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City Under Fire for Denying Names on Peekskill 9/11 Memorial

By Rick Pezullo

The New York State Supreme Court Officers Association lost three of its members when they rushed into the World Trade Center after it was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001 trying to rescue people and perished.

Robert Mastanduno, treasurer of the association, said Captain William Thompson, 51, Mitchell Wallace, 34, and Thomas Jurgens, 26, who died near each other in the Twin Towers, were unsung heroes and deserve to be recognized like all other first responders at the 9/11 Memorial at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

"I feel that it's an injustice not only to the people's families, but everyone who perished that day," Mastanduno stressed.

"They went in there like everyone else. I think it's disrespectful to them. They are as important as anyone else who went in that day."

Mastanduno's crusade to have the names of Thompson, Wallace and Jurgens added to the memorial in Peekskill began about two years ago after a court officer who lives in Peekskill was at the riverfront one day and noticed his fellow court officers were not among the names of those who sacrificed their lives on that fateful September 11 morning when hijacked airplanes toppled the towers and killed more than 2,600.

Joe Angielczyk, the court officer who has lived in Peekskill for the last nine

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PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Peekskill Fire Department is holding firm on not adding more names to memorial it funded and built in 2009.

Puglisi Gets National Exposure on *Dancing With the Stars*

By Rick Pezullo

Local residents who tuned into *Dancing With the Stars* last Monday night on Channel 7 and thought they spotted Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi in the audience, don't worry, you weren't hallucinating. That was Puglisi in the flesh, shoulder-to-shoulder with celebrities.

"I can't tell you how many people have called, emailed, stopped in," Puglisi said Friday of her 15 minutes of national fame after appearing on screen several times with her son applauding the shaking and shimmering dancers. "It was just a wonderful experience."

Her son, Dr. Jeffrey Puglisi, who practices in Greenwich, CT, surprised his

mom by inviting her to travel with him to California for a few days. Puglisi said her son has a friend "high up" at *Dancing With the Stars* and was able to secure tickets to the show, four rows from the dance floor. Puglisi said she was sitting close to Florence "Mrs. Brady" Henderson and a short distance from the judges.

The show's theme was Disney movies, which added to Puglisi's enjoyment. She even got to wear illuminating Mickey Mouse ears and had an opportunity to say hello to Len Goodman, one of the judges, and two of the celebrity dancers, Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Von Miller of the Denver Broncos,

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Dedicated Director Honored

Katherine Quinn, executive director of Support Connection, was surrounded by family and friends Friday as she received The Spirit of Love Award at the non-profit's organization Spring Benefit at Sinapi's Ceola Manor in recognition of her 20 years of leadership and dedication to helping thousands of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer.

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years, maintained the Peekskill Fire Department, which fully funded and built the memorial in 2009, and Mayor Frank Catalina were simply playing politics and should be ashamed of themselves for not giving the court officers a rightful place on a plaque.

"It's a disgrace to the human spirit. It's a disgrace to the American spirit," Angielczyk remarked. "There's no rationale or legitimate reason to deny those guys their place at the memorial. There must be a personal grudge over something. It's

senseless."

Mastanduno pointed out the three deceased court officers are memorialized at Ground Zero in Manhattan and at a memorial in Coney Island. He said the Supreme Court Officers Association has court houses in Peekskill.

In addition, he said the association would cover all the costs incurred with adding the names, but he ran into a roadblock when he contacted Deputy Fire Chief Jim Howard, who was steadfast against recognizing the officers.

Mastanduno noted he also met with Catalina, and reached out to State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), but the mayor said the association needed the blessing of the Fire Department since city officials have no jurisdiction over the 9/11 Memorial.

"It belongs to the Fire Department. They take great pride in it," Catalina said. "That's their memorial."

A message left for Howard was returned by Sue Sheridan, a spokesperson for the Fire Department, who also served on a committee that selected what emer-

gency responders would be included at the 9/11 Memorial, which was primarily designed to honor Samuel Oitice, a 25-year member of the Peekskill Fire Department and a former city police officer. Oitice, 45, who worked for FDNY Ladder 4 after working as a police officer in the city, died at the World Trade Center. He was found on March 13, 2002.

"It was built for a specific reason," Sheridan said. "We had a reason why we picked those agencies. No disrespect to any other (responders), but we can't keep adding to it."



Cortlandt officials were in Saratoga Springs Monday to accept a New York State Planning Federation Award for "Envision Cortlandt the 2016 Sustainable Comprehensive Plan."

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Southern Waterfront Park and Trailway Unveiled in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

The second phase of the City of Peekskill's multi-million dollar waterfront redevelopment plan was unveiled Friday with the completion of the Southern Waterfront Park and Trailway near Charles Point Park.

A ribbon cutting ceremony at the Travis Cove Overlook marked the official opening of the \$4.7 million project, which includes a new one-mile paved ADA accessible waterfront trail, a three-acre expansion of Riverfront Green, an elevated walkway across Travis Cove, two boat docks, two gazebos, an iconic sculpture and a prominent overlook.

"The Southern Waterfront Park and Trailway is a gem in the city's necklace of riverfront parks, which will attract tens of thousands of visitors annually for all types of activities from concerts to festivals to outdoor recreation," said Mayor Frank Catalina. "Historically, Peekskill's riverfront was alive with industrial and commercial activity, and now we are bringing it back to life for residents and visitors, and as an attraction for increased tourism and new businesses. This park and trail system fulfills the city's promise of making Peekskill a great place to live, work, visit and enjoy."

Developing the new attraction involved the contributions and cooperation of many entities, Catalina noted, in-



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

New trail and walkway extends from Charles Point Park to Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

cluding Ginsburg Development, Empire State Development, New York Department of State, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Department of Environmental Conservation, Riverkeeper, Army Corps of Engineers, Metro North and several citizen advisory groups.

"The expansion of this recreational area continues to improve public access

to the Hudson River and supports the transformation of Peekskill's waterfront district to foster a vibrant local economy," said Acting Secretary of State Rosana Rosado.

