever more efficient with space and energy, the living room may likely disappear entirely.

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The Interaction of Man and Nature in the Production of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

A few years ago, I visited a small, highly regarded winery in northern California. I enjoyed superb wines, excellently crafted by the owner/winemaker.

During the course of my interview, I asked the logical question of the confident and somewhat egotistical owner: "What do you attribute the success of your wines to?"

His answer surprised me: "Mother Nature. She accounts for 90 percent of the success of my wines."

I thought about his humble statement and began to reflect on the evolution of the vineyard and the intricate and interdependent processes it goes through. Which has more influence on the final product: the seemingly randomness of nature or the measured, scientific approach of a winemaker? Is it the finesse and artistry of the individual winemakers or the design of Mother Nature that consistently produce great wines?

There are numerous steps in the production of wine. I have chosen a select few to evaluate the impact of man (a term I proffer as a species, not a gender) and nature (also a genderless term). In man's eternal interdependency with nature,

varying influences result in variable results. Who exerts the greater influence and achieves the greater impact: man or nature?

Step 1: Which grape variety to plant? Man's influence: grape varieties have varying requirements in order to flourish. Pinot Noir is very fickle; Cabernet Sauvignon much less so. Nature's influence: match the variety and the surroundings and nature will cooperate; disregarding a grape variety's genetic needs is a recipe for failure. The greater influence: nature.

Step 2: Which vines to plant – those evolved in nature or those hybridized? Man: beginning with maxim number one above, man continuously strives to improve his chance of success, seeking to overcome the inconsistencies of nature. Nature: begin with strong genetics but tolerate a bit of tweaking. The greater influence: very close. Man has been able to overcome nature's order of self-selection, but within narrow parameters. Here I give the nod to man.

Step 3: Where to plant? I believe this is the overwhelming criteria for a successful end product. The concept of terroir (a term in and of itself a concession to nature) reigns supreme: the soil, microclimate, sun exposure and elevation

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

will most determine the success or failure of a wine – and a winemaker. Man: understand and manipulate nature and success is within reach. Nature: cooperate or perish. The greater influence: nature.

Step 4: Human intervention in the vineyards or natural selection? Man: introduce manufactured fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to enhance (short-term) yield. Nature: survival of the fittest will result in the greatest expression (and sustainability) of a grape variety and resulting wine. The greater influence: nature.

Step 5: The influence of weather. Grapes are an agricultural product; grape growers are farmers, subject to nature's whims. Nature has exclusive domain over rain, the amount and duration of sun and late season frost. However, man, through scientific advances, is able to cope with nature's dominance and thereby achieve previously unattainable yields and quality in the face of natural disasters and calamities. The greater influence: nature, by her randomness and omnipotence.

Step 6: Harvest. The end of the debate – or not? Once grapes are in the shelter of the winery, man has exclusive domain. Or does he?

A critical aspect of winemaking is fermentation: the sustained intervention of yeast with crushed grapes to break down natural sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide. Man: by influencing this process (introduce nuanced strains of yeast, control the duration), a personalized wine may be created. Nature: without the ideal temperature and environment, fermentation will stall or cease. The greater influence: a tie. Nature provides the basics, but man is able to influence the process.

Nature clearly has the upper hand. Man's ability to cope with the vicissitudes of nature determines his success. Without a winemaker's individual influence, there is a commonality among wines, but without nature's nurturing, often erratic, behavior there is no baseline wine for man to craft. I now understand the central coast winemaker's mantra.

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May 18, 2019
9 am-12pm



Fahnestock Park, Canopus Beach Parking Lot, Route 301, Kent, NY

Items Accepted: Consumer commodity packaged household products only, inclusive of: Photo chemicals, non-latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, flammable liquids, metal polish, drain/oven cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaners, wood preservatives, turpentine, stains, varnishes, strippers, thinners, mothballs, rodent poisons, flea powders & collars, bug spray, nail polish remover, hair dyes, hair sprays, gasoline/oil mixtures, brake fluid, antifreeze, auto fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, oil-based paints, mercury containing products, button cell batteries (from watches and hearing aids), lithium & sealed lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, smoke detectors, propane tanks up to 20-pound size.

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Pre-Registration Required. Call (845) 808-1390 x 43150. If you would like to register by email, please send your 3 preferred times (every 15 minutes beginning at 9 a.m.) along with your town of residence to PutnamHealth@putnamcountyny.gov. You will be sent a confirmation with a time. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 2 business days, please call the above number.