"ESD has supported this revitalization project since its inception, including a \$3.9 million grant for the phase that is now officially opening, because the park not only has aesthetic and recreational

value, but will also bolster the area's tourism industry by drawing visitors and new residents to the area, leading to job creation and economic growth," said Empire State Development (ESD) President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky.

Scenic Hudson Park at Peekskill Landing, just north of the new trailway, was the first phase of the \$8.3 million waterfront revitalization program. It was transformed in 2014 from a vacant industrial site into a 4.4-acre park with a boardwalk along the shoreline, equipped with a pedestrian footbridge, docks for kayaks and small watercraft, a gazebo, sculptures and decorative lighting.

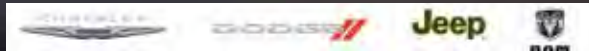
With a grant from the Department of State, Peekskill is currently preparing construction documents and permit applications to continue the trail from Charles Point Pier Park, around Wheelabrator, through the Charles Point Marina and around Lent's Cove to Peekskill's southern border with Buchanan. Fleischmann Pier is also being studied for reuse potential.

"We invite the public to come to our riverfront by boat, bike, car, foot or rail, and see all that Peekskill's riverfront has to offer," Catalina said. "The Southern Waterfront Park and Trail will help make our outstanding riverfront even better."

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Officials Call for Suspension of Pet Store Owner's License

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) is calling for the suspension of a Mohegan Lake pet store owner's license following his third arrest for alleged animal cruelty.

In a letter to New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Richard Ball, Murphy formally requested that

the license of Richard Doyle, 56, of Mahopac, be suspended until legal proceedings surrounding charges in Danbury and Wappingers Falls are completed.

"Three strikes and you're out," Murphy remarked. "Animal cruelty in of itself is despicable but to be charged on three separate occasions it is time for New

York State to step in and do the right thing. Mr. Doyle's license should be suspended until the courts rule on all of the charges he is facing, and if found guilty, his license needs to be permanently revoked."

Since first being charged last year, Doyle, who owns and operates the pet store in Mohegan Lake on Route 6 near CVS, has sold his other two establishments. A few months ago, animal activists picketed outside his Mohegan store, urging passerbys not to frequent his business.

According to a published report, Doyle was charged last week with animal cruelty and practicing veterinarian medicine without a license after maliciously causing wounds to a St. Bernard puppy t Danbury.

"New York State needs a zero tolerance policy when it comes to animal abuse," Murphy said. "I have introduced and supported a number of measures to strengthen our laws and protect our animals that are unable to protect themselves."

Yorktown councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman echoed Murphy's call to for the state to take action against Doyle, as did Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill) and Shan-

non Laukhuf, executive director of the Westchester SPCA.

"I have raised guide dogs, participated in puppy socialization and was a K9 trainer during my years as a local police officer," Diana said. "If the courts determine that Mr. Doyle has abused the animals in his care then he must answer for it."

"If Mr. Doyle is proven to be responsible for multiple acts of animal cruelty then he should be out of business," Laukhuf said.



Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel visited Soundview Prep School in Yorktown and taught middle school students about computer technology and hard drives and coated nickels with Copper. Wrote seventh grader Elena Fenstermaker, a seventh grader at the school: "All of the things Councilman Patel showed us were captivating and the overall visit was a great experience. I loved the presentation and it is something I will never forget."

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NY Presbyterian/HV Hospital Marks 10 Years No Wait ER

By Rick Pezzullo

With two accident-prone sons, Laurie Wise can attest first-hand to the efficiency of NewYork Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital's revolutionary "No-Wait" Emergency Room.

One time, Wise's youngest son suffered a broken nose jumping off a dresser on a bed. Another time, she picked up her oldest son from camp and his throat started to swell up. In both instances, they went to the emergency room, and were treated in a heartbeat.

"They saved his life," a tearful Wise said about her oldest son. "Everybody was terrific. We were nervous. They made us laugh. We go right in. My (youngest) son said they're always so nice, we have to go back."

Wise recalled her experiences during a celebration last week of the 10-year anniversary of the hospital's state-of-the-art emergency room, which sees 40,000 patients annually.

"Everybody knows how great the ER is. It's just nice to hear it from others," said Dr. Ron Nutovits, chair of Emergency Medicine at the hospital. "Our concept was very easy to grasp. When our patients arrive at the emergency room, they're often very scared, and their families also don't know what to expect. The sooner we can bring them to a triage area



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Hospital personnel and local officials joined together to celebrate success of 'No-Wait' ER.

and begin treatment, the better it is for all concerned."

The Cortlandt-based hospital opened its "No-Wait" ER in 2005 by offering bedside registration to reduce wait times. Less critical patients, such as children with cuts and bruises, are now brought into a Fast Track area, which debuted five years ago, to get immediate care.

"A decade ago, bypassing the waiting

area upon arrival in an ER was a novel idea and proudly, we were the first in the region to do so," said John Federspiel, president of NewYork Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital. "They said a 'No-Wait' ER would never work, but we were and remain committed 10 years later to creating the best emergency care experience for patients and families. Our ER is truly the front door to this hospital."

Federspiel noted patient volume has increased 30% in the ER and patient satisfaction surveys have placed the ER at NewYork Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in the top 1% of all emergency rooms nationwide. In 2013, Federspiel traveled to Ireland to present the hospital's successes at the Irish Association for Emergency Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting.

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Croton Mother Avoids Prison in Death of Daughter

By Rick Pezzullo

A Croton-on-Hudson mother was spared prison time when a Westchester County judge sentenced her to five years' probation last week in the Easter 2005 death of her six-year-old daughter, Lacey Carr.

Kathleen Dymes, 52, pled guilty on January 19, 2016 to one count of criminally negligent homicide, a Class E felony, one count of endangering the welfare of a child and one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, both Class A misdemeanors, and Doreen Lloyd and Owein Levin, assistant district attorneys with the Child Abuse Bureau, asked for jail time.

However, Judge Barbara Zambelli opt-

ed to sentence Dymes to probation, saying she had suffered enough with Carr's death.

On April 5, 2015, which was Easter Sunday, Croton Police received a 911 call at about 1:09 p.m. from David Carr, Lacey Carr's father, reporting her daughter was cold and not breathing in his home at 144 Hastings Avenue in Croton.

Police and medical personnel entered the residence and went to the second floor where they discovered Lacey Carr lying on a bed unresponsive and not breathing. The child was placed on the floor and CPR was performed.

Additional medical personnel that arrived then tended to Dymes, who was in a kneeling position at the side of the bed

on the floor. She also was unresponsive.

Lacey Carr was pronounced dead at 1:27 p.m. Dymes was taken to Phelps Memorial Hospital, where she was in a coma for two weeks. She remained hospitalized for months with various medical issues.

During an investigation at the home, Croton Police observed an open bottle of alcohol along with numerous over the counter, prescription and illegal drugs strewn about the room, including heroin that was hidden under the bed.

It was later revealed that Lacey Carr had morphine, Benadryl and the generic form of valium in her system. Two handwritten suicide notes from Dymes were also found in the home.



Kathleen Dymes

Police Blotter

State Police

April 11 - 3:30 a.m. - Devon Beaufort, 27, of Peekskill, was charged with driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, following a report of a wrong way driver traveling on the Taconic State Parkway. Two troopers were dispatched to find the vehicle and located it traveling south in the northbound lane. Following a traffic stop it was revealed Beaufort was intoxicated. He is scheduled to appear in Mount Pleasant Court on May 5.

Yorktown Police

April 10 - 10:30 p.m. - Jennifer Pastore, 45, of Norwalk, CT, was charged with assault in the third degree after being accused of assaulting another individual and causing injuries at the Shell Station on Route 202. Pastore posted a \$2,500 bond and was released. A temporary order of protection was issued to the victim.

April 14 - 4 p.m. - Usama Nasser, 17, of Hamden, CT, was charged with

grand larceny in the fourth degree, a Class E felony. On February 14, Yorktown Police received a report from Ossining Police that an unknown person just called claiming to have just shot another person on Fair Hills Drive in Ossining. The alleged incident location was actually in Yorktown. Multiple officers responded and determined the call to be a hoax. An extensive investigation by Yorktown Police determined between September 2014 and February

2015 Naseer, while communicating on the Internet with a juvenile resident of Yorktown, threatened that the juvenile would be "swatted" unless the juvenile paid him money. Police allege on February 14 Naseer made good on his threat by placing the bogus call to Ossining Police, which led the Yorktown juvenile to send money to Naseer. Naseer surrendered himself at Yorktown

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Obituaries



Mary Morrison

Mary Morrison

Mary Catherine Morrison, a resident of Verplanck, died April 13. She was 91.

She was born to Peter and Katie (Evko) Dominikovich on April 3, 1925 in Verplanck. She was a member of the Verplanck Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Verplanck Seniors. She was married to Alan Morrison, Sr. until his passing in 1995. Mary and Alan owned and operated Hoff-Mart Inc., a TV and Radio repair shop in Peekskill, NY.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by her loving children Bob Morrison (Linda), Alan Morrison, Jr. (Sharon), and Patricia Kanouse (Evan), cherished grandchildren Jacob Morrison (Mary), Miranda Morrison -Vazquez (Richard) and Evan Kanouse III, adored great grandchildren Ric and Eli Vazquez, and Peter and Rebecca Morrison, caring sister Antoinette Gyetko, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Alan and by her sister Anne Callander.

Gwendolyn Mae Roache

Gwendolyn Mae Roache, a resident of

Cortlandt, died April 6, her 70th wedding anniversary. She was 93.

She was born May 20, 1922 in Harlem Hospital to James and Hilda Foulkes during the Harlem Renaissance and was a product of that vibrant time. She attended Cathedral High School in Manhattan on a full scholarship. Church and the Catholic Youth Organization was the center of her social life at that time. At one of the local dances she caught the eye of George Roache. He later enlisted in the Army as WWII ensued and asked if he could write to her. Gwendolyn was accepted into the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing where she met her lifelong friend Mary Robinson-White. While in nurse's training, Gwendolyn was injured in a train accident. As she was recuperating she received a daily letter from George, who was pursuing her from afar.

After graduating from nursing school, Gwendolyn began working at Harlem Hospital. Her class photo still hangs on the wall there. After a short time, she decided to enlist in the Army and served on Army bases in New Jersey, Maryland and Wisconsin, where she nursed servicemen and prisoners of war during WWII. She received two medals and many letters of honor for her service as a lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corps. Meanwhile, she accepted George's marriage proposal and ring by mail and they were married on April 6, 1946.

Gwendolyn later returned to school at St. John's University and New York University. The young couple soon bought a home in Queens and had four children. Gwendolyn began a career as a public health nurse for the City of New York, where she was a team leader and received multiple awards. Gwendolyn built a home in Sag Harbor where she and the family enjoyed many memories with longtime friends, like Barbara Brannen, playing poker, going to the beach and learning golf and bridge. During retirement, George and Gwendolyn enjoyed their condo in Freeport, Bahamas. Once

George died, Gwendolyn returned to the states and traveled the world.

Gwendolyn later returned to New York and lived with her family in Cortlandt. She is survived by two sons, Gregory and Stephen Roache; her daughter Linda Roache Davis; four grandchildren, Kristin Shulman, Alton Roache, Pierre Roache and Kimberly Davis; two great-grandsons, Carter Shulman and Amiri Roache; son-in-law Richard Davis, his mother, Hope Davis, daughter-in-law Ida Roache, grandson-in-law Jeremy Shulman and granddaughter-in-law Milagros Seraus; two nieces, Verna Daniels Spears and Denise Foulkes; three grand-nephews, Michael Phanelson, Spencer Dunham and Logan Dunham; here longtime friends Mary Robinson-White and Barbara Brannen; and many other loving friends and family.

Anthony DeCesaris

Anthony J. DeCesaris, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died April 16. He was 92.

He was born to Alfonso and Maria (DiDonato) DeCesaris on November 12, 1923 in Cugnoli, Italy. He served in the Army Air Corps 15th Air Force, 451st Bomb Group as an Airplane Armorer stationed in Castellucio, Italy during WWII. He retired after 40 years as Superintendent for the Department of Public Works in Briarcliff Manor. Mr. DeCesaris was a member of the Holy Name of Mary Knights of Columbus. He was a dedicated volunteer at the Montrose VA and with the Croton Caring Committee.