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We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

Tuesday, May 7

Reed Library is A TED salon! Watch a TED talk at the Reed Library and join the conversation. 7 p.m. sharp. Topic: Unleash Your Natural Creativity. Refreshments served, please call Reed Library to Register: 845-225-2439

Cooking For Vets: Learn some new recipes and techniques in a fun and relaxed setting and get to know other Vets in the area. or Tuesday, May 21 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Camp Herrlich. The events are free, but you must RSVP to Scott Riches at 845 878-6662, ext. 306 or sriches@campherrlich.org by May 1st for either date. Offered by the Carmel Rotary Club and Camp Herrlich.

Adult Dance Party at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac Pre registration for Saturday, June 8 Event: 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, located at 411 Route 6N (at Secor Rd.,) Mahopac, \$20 Per Person Includes: Group Latin Dance Lesson with Frank Elia, Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Bring your own cold beverage. Limit of 40 people. Advance reservations and prepayment required. Please email your name and phone number to firstpresbyterianchurchmahopac@gmail.com.

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Wednesday, May 8

Movie Matinee: Green Book: 1 p.m. This month's Movie Matinee at the Patterson Library is "Green Book," this year's Academy Award winner for Best Picture. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, May 9

Painting up Loose Ends at Reed Library through May 30, 10 a.m. - Noon. Finish up a project. Registration required, please call the library to register, 845-225-2439

Friday, May 10

Our Lady of the Lakes Council # 6318 of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a painting party. Promptly at 7 p.m. Please sign up by 5/3: www.acvinylsdesigns.com. Proceeds to local charities.

Saturday, May 11

Camp Herrlich hosts dedication of

the Herrlich Education and Retreat Center: 2 p.m. 101 Deacon Smith Hill Road Patterson 845-878-6662 www.campherrlich.org facebook.com/campherrlich

4.2 Mile Run/Walk: Memorial Field (Putnam Lake) Interlaken Road, Patterson. Registration Fees: Pre-registration Fee: \$20 (Guaranteed T-shirt until 5/4/19) Registration Day of Race Fee: \$25.00 (does not include T-shirt) Kids' Fun Run Sign-Ups are on May 11 only. Race Packets will be available at 7:30 a.m. on Race Day. Visit: EDRRC.org or call 845-232-0374

First Presbyterian Church, located at 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac **"Spring Fling" Mothers' Day Plant & Bake Sale:** 9 a.m., - 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Plants offered for sale include Flowering Plants: Annuals, Perennials, Hanging Baskets, Geranium Patio Pots, Vegetables & much more! Please call 845-628-2365 or email presby411@verizon.net for more information.

Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary: Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. 5 p.m., -7 p.m. at the Carmel Fire House Adults \$12 children 4-12 \$6. Diner to go for the Same Price

The Patterson Recreation Center Community Tag Sale: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a rain or shine event held in our air-conditioned facility. We are located at 65 Front Street Patterson, New York. Spaces going fast. \$25.00 for a space. Register on line at www.pattersonrec.org. Or call 845-878-7200.

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Tuesday, May 14

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 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

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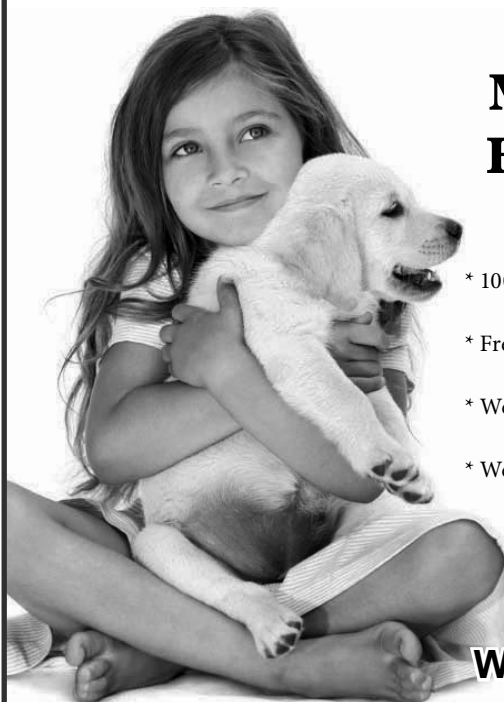
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be 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.**

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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.**