He is survived by his loving children Martin and Michael DeCesaris (Lisa), and Nancy Jacobs, cherished grandchildren Christopher, Kevin, Melissa, Anthony, Ava, and Austin, caring brothers James and Alfonso DeCesaris, and by many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, of 43 years, Marianna DeCesaris in January 1995.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday,

April 19, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Edward F. Carter Funeral Home, 41 Grand St., Croton on Hudson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 20, at 10 a.m. at Holy Name of Mary Church in Croton-on-Hudson with burial to follow at St. Augustine Cemetery in Ossining.

Hon. Harold L. Wood

Hon. Harold L. Wood, longtime resident of Somers, died in Florida on April 14, 2016. He was 96.

He was born in Bridgeport, Conn. to Harriet Wood Bannister and James Wood. After graduating from Ossining H.S. in 1937, and working his way through college at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, WWII took Mr. Wood in another direction. He served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps at Tuskegee in Alabama. In 1942, he married Thelma Cheatham, his wife of 65 years.

A graduate of Cornell Law School and recipient of a Masters in Law from NYU, as an African-American he served as president of the NAACP, and went on to accomplish many firsts: elected to Westchester County Board of Supervisors, elected to Mt. Vernon City Common Council, became a Westchester Supervisor, became a Westchester Family Court Judge, served as a County Court Judge. Eventually he became a Supreme Court Judge.

Although retired from the bench in 1996, Mr. Wood continued his love of sailing as a member of the Harlem Yacht Club, and enthusiasm for sports by playing tennis.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle. He is survived by three children, Gregory Lance Wood, LaVerne, Jill Wood, and Dean Christopher Wood; three grandchildren, Natasha, Michael, and Lauren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Guest column

The History of Passover

By Rabbi Yehuda Heber
Chabad of Yorktown

Friday evening, April 22, is the start of the Jewish holiday of Passover. The holiday spans eight days, ending Saturday evening, April 30. Some of the Passover observance rituals include not eating leavened bread, and to have a Seder (Passover meal) complete with matzah, bitter herbs, and four cups of wine on the first two nights of the holiday (Friday and Saturday evenings).

Historically, Passover commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Although the exodus is an occurrence



Rabbi Yehuda Heber

of the distant past, the story carries an eternal message for each of us in our personal lives.

While none of us are slaves to Pharaoh, it is common for a person to be enslaved and inhibited by other factors, be they social, psychological, emotional, or any other. These circumstances impede a person's ability to fully lead a life dictated by the ideals he or she truly believes in. The story of Passover inspires us to rise above our personal limitations and allow our essential selves to be expressed. This is one of the many lessons the ancient story teaches us.

For more details concerning the holiday of Passover, visit www.ChabadYorktown.com/Passover.



ChabadYorktown.com/Passover. There you will find much information regarding the historical background of the holiday, how-to Passover, and many delicious Passover recipes. You will also find thought provoking articles on the present day applications of the ancient story.

To join a community Seder, purchase hand-baked Shmura Matzah, sell your Chametz, or to receive a free holiday guide, visit the above website, call 914-962-1111, or email Rabbi@ChabadYorktown.com.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy and Kosher Passover!

Letters

What Supervisor Grace isn't Saying about an IDA

To the Editor,

At the very end of Tuesday's untelevised Town Board meeting, the Board voted for a resolution, not on the published agenda, requesting the state Senate and Assembly pass legislation authorizing Yorktown to create an Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

The resolution was handed to Board members just before the vote was taken and there was no discussion. Just the following comments by Supervisor Grace.

1. There's a potential for a \$10 million investment in Yorktown. No specifics were given as to exactly who or what that might be.

2. Yorktown should have its own IDA because if the investor went to the already existing Westchester County IDA for financial assistance, the town would lose out on potential revenue. How much he didn't explain.

Creating a Yorktown IDA may be a good idea for Yorktown. I don't know. Call me old fashioned, but I like to know something about what I'm about to do before I jump ahead and do it.

Here are just a few of the questions I'd be asking. Questions I haven't heard the Town Board discuss, at least not in an open meeting with all five board members present.

- Who has expressed interest in spending \$10 million in Yorktown? And for what type/s of project/s?

- Has the interested investor approached the Westchester County IDA?

- For the town, what are the pros and cons of having its own IDA instead of having potential investors go through the county IDA? If the only advantage for the town is some revenue, then how much revenue is Supervisor Grace anticipating?

- What types of town tax breaks is Supervisor Grace contemplating offering

a developer?

- Who would be the members of the IDA and approve applications? Town Board members?

- Who has the technical expertise needed to evaluate multi-million dollar financial projects? Town Board members? Or, would the town have to hire additional staff or outside consultants to evaluate applications?

Is it so unreasonable to expect Supervisor Grace to be just a bit more open and transparent with us?

Sincerely,

SUSAN SIEGEL

Police Blotter

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Police headquarters. Naseer posted \$2,500 cash bail and was released. He is scheduled to return to Yorktown Town Court on May 12.

8:03 p.m. – Brandon Gonzalez, 19, of

Mohegan Lake, was charged with criminal contempt for allegedly violating a temporary order of protection at a Yorktown residence. In addition, Gonzalez was allegedly driving a black BMW with a suspended license.

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Why Aren't Syrian Refugees Being Resettled in Westchester?

By Andrew Vitelli

Between 1,200 and 1,500 Syrian refugees have been resettled in the U.S. in the six months since President Obama promised to open the country's doors to 10,000 such refugees last fall. In New Haven, Conn., 70 Syrians have already been welcomed, and the pace of refugee resettlement is expected to increase over the summer. Westchester, however, is unlikely to see many, if any, refugees move into the county.

At a White Plains forum this month addressing the Syrian crisis, speakers from refugee aid agencies and from local community groups sought ways to help, with many in attendance calling for Westchester to accept refugees. One group circulated a letter calling on County Executive Rob Astorino to support the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Yonkers, where most of Westchester's Arab-Americans live. Community support, though, is only one small factor in the federal government's decisions of where to resettle refugees.

"It's not just a community that says 'Please send us refugees. We want to resettle them here,'" explained Riva Silverman, Vice President of External Affairs at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), at the forum. "That might be one factor, but it's not a sufficient factor to get refugees into communities."

HIAS is one of nine agencies, with hundreds of affiliate sites throughout the country, which work with the federal government to resettle the refugees.



Sana Mustafa, a Syrian activist, who came to the United States in 2013, described her family's struggle since the Syrian Civil War broke out in 2011 at a forum on the Syrian refugee crisis in White Plains earlier this month. Rev. Doris Dalton is pictured at her right. Photo courtesy of Andrew Courtney

Refugees are settled within the vicinity of the affiliates. While there are sites in Jersey City, N.J. and in Albany, there are none in the immediate vicinity of Westchester. While an agency can theoretically be established and approved by

the federal government, housing prices make Westchester a difficult county for refugee resettlement.

"Currently, the biggest concern that any resettlement agency has is the availability and cost of housing and finding housing that the refugees can afford to pay for after their very modest stipend runs out," Bill Swersey, Director of Communications for HIAS, explained. "That's a challenge in the whole New York Metropolitan area."

Chris George, Executive Director of Connecticut-based Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS), said the U.S. Department of State required refugees to be resettled within 50 miles of one of the nine agencies' affiliates. George said he is seeking an exemption from this requirement from the New York State Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance, but has been told that there are already enough refugees coming into the state.

Astorino, a Republican, said in November that he opposes the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the U.S., citing the risk of terrorists from the Islamist militant group ISIS slipping through the vetting process. Calls to Astorino's office last week were not returned. While Astorino's position earned him the scorn of many at the White Plains forum, the county executive's opposition doesn't appear to be the major obstacle standing in the way of refugee resettlement in Westchester; while the opposition of government officials may be considered, Swersey said, it was not usually a determining factor for

the State Department.

The fact that Syrians are not being placed in Westchester through the resettlement program does not mean there have not been Syrians coming into the county since the outbreak of the Syrian Civil War in 2011. Fatima, a Peekskill resident who attended the April 5 forum, received a visa to come to the U.S. from Syria shortly before the war broke out and has been in the country since.

"I was maybe one of the luckiest people ever," said Fatima, who still has family in Syria and did not want her last name used in publication.

Refugees are also not obligated to remain in the area that they are resettled. A refugee resettled, for example, in Jersey City or in Boise, Idaho, has absolute freedom of movement within the U.S. So while refugees likely won't be resettled in Westchester, a handful may end up in the county.

Sana Mustafa, a Syrian activist and one of the panelists at the forum, came to the U.S. through a State Department program and was granted asylum after her father was imprisoned in Syria. While Mustafa now lives in New York City, she said that she hoped Westchester residents would open their arms to refugees coming into the country.

"We're fleeing the terror that people are fearing, so we're not the terrorists, we're the victims," Mustafa told *The White Plains Examiner*. "You have a chance to give a life to someone else, so why wouldn't you?"



Four freshmen from the Walter Panas High School Science Research Program, Jocelyn Peryea, Riti Bhandarkar, Nicole Chiulli, and Erik Creighton, were recognized as Honorable Mention Winners in the 2015-2016 Toshiba/NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Exploravision competition. The Honorable Mention award placed the team's project among the top 10% of all Exploravision projects submitted to the competition this year. "Your students are commended for a job well done in demonstrating innovative thinking in their exploration of science and its impact on technology and the future," said the Acacia McKenna, Director, Science Education Competitions for the National Science Teachers Association.

Ossining, DEP Announce Water Demand Mgmt. Plan

The Village of Ossining and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Friday announced the completion of a conservation plan that will help the village reduce its water use, provide local residents with an incentive to replace outdated fixtures, and help local ratepayers save money on their water bills.

DEP plans to provide Ossining with up to \$280,000 to implement water demand management strategies that are outlined in the plan, including efforts to eliminate leaks from the village water system. Ossining's demand management plan is the first of at least eight that are being funded by DEP and the New York City Water Board for upstate communities that purchase water in bulk from the City's supply system. The City provided \$350,000 for the communities to create demand management plans that would include system-wide water audits, analyses of water use, and evaluating conservation opportunities such as replacing old fixtures with more efficient ones.

"We are very pleased to partner with New York City DEP to further our commitment to make the most of every drop of water in Ossining's system," Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity said. "This proactive approach to conservation saves money for our residents and protects our essential natural resource."

"This collaborative effort between DEP and the Village of Ossining has yielded exactly the kind of results that we hoped for when the planning process began in 2014," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "Our neighbors in Os-

sining have identified leaks in their distribution system that will be repaired, along with strategies to save water at homes throughout the village. In the long term, this will help Ossining save money and provide DEP with the flexibility to make infrastructure repairs and deal with droughts in the future."

An audit of the village's water distribution system found that Ossining was losing approximately 16 percent of its water through leaks. The village discovered several of these by using equipment that can detect leaks through acoustic differences in distribution pipes. The leaks discovered through this process included a 400,000-gallon-per-day leak into a local creek – a leak large enough that it accounted for more than 10 percent of the city's 3.5-million-gallon daily demand. Much of the leaking water was being purchased by the village from New York City's supply system, and fixing the leak could represent significant cost savings for the village.

DEP plans to provide up to \$280,000 for Ossining to implement several of the demand management strategies outlined in the plan. The village's preliminary plan for the implementation money includes spending \$140,000 to repair leaks in its distribution system, and \$40,000 on efforts to identify other leaks. The village also plans to establish a voucher program to replace old toilets with more efficient ones at 500 homes throughout Ossining. The village plans to spend \$100,000 on the voucher program, providing \$200 to each participant. Village officials plan to work on the details of this program in the com-

ing months.