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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 Kelbourne Ave, Sleepy Hollow, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORK SESSION AGENDA MAY 8, 2019 6 PM
1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Vote on Special Use Permit for Cell Tower 3. Informational Hearing on possible regulations of transient rentals (Airbnbs) 4. Discussion regarding addition of decibel level to Noise Ordinance. 5. Discussion on accepting donated land. Will the Town continue to do so, or will we cease this practice? 6. Dr. Fran Wills: presentation about School Vote on May 21, 2019. 7. Designation of our town camp as parklands. Vote to be held on May 15th. 8. Recreational vehicle discussion. Do we wish to change 165-27J

or not? 9. Discussion: removing prohibition on war games such as paintball, soft shell. 10. Update: County's request for False Alarm Penalty Fee. 11. Appoint Sam Oliverio as Town Board liaison to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee. 12. Amend Resolution # R19-133 regarding temporary maintenance staff. 13. Authorize the Facilities Department to excess equipment from the Assessor's office. 14. Appoint Alexis Acevedo as the Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor for the 2019 season. 15. Appoint Marianne Forlano as a Beach Monitor for the Lake Peekskill District for the 2019 season. 16. Appoint Joseph Aviles as a temporary, seasonal laborer for the Lookout Manor District. 17. Audit of monthly bills.

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Mahopac Milks Rams, 14-2

Mahopac junior A Hunter 'Trip' Trippodo (22) celebrates his assist off a late insurance goal from fellow junior M Andrew Dazi (1G,1A), as does high-flying junior M Tommy Elliot (9), in the Indians' 14-2 league victory over visiting rival Carmel on senior night last Friday when the Indians improved to 7-7 overall and the Rams dropped to 5-7... see Boys Lax Notebook

Sports

Girls' LAX Notebook

Five-Year Veteran Kness Leading Charge at Lakeland/Panas

By Tony Pinciario

Prior to the start of the 2019 season, Lakeland senior Emily Kness had a conversation with LAKELAND/PANAS girls' lacrosse Coach Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie regarding the offense.

"Coach pulled me aside and told me she wanted me to lead the attack," said Kness, who will attend Colgate University in September and play field hockey. "In past year, one person would take charge. I knew I had to do that."

Kness, a five-year varsity player, has done everything DiSisto-Leslie asked for as she leads a young team in goals, 52, and points, 64.

"Emily is such a smart athlete," said DiSisto-Leslie. "She sees the field well and is one of the most coachable athletes I've ever encountered. Emily listens and responds to criticism very well for a high school athlete, which makes her even more impressive. I knew that she would be capable of taking her game to the next level in her final season with the Rebels."

A high-scoring midfielder for Lakeland's Section 1-winning field hockey team, Kness had five goals and four assists in a 17-7 thumping of Arlington. She followed it up with another five-goal game in a 12-6 win over Wappingers.

Once Kness knew she would be called on to become more assertive offensively, she refined her shot.

"I focused on finishing my shots," said Kness, who received the Con-Ed scholar-athlete award in April. "Every time I would go to goal, I wanted to take advantage of every opportunity I got by putting a hard shot on goal."

Kness immediately became the focal point of the opponents' defense so she



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac's Katie McDonough (R) leads the high-flying Indians with 30 goals this season.

made them regret it. Kness began using their overzealousness to set up teammates for excellent scoring opportunities. She has also kept defenses guessing by switching up her shots.

"My teammates have stepped up and become a lot more confident by going to the goal and doing things on their own," Kness said.

This is an example of Kness' leadership and team-first approach.

"The focus of this season, offensively, is not forcing the ball, but instead making conscious, smart decisions with the ball," DiSisto-Leslie said. "Emily has taken this advice and really utilized it to make her game that much stronger this year. She has worked hard to find opportunities not only for herself this season, but has found ways to make her teammates successful as well."

Kness is enjoying her final year of lacrosse because she gets to play with friends from Panas. The team has also enjoyed living through the pregnancy of DiSisto-Leslie and now becoming honorary big sisters.

"It's been really exciting because we were counting down the days when she was going to have the baby," Kness said. "I'm just looking forward to playing with these girls a few more weeks. We're capable of having a good run in the playoffs if we continue to work really hard."

MAHOPAC ran its winning streak to seven consecutive games with victories over Briarcliff (13-7), Arlington (11-8) and Putnam Valley (14-4). Mahopac is now 10-4 this season, a potential No.2 seed in Class A.

The Indians and Briarcliff were even at 5-5 at halftime before scoring eight goals

in the second half.

Zina McNerney broke a 5-5 tie, then Colleen MacNeil and Sophia DeFrancesco made the score 8-5.

DeFrancesco finished with a game-high four goals, Gigi Genovese added three and Christina Lopreato and MacNeil each had two goals. Lopreato also finished with 11 ground-ball retrievals.