In 2014, DEP announced that it would commit \$350,000 toward developing demand management plans for many of its largest upstate customers, including the Village of Ossining. These wholesale customers individually purchase 2 – 17 million gallons per day on average, and combined they represent approximately 53 percent of the upstate demand on New York City's water supply system. Development of the conservation plans has been guided by the local water utilities with assistance from DEP and WaterDM, a Colorado company that specializes in demand management for drinking water systems.

The participating customers began developing their plans last year, and many of them are near complete. As with Ossining, DEP will commit additional funding to help with the implementation of selected water-demand strategies that are outlined in the plans. The plans will also provide the local water utilities with the information, data and background needed to apply for grants from other sources in the future.

New York City's water consumption has steadily declined since it hit a peak of more than 1.6 billion gallons per day in the late 1970s, when the five boroughs were home to roughly seven million people. Today, New York City's water supply system provides an average of 1.1 billion gallons per day to 8.5 million people in the five boroughs and an additional million people in four upstate

counties. The reduction in water use during that time is attributable to better metering and more efficient appliances and fixtures.

In 2012, DEP began its Water Demand Management Program, with a goal of reducing citywide water use by five percent, or 50 million gallons per day. As part of the program, DEP has begun updating bathroom fixtures in 500 city schools, which will save an estimated four million gallons of water each day. It also partnered with the City Department of Parks and Recreation to install activation buttons on spray showers in 400 playgrounds around the city, which will save another 1.5 million gallons a day. Outreach programs that encourage residents to fix leaks, and a challenge among the city's largest hotels to reduce their water consumption by five percent are also part of the program.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to roughly 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts.



The annual Earth Day Festival in Ossining on Saturday was enjoyed by many, including (L-R:) Manuel Quezada, former Supervisor Sue Donnelly, Mayor Victoria Gearity, Thomasina Laidley-Brown, Quantel Bazemore, Rika Levin and Liz Miller Feldman.

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Puglisi Gets National Exposure on 'Dancing With the Stars'

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who was named Most Valuable Player in the last Super Bowl.

Puglisi wasn't able to take any photos with celebrities since audience members are required to leave their cell phones with security prior to entering the set. She said a producer is also constantly encouraging the audience to smile, clap, stand up and make some noise.

"It was a lot of fun. The dancers are spectacular," Puglisi beamed. "I used to love to dance a lot and I always love to watch dancing. I love Broadway shows."

Puglisi was in San Diego about 15 years ago but has seldom taken a vacation dur-

ing her 25 years as supervisor. In fact, she has only missed three voting Town Board meetings: one when her mother was ill, one when she had the flu and last Tuesday. She has also only missed three work sessions during that time span.

In fact, since *Dancing With the Stars* airs on Monday nights when the Town Board holds its work sessions, Puglisi doesn't often get to see the show. Yet, the one time she was there live, the world got a chance to see her.

"Family, friends, co-workers were texting us. Sending us pictures. It was a great experience," she said. "I hardly go out of the area."



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi and son, Dr. Jeffrey Puglisi, applaud performers at *Dancing With the Stars*.

Affordable Homes Available to Eligible Buyers in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

Three of nine affordable units available in Westchester County to eligible buyers are located in the Town of Cortlandt.

The homes are priced between \$138,000 and \$235,000 and are open to families earning up to 80% of the county's Area Median Income. Current maximum eligible annual household income ranges from \$60,400 for a one-person household and \$69,000 for a two-person household to \$100,050 for a six-person

household. The unit must be the primary residence of the homebuyer.

Further information on the income requirements and details on the properties, such as floor plans, local schools and public transportation, are posted on the county's Homeseeker web pages at www.homes.westchestergov.com/home-seeker-housing or contact the Housing Action Council by email at hac@affordablehomes.org or by phone at (914) 332-4144. The deadline to file an application

is May 10.

A two-family home at 72 Croton Avenue in Cortlandt is priced at \$193,000. The home has two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room and a kitchen. There is also an accessory apartment on the first floor level that can generate \$800 in monthly income.

At 25 Oak Road in Montrose, a 2,250-square-foot, single-family, ranch-style home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms is up for sale for \$215,000.

The home is two miles from the Cortlandt Metro-North train station.

Meanwhile, at 176 Henry Street in the Village of Buchanan, a single-family, Cape Cod style home with two bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, two fireplaces and central air conditioning is listed for \$235,033.

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Resist AIM Hosts Peekskill Festival to Say No to Pipeline

By James Best

Northern Westchester residents converged at the Paramount Hudson Valley on Saturday to participate in Resist AIM's Say NO, Say YES Fest in hopes of stopping Spectra Energy's Algonquin Incremental Market gas pipeline expansion project.

The project, approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is expected to come to within 105 feet of the Indian Point nuclear power plant in

Buchanan.

Many others also turned out on a sun-drenched spring afternoon to voice concern that the pipeline will be too close to the nuclear plant, a site that is also near many homes, schools, churches and sensitive regional ecosystems.

Ellen Weininger, education outreach coordinator for Grassroots Environmental Education, spoke about the pipeline's inherent dangers.

"If anything happens to the electrical power at Indian Point then you can have a meltdown," she said.

She said that if the pipeline is built near Peekskill the residents risk heading to a similar fate as those who lived near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power in Japan following the devastating 2011 tsunami.

"The last thing we want to do is have a 42-inch wide, very high pressure gas pipeline being constructed 105 feet from structures at Indian Point that help keep it safe," Weininger said.

During the festival, Oscar nominated director and anti-fracking activist Josh Fox screened his new documentary "How to Let Go of the World (And Love All the Thing Climate Can't Change)." The film focused on the rapid heating of the planet and featured interviews with climate experts about the dangers that may occur with fracking.

Fox said he decided to show the film at the festival because many of the issues raised in the film are similar to Peekskill and the area face.

"I'm very, very concerned about all these pipelines that are being proposed by New York State. The AIM pipeline, Constitution pipeline and the Pilgrim pipelines," Fox said. "Were talking about

converting our whole electricity system to gas and that would be a disaster. So we have to fight these pipelines and there are really strong fighters here, so I am happy to be here."

Former Peekskill resident Charles Davenport said he needed to show his support to protect his old neighbors and community.

"This is an immediate threat to people in the area," Davenport said. "I'm a human being and I don't like seeing other human beings suffer, die or get sick."