Katie McDonough has a team-leading 30 goals, followed by DeFrancesco with 27 and MacNeil has 21.

"Briarcliff came in and played extremely strong to start this game," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "The girls worked hard and made some incredible adjustments to go from being down 4-2 to outscoring Briarcliff 11-3 over the last 29 minutes of the game. The second half was one of the best halves we have played all season. We feel like we are in a great place heading into the final week of the regular season."

DeFrancesco rang up four goals against Arlington, McDonough had a hat trick and MacNeil added two goals. MacNeil went 11 of 15 on draw controls.

"Arlington always comes with a strong challenge," Lieto said. "We are excited to have beaten another top-notch team in our league to take a firm grip on first place."

Samantha Faeth led Mahopac with three goals against Putnam Valley. Avery Przymyski and McDonough each had two goals and two assists and Lindsay Neilis and Ava

Jennings contributed two goals apiece.

"Things are really starting to click both offensively and defensively and we are excited with the way we are finishing the season off," Lieto said. "We look to continue to improve over our final four games of the season."

HEN HUD had a busy week, winning three of four games, improving to 11-3 this season.

The Sailors defeated Nanuet (19-8), Rye (14-7) and New Rochelle (16-1). The loss came in overtime, 12-11, to John Jay-Cross River.

"We were down, 8-4, at halftime, but came back to tie it at the end of regulation, but John Jay made a big defensive stop," Hen Hud coach Rob Molfetta said. "The girls are really starting to play at a high level and having confidence that we can compete against the best teams in the section."

BREWSTER went 1-1 last week, opening with a 16-10 triumph of Somers before an 11-9 loss to Rye.

The victory came on Senior Night at Brewster.

"I couldn't be prouder of our five seniors -- Meagan Beal, Maggie DePaoli, Haile Ratajack, Jane Scinta and Marina Souza," Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. "They have made a major impact on our program and have represented Brewster with respect and class. I've been lucky to coach them for 10 years and wish them the best in their future endeavors."

Souza took center stage on senior night with six goals and four assists. Ratajack chipped in five goals, DePaoli added one goal and two assists and Beal netted two goals. Danielle Regan rang up four assists and had a goal.

Emma Kittredge led SOMERS with four goals and Ella Kittredge added three goals.

In the Rye game, Ratajack scored four goals, DePaoli and Beal had two goals apiece and Souza added one goal and four assists.



Lakeland-Panas Emily Kness, battling here with Yorktown's Kelsey McDonnell, has provided the Rebels with scoring punch.



Hen Hud sophomore Kira Varada and the Sailors believe they can compete with anyone in Class C this season.

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Baseball Notebook

Lakeland is Cream of Crop at Prestigious RCK Tourney

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In what shook out as one of the deepest field of competitors in Section 1 this season – teeming with section and state title contenders -- **LAKELAND** High emerged as the team to beat after taking home top honors in last Saturday's Ricky Lombardo Memorial Roy C. Ketcham Tournament.

The field featured a who's who of Section 1 baseball clubs, including unbeaten Class AA host Ketcham (No.14 in NYS) and defending Section 1-AA

time," said Casey, "I told them to enjoy this tournament win because they did a great job, but it's time to get back to work."

The Boston College-bound Vetrano has been doing work all season, spitting out some eye-popping numbers at the plate and on the mound; the kind of numbers that will draw the attention of MLB scouts. The thing about Vetrano, though, is that his level of focus and determination is ridiculous.

"We're going to take every game one at a time and just focus on winning that individual game," Vetrano said. "This weekend was huge for us. RCK and Rye

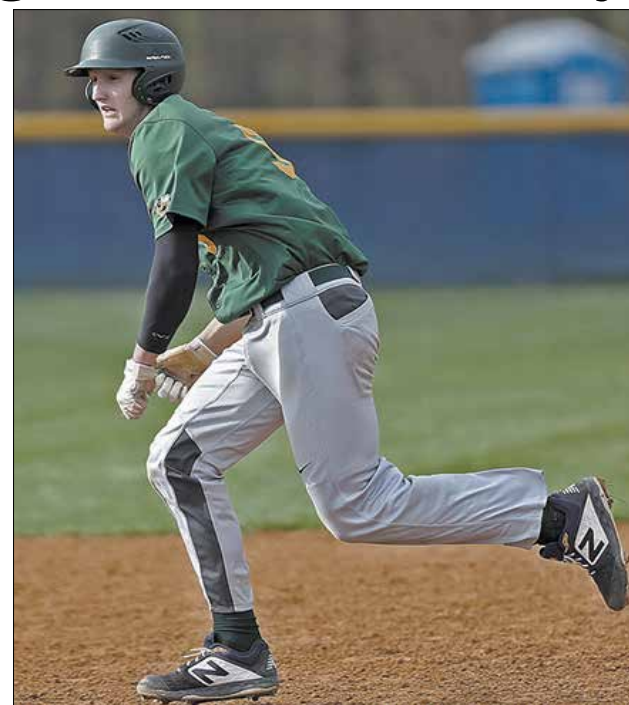
winners of eight straight.

State-ranked Suffern, along with North Rockland, poses as legitimate threats on the other side of the river, and Mamaroneck has long been a thorn in Mahopac's side, so a Final 4 berth will be anything and everything but easy.

Mahopac beat one of the big boys from Dutchess, earning an impressive 2-1 league win behind RHP Casey Tewey's tidy four-hit effort, in which he whiffed five Admirals. Matt Weiner (2 for 3) supplied the pop with an RBI and a run scored.

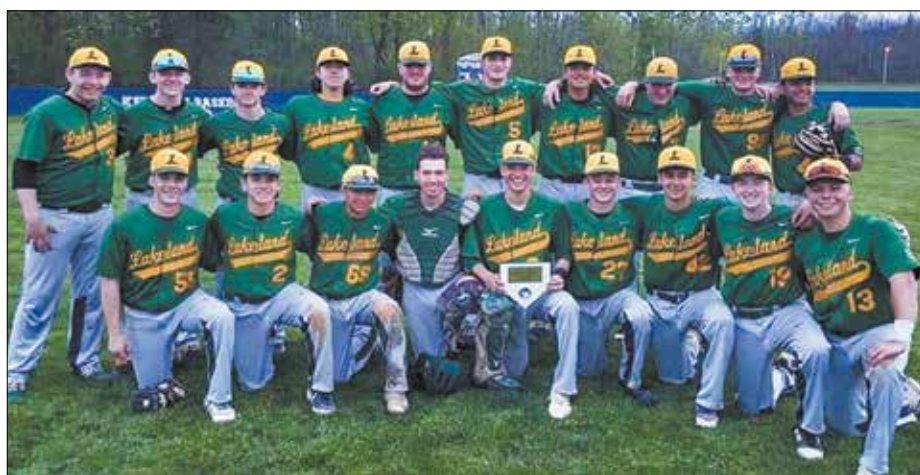
OSSINING managed a 6-1 win over White Plains when Nick Constantino went 2 for 3 with two RBI in support of ace Peter Bossinas, who earned the win for the Pride (12-4). Bossinas did not allow an earned run while scattering four hits and struck out five for the complete-game victory. Ossining also defeated Saunders, 12-0 in the opening round of it Christian Federico Memorial Tournament. Kyle Monaghan pitched four innings of shutout ball, giving up only four hits and striking out six for the win. Ossining's attack was led by Nick Constantino (2 for 3, double, 2 RBI), Matt Minihan (2 for 2, 3 RBI) and Mark DeAngelis (1 for 3, 2 RBI). Byram Hills, who won the other game, will play Ossining in the championship game (TBA).

Ossining also won the Brian Bergen Memorial Tournament at Saunders High School. By taking out Riverside, 12-5, before a 6-1 over Bronxville. Against



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Lakeland P Joey Vetrano and the Hornets have the potential to do some serious damage this season.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Lakeland Hornets display the hardware after winning the prestigious RCK Tournament in thrilling fashion.

champion Clarkstown South, which opened up the tourney Friday afternoon during an RCK win. Saturday matched up the state's two top-ranked Class A teams -- No.1 Lakeland and No.2 Rye, which the Hornets took by an 8-5 count, setting up the title tilt between two of the premier programs in the section.

Lakeland (12-1) then toppled RCK (14-1), 4-3, for the championship when reliever Zach Cohen secured the save for starter Evan Berta. Reliever Kevin Burke also pitched some key innings in the win. Lakeland snapped a 2-2 tie in the sixth when senior SS Leo Cummings doubled to drive in Andrew Croce for a 3-2 lead. Cohen followed with a double to plate Cummings for 4-2 lead. Trailing 2-1 in the sixth, Lakeland junior lefty Joe Vetrano hushed the RCK faithful with a game-tying solo gong. Jace DeJulio's sac fly to left in the fifth got Lakeland on the board, trailing 2-1, at the time.