"This pipeline goes 100 yards from their backyard and spits out poison gas on them. It's also bad for global warming," he added. "This gas that's going through the expanded pipeline, it's all for export. We have (a) surplus of natural gas and oil in this country, we don't need any more energy."

Davenport said the nation will increasingly gravitate to solar power and other renewable energy in the next three decades, eventually making the pipeline obsolete.

"Were going to be going to solar power in the next 30 years and this is a going-out-of-business sale," he said. "The gas companies want to get rid of this stuff, OPEC wants to get rid of this stuff before it becomes all worthless."



Yorktown Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli tried to do his part in picking up litter Saturday during the town's annual Battle of Yorktown cleanup day.

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It's Difficult Enough to be a Successful Winemaker

The life and livelihood of a winemaker has been much heralded in the media and in popular culture. The glamour of producing a personal product is enticing. The specter of financial failure is daunting.

To make matters worse are the external influences that can have significant impacts on a winemaker's ultimate ability to succeed.

It's difficult enough when winemakers have to deal with natural forces that may jeopardize their crops. Frost, drought, disease and hail occur randomly and can have devastating effects on a given year's efforts.

It's difficult enough when winemakers have to deal with governmental regulations that carry a heavy compliance cost.

It's difficult enough when local, regional and national economies are sluggish and faltering. This was quite evident during the Great Recession, when marginal wine operations failed. It is evident today in the shifting financial dynamics occurring in the European Union, causing increased competition, and tension, among member countries.

It's difficult enough for European winemakers as sea changes in drinking habits throughout Europe are negatively affecting wine consumption, creating surplus wine in several countries. In France alone, wine consumption has dropped by 50% in the last five decades, while production has increased.



By Nick Antonaccio



But it's extremely difficult when winemakers must deal with vandalism and violence. Dealing with this type of unexpected calamity can be devastating. This seems to be on the rise in Europe, notably in France. In recent years, the United States has seen its share of Tea Party protesters taking to the streets. Now France has a

"Wine Party," protesting what they claim to be unfair trade practices.

Last week, I read of an attack by local French winemakers against their Spanish neighbors.

The Languedoc-Roussillon region, which borders Spain along the Pyrenees Mountains, has a storied reputation for being the largest wine producer in France and a low-cost producer of cheap wines. Although popular for decades with French consumers with thin wal-

lets, EU competition has changed the landscape for many of its marginally successful winemakers.

In a seeming fit of frustration with their plight, 150 local winemakers set up a blockade 10 miles from the Spanish border. Commandeering five tankers bearing wine from their Spanish winemaker neighbors, they opened the spigots, spilling the equivalent of 90,000 bottles of red and white wine onto the highway.

The reason offered by a spokesperson for the group? They had tasted the hijacked wines and decided they were "vin non conforme" (non-compliant wine). To accent their blatantly unfounded claim, they proceeded to spray-paint the sides of the tankers with this phrase, this battle cry, this call-to-arms for their cause.

Where were the local police while the river of wine was flowing down the highway? On the scene - and standing by the side of the road, choosing not to get involved in a "social action" perpetrated by their local constituents.

This act of agri-terrorism was not isolated. Languedoc-Roussillon is home to the militant group Le CRAV, Comité Regional d'Action Viticoles (Regional Action Committee of Wine-growers).

Comprised mainly of farmers, it is responsible for a number of violent acts over the last decade, all in the name of protecting fair trade.

A prime EU principle is the open circulation of goods among member countries. These domestic terrorist acts are unconscionable and affect the livelihoods of many winemakers, all in a selfish effort to stave off the financial difficulties of a few. Languedoc winemakers may have a valid reason to feel threatened by "outside forces," right in their backyard, but justice must be served, to preserve the livelihoods of winemakers across the region.

Yet, these French farmers have vowed to continue commando operations. One of their leaders, Frédéric Rouanet, the president of the local winemakers' group, stated the tanker hijackings were "just the beginning" unless their demands are met.

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**Businesses
of the Week**

Rooster's Wings & Brew Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

Cortlandt resident Audrey Hochroth and her husband, Sal Barone, affectionately known as "Fat Sal," were already fixtures in the local restaurant business as owners of Augie's Prime Cut in the Mohegan Lake section of Cortlandt and Fat Sal's in Buchanan when they decided to open a third eatery in the area.

The couple opened Rooster's Wings & Brew in March on Route 6, across from the Cortlandt Town Center.

"Wings are so popular. Everybody's very serious about their wings," Hochroth said last week. The eatery serves about 30 house made sauces on their wings, including five types of Buffalo sauces. One is so spicy it is dubbed "Don't Ask," as well as orange ginger, mango, lemon garlic and teriyaki orange. Consumers want choices for the wing sauces and are not willing to settle only for the Buffalo style, Barone said. The restaurant serves its wings in quantities of 10, 20, 30 or 40 and even more for takeout orders.

On a busy day, Rooster's sells between 2,500 and 3,000 wings, Barone noted.

The new restaurant's menu is not limited to chicken wings. Barone said customers of Rooster's have said their



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Cortlandt residents Audrey Hochroth and her husband, Sal Barone, recently opened Rooster's Wings & Brew in Mohegan Lake.

hamburgers are the best they have ever had. "It's so good because we incorporate Augie's prime cut (chuck) into it," he said. "We use all dry aged prime meats." The burgers are handmade daily.

Other food items include tacos, hot dogs with porterhouse steak chili or chili served on its own. The house special dessert is apple cobbler served in a mug topped with ice cream, Barone said.

Hochroth said that there is "Happy Hour Every Hour" at Rooster's, which means two for the price of one draft

beers, wine, margaritas and well drinks every hour on the hour.

The whimsical name Rooster's was chosen because "it's a chicken wing place. We have a rooster mascot. He even walks around," Hochroth said.

The couple has wing sauce and a variety of sodas carry the Rooster's name. The wing sauce, as well as jerseys, hats and tee shirts with the restaurant's logo are available for purchase.