After reaching the state finals last year, there is a sense of unfinished business at Lakeland, where the bar was set in with a NYS Final 4 trek in 2010 then re-upped in 2018, but Manager Bill Casey is quick to remind his veteran – but still-youthful – club that on any given day in baseball....

"That's what makes baseball such a great game, and, trust me, I remind them all the

are both phenomenal programs and to beat them was a huge confidence boost for us. Everyone contributed to both wins and Burke and Cohen stepped up big against RCK when Evan left the game."

Berta left the game because he was forced to after taking a line drive off his pitching hand. The worst (a possible fracture) was feared at first, but Casey seem relieved on Sunday when x-rays did not reveal extensive harm. Lakeland will ease the underrated Berta back in to the rotation.

Vetrano pitched 3-2/3rds shutout innings on the hill and then clouted a double and a three run dinger at the plate as Hornets defeated Panas, 6-0, with reliever Berta slamming the door shut over the final 3-1/3rd. The junior lefties combined on a four-hit shutout at the spanking new Granite Knolls Recreation Complex...

CLASS AA

On this side of the Hudson River, state-ranked (No.14) RCK is beginning to emerge as the team to beat and **MAHOPAC**, which split a home-and-home set with mighty Arlington, will get a look at the Kings of Dutchess County on May 14-16 to close out the regular season. Though they were beaten pretty soundly by RCK, don't discount John Jay EF,

Riverside, Dan Galef drove in three runs, two of them on a two run single. Joe Bossinas went 1 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Nick Constantino went 2 for 4 with two RBI. Nick Cascione went 2 for 3 with three runs scored and an RBI. Matt Minihan started and got the win.

Against Bronxville, Peter Bossinas went the distance, striking out nine, giving up seven hits and only one run and was named MVP of the tournament. His brother, Joe, had his back, going 3 for 3 with 2 RBI.

CLASS A

SOMERS worked a 2-0 win over Mahopac when Liam Kaseta fired six innings of two-hit ball for the Tuskers (6-6). Kaseta fanned 11 Indians and Anthony O'Donnell earned the save with

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Hen Hud players gather round longtime former Sailor pitching Coach Ed Lent upon the dedication of the programs new bullpen last week.

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Boys' LAX Notebook

Yorktown Retains Murph Cup; Hen Hud Honors Figueroa

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The jacked-up LAKELAND/PANAS sideline turned it up another notch when middle Sean Laukaitis scored an early third-quarter goal to cut the Rebels' deficit to just two goals against crosstown rival YORKTOWN, but the revelry was quick to die down when the host Cornhuskers scored four unanswered goals and seven of the next eight en route to an 11-4 Murphy Cup victory; Yorktown's 27th in 30 tries.

Tim O'Callaghan (3G, 1A) and Alex DeBenedictis each notched a hat trick for the state-ranked (No.3) Huskers (8-4 overall, 6-0 in Section 1) while Matt Makar (2G) paced the Rebels. Reese Andrews, DeBenedictis, Blake Borges and O'Callaghan each scored a goal during the pivotal third-quarter run that turned a close one into yet another Murphy Cup blowout. Lakeland/Panas (4-9) struggled to solve



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

L-P's Alex Davoli looks to advance on Yorktown D Chris Perrino, who had a monster Murphy Cup game in Huskers' 11-4 win over Rebels last Friday.

a stout Yorktown defense led by G Dan O'Meara, sophomore All-American-in-waiting Keith Boyer and GB-hawking LSM Chris Perrino, who wrought havoc all night long. Keegan Doller anchored the midfield with solid, two-way play, but the key to the game was Yorktown M Brendan Williams, who essentially owned the X, despite a nagging hammy. The UMass-bound Williams won 11 of 16 faceoffs against Dartmouth-bound T.J. Bryan, as two of the premier

faceoff men in the section went head to head.

"Our team knows what Williams means to us," Yorktown Coach Sean Carney said. "The kid is tough as nails, the ultimate competitor. He's the vocal leader of our squad. Alex is a sniper. The kid has a heavy shot. He has his usual night and three or four more go in tonight. Blake Borges continues to work in and get better, he's a tough sophomore, tough to stop at midfield. O'Meara and Boyer have been stellar all year; most consistent kids we have had all season..."



L-P's Alex Davoli (4) looks upon a stout Yorktown defense, featuring long pole Naim Sinajaj and G Dan O'Meara in Rebels' 11-4 Murphy Cup loss to Huskers.



Mercy lax Coach Joe Corace is greeted by girls' lax team after winning ECC men's title last Saturday.



Mahopac's John Dundon and G Mike Argila share light moment with Carmel's Ryan Taormina during Indians' 14-2 win over Rams Friday.



Carmel sophomore M Ryan McDonald takes a run at Mahopac D Ian Hamilton in Rams' 11-4 loss to Indians Friday night.



Yorktown senior A Shane Dahlke cranks in Huskers' 11-4 Murphy Cup win over Lakeland-Panas Friday.

While the Murphy Cup was the big story last week due to its historic nature, perhaps the saddest yet sweetest story of the season is emerging out of Hendrick Hudson High where the boys' and girls' teams are playing at superb levels while honoring a fellow classmate, Alex Figueroa #TeamFigueroa. The entire student body, teachers, administrators and the whole Hen Hud family has rallied in support of the amiable Figueroa, who was recently diagnosed with metastatic Ewing's Sarcoma. The cancer has metastasized to her lungs and Alex, a freshman student athlete with top honors and a smile that never quits, will begin aggressive chemotherapy and radiation immediately. Meanwhile, the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams have dedicated their magnificent seasons to a classmate the community adores #PrayersUp. A GoFundMe page for Figueroa has been set up at www.gofundme.com/alex039s-army...

Hen Hud also honored won of
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Sports

Murphy Cup Game Will Always be Max for Me



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You can say that a one-sided rivalry isn't much of a rivalry, especially when one owns a decided 27-3 edge, like the one Yorktown holds over Lakeland/Panas in the annual Murphy Cup game between the two lax superpowers. You

can say that times change and rivalries come and

go these days on account of the whimsical nature of society. You can say that John Jay CR has become a bigger post-season rival of Yorktown's due to the fact that both reside in Class B and the two regularly compete for the Section 1 title (seven of the last eight years). But you can't tell me that the Murphy Cup game between 40-time Section 1 champion Yorktown and 10-time Section 1 champion Lakeland (Lakeland/Panas) isn't the #Biggest (I didn't say #BEST) regular-season rivalry in all of Section 1 lacrosse.

There was some chatter on Twitter this past week about the old rivalry having lost some of its flair, what with L/P not

having sniffed the recently-restored cup since 2010; but somebody forgets to tell the members of the two finest programs in Section 1 history every year. There's 50 Section 1 titles between the two, including three of the last six Class A crowns at Lakeland/Panas and seven of the last eight Class B titles to Yorktown, so while the Rebels can't challenge Yorktown for supremacy these days, their still putting out a legit product.

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And whether the game's a blowout, as last Friday's 30th rendition was in an 11-4 Cornhusker win at Charlie Murphy Field over the neighboring Rebels was, or it's a thrilling nail-biter, the

game is still played in honor of the man who essentially introduced generations of players to the game. Mr. Murph was the gentleman who planted the seeds and grew the game in Yorktown, handing former legendary Husker Coach Jim Turnbull a check for \$500 back in 1965 to purchase uniforms and sticks the upstart Huskers would need. Hell, if Murphy doesn't fork over that half-a-grand, and that seed never sews, Section 1 lacrosse could very well be; well, Section 9 lacrosse! What the heck would we do in

this neck of the woods each and every spring if that were so? That might be the best \$500 ever spent when you factor in all the college scholarships fashioned from Murphy's benevolence and the number of Yorktown dogpiles.

And that is why we may never see another rivalry like this one, because like it or not tradition lives on, and no game in Section 1 lax history has had more tradition since Yorktown All-American Roy Colsey and Lakeland A-A Ric Beardsley took it to another level in the wee '90s; one we haven't seen since, nor may ever see again.

For Lakeland/Panas, winning the Murphy Cup is simply a matter of deprivation, basically denying Yorktown a chance to bask in the glory. For seven-time NYS champion Yorktown, it's everything the Huskers base their program on, so losing isn't an option, according to Yorktown Coach Sean Carney, the former Lakeland All-American.



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Cornhusker coaches, comprising one of the finest staffs in the land, pose with the fabled Murphy Cup, which Yorktown was won 27 of the last 30 years over rival Lakeland/Panas.

"Mr. Murph would have been proud of them because losing was not an option," Carney said. "Everyone played tonight. That is considered a great Murph Cup if all can get in to the game."

It wasn't always like that. There was a time in the early-to-mid-90s (and then again in 1997 & 2010) when the gap between the two juggernauts was razor thin, though Yorktown has essentially owned Lakeland/Panas (and everyone else in Section 1) since Murphy plunked that cash, and 2019 was no different...so play on now, gents. There's titles to be had.

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their own with a victory on Palmisano Senior Night, defeating Putnam Valley, 11-8, while honoring Figueroa with pre-game t-shirts. Bryce Caffrey had three goal and two assists for the Sailors while Ryan Pritchard added three goals and one assist while Max "Pop" Popolizio set up five goals. Rowan Caffrey made 19 saves for Hen Hud, but Kyle Wassil and Joey Vandeverdonk each touched him up for two goals and two assists apiece for the Tigers...

Mercy College men's lax Associate Head Coach and longtime Mahopac legend Joe Corace is one of the finest coaches Section 1 has ever produced: His team's performance last weekend, when the Mavs received the programs first-ever bid

into the 2019 NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Tournament, is the proof in the pudding. The Mavericks earned a No. 4 seed in the North Region by virtue of going 17-1 and earning the program's first-ever ECC Regular Season and Tournament Championships. We knew of his prowess while leading Mahopac to its only Class A NYS title back in 1996, and his time served under the great Teddy Georgalas, but now Corace is one of the guys -- along with Head Coach Jordan Levine -- responsible for putting Mercy lax on the map, which is incredible if you know where the program was just five years ago. So, when you draw up a list of all-time greats among the masterminds produced by Section 1, Joe Corace had best be high on your list.

NWE/Putnam Fab 5 LAX Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN - Class B state-ranked (No.3) Huskers (8-4 overall, 6-0 Section 1) are keeping close tabs on an ever-improving John Jay team #LegitThreat.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS - Class A Rebels (4-7, 4-9) have wins over Mahopac and Somers, so they get the nod here.

No.3 MAHOPAC - Class A Indians (7-6, 7-7) had their way with Carmel but still have a ton of stuff to clean up before playoffs.

No.4 SOMERS - Class B Tuskers (7-6) beat up on Brewster and Ossining this week and will know where they stand on May 11th when they host John Jay.

No.5 HEN HUD - Class C Sailors (7-6) have lost 4 of 6 but stopped bleeding in win over Put Valley. Byram Hills and Rye remain the teams to beat.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY - Class D Tigers (7-7, 8-7) have dropped 3 of 4 to legit title challengers like Briarcliff and Westlake #StockDowninPV.

HM CARMEL - Class A Rams (5-4) were no match for Mahopac.

HM BREWSTER - Class B Bears (4-9, 5-9) are the current No.10 seed and have dropped 6 of last 7 in a brutally tough league.

HM HALDANE - Class D Blue Devils (11-2, 9-2) are holding firm to No.3 seed, but do they have what it takes to run with the title contenders?

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two whiffs. Jordan Streisfeld (2 for 3, 2 doubles, RBI, run) and Mike Barbagallo (2 for 3, run) were instrumental. Mahopac P Matt Weiner pitched 5-2/3rds innings and allowed two runs on six hits in the loss. Somers failed to seize momentum from the Mahopac win when it was defeated, 6-4, by Horace Greeley (4-8-1).

WALTER PANAS was swept by Lakeland but did secure a 5-1 win over Pearl River behind pitchers Chris Katz and Mark Perez, each of whom pitched three

strong innings. Perez had two RBI while versatile senior Don Hopper sparked the offense, going 3 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Lakeland P Jay Green three six scoreless innings and had Panas' number in a dominant 6-0 win. Green also went 2 for 3 with 1 RBI and 2 RS and Leo Cummings had a double and 2 RBI.

YORKTOWN is quietly producing a solid season. The Huskers (9-5) will surely be tested against Lakeland this Saturday (1:00 p.m.) in the 38th annual Sorrentino

Memorial Challenge, which the Huskers have owned of late, including six of the last seven, according to Yorktown Coach Sean Kennedy. Lakeland is off Wednesday, Thursday and Friday while the Huskers have four games leading up to the challenge. The deck would seem stacked against them and in favor of Lakeland.

BREWSTER lost a pair to John Jay and dropped to 7-4-1.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY notched two wins

last week, defeating Pawling, 8-4, and Westlake, 4-2.

Against Pawling, OF Bobby Kroboth went 2 for 2 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored while IF John Millicker (2 for 4, 2 RBI) continued to wield a hot bat for the surging Tigers (8-4). Against Westlake, Millicker went the route with nine whiffs for the winning while doubling home a run. Tiger SS T.J. Brescia went 2 for 3 with two runs scored and 1B Matt Carravone added an RBI double.



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