The couple has helped raise close to \$100,000 annually for the past seven years

for Autism Speaks. The proceeds from the family's steak sauce all go to Autism Speaks from Augie's and at Rooster's, all proceeds from the "sweet and sassy" wing sauce is donated to the organization.

Customers can enjoy their meals at Rooster's while watching five big screen televisions.

The look of the restaurant is related to roosters. "It looks like an old farmhouse" including chicken wire on the windows, Barone said. "It's supposed to mimic a chicken coop."

"This is a fun joint," Hochroth said.

One of the reasons the duo chose to open the restaurant was because, "There's really no chicken wing places around here," Hochroth said.

Having Augie's already in operation a short distance away has helped his new restaurant, Barone said. "People know us. People know we do the right thing," he said. "We do what other people do, but we do it right."

Rooster's Wings & Brew is located at 1 Baker St. in Mohegan Lake, off Route 6 and across the street from the Cortlandt Town Center. For more information, call 914-743-1797 or visit RoosterSwingsandBrew.com.

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Musings About Homes, From Toilets to Death and Taxes

Occasionally I share musings from past columns that readers have commented on. Sometimes practical, other times absurd, they are observations of home living made along the way. For an index of previously published articles, visit www.TheHomeGuru.com.

St. Joseph Strikes Again.

There is much lore attached to burying a St. Joseph statue on the property of a home seeking a buyer, and sometimes the instructions can be quite specific about how it should be buried. The most favored position for the statue is upside down and facing the house. One laughable story online is about the homeowner who buried the statue facing away from the house only to have the house across the street sell, and it wasn't even on the market! Another is about the homeowner whose house failed to sell and, frustrated, he threw his statue out with the trash only to learn that the town dump was sold soon after.

Can You Guess the Most Popular Street Name in America? It's a good trivia question, and no, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? The reason is that most towns in America started with a simple grid of numbered

streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead. So you might say that 2nd is second to none.

I Never Say "It Sucks" Except for My Vacuum, Which Doesn't.

Despite manufacturers' claims, my wife and I have never found a vacuum cleaner that really performs the job as promised. Currently, we have three different vacuum cleaners in our storage closet and, to coin a phrase, they all suck.

Will We All Return to Dust?

Did you know that household dust is composed mostly of our own flaking skin? If we are uneasy when our house is dusty, is that being uncomfortable in our own skin? And did you know

that, contrary to popular belief, it's better for people with allergies to cover their floors with wall-to-wall carpeting, rather than hard wood, to keep allergens contained until they can be vacuumed?

Confessions of a Weeding Addict.

One might judge my mental state at any given time by how well my garden is weeded. When I'm anxious, I'm out there in the yard yanking and pulling. When weeds are more in evidence, my friends and neighbors can assume that I've not

had much need for occupational therapy and I'm safe to be around. In winter, when plants and weeds are asleep, it's riskier to hazard a guess. One way to avoid the issue altogether: buy Preen this spring.

Must We Have Toilet Humor? Two thoughts on that subject: the design of the elongated toilet bowl surely was designed to accommodate the male anatomy. Trading up from a circular bowl to an elongated one is like going from jockeys to boxer shorts for a guy. Recently, when I was told that the Kohler "smart" toilet seat could be programmed to heat to any temperature, I inquired, "but there's no chance that I could accidentally burn my butt, is there?"

Of Death and Taxes. We've all heard the expression that the only certainties in life are death and taxes. We can't do anything about the inevitability of death, but we can try to negotiate property taxes by grieving them. If a tax grievance is in your future, I wish you good luck. If somehow you manage to negotiate the inevitability of death, write and let me know how.

Two Mattress Tales. When my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress and the salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee, her mother said, "At my age, I only need

a five-year guarantee. Can I get a better price for that?"

When I was a bachelor, I preferred firmer mattresses that might allow greater movement. Once married, I preferred softer versions where one tends to sink into a spot and pretty much stay there.

Too Much Shorthand in Real Estate. If you're buying or selling a house, you've certainly encountered such abbreviations as FSBO (for sale by owner), AO (accepted offer), CMA (comparative market analysis), EIK (eat-in kitchen), SLD (sliding glass doors), etc. Sometimes it seems our whole world has gone much too far into shorthand degeneration. When making an admittedly low-ball offer on a house and told that the listing agent would "follow up" after speaking with her clients, you can imagine how startled I was with her return e-mail when the subject line was abbreviated simply to "FU!"

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The Cost of Being Shortsighted

By Salvatore M. DiCostanzo, Esq

It goes without saying that most people would prefer to remain at home when confronted with an illness. Often, applicants might entertain applying for Medicaid on their own, using a non-attorney professional or an attorney who does not regularly practice elder law. While Medicaid eligibility may be achieved, lack of proper legal and tax planning may ultimately result in the loss of assets.

For Medicaid homecare eligibility, there is no penalty period for transferring assets. Moreover, your house is an exempt asset so long as you or your spouse lives there. Assume an unmarried applicant with children, whose assets consist of a house and cash. A knee-jerk reaction is to transfer all of the applicant's assets, including the house, to the children and apply for Medicaid. Another approach might be to do nothing with the house since it is an exempt asset.

Transferring the applicant's house



to the children may cause adverse tax consequences when the house is sold since the children receive a carry-over basis in the house. Consider a house worth \$700,000, having a cost basis of \$300,000. If that house is transferred to the children, the children will assume the \$300,000 cost basis and recognize a \$400,000 capital gain upon sale (the chil-

dren will generally not be allowed the \$250,000/\$500,000 capital gains exclusion because they, in all likelihood will not meet the use and ownership test). Assuming a capital gains rate of 20%, the capital gains tax would be approximately \$80,000 for federal purposes (one must also consider the NYS income tax burden). This oversight is often committed by attorneys not well versed in elder law and tax matters and can be avoided by implementing other planning techniques or leaving the house in the applicant's name.

If the house remains in the applicant's name, there is another issue. Upon the death of a Medicaid recipient, NYS has a right to recover from the decedent's estate Medicaid benefits properly paid during the decedent's lifetime. The State can only recover from the decedent's "probate estate". For instance, when a person dies having a Last Will and Testament, the Will needs to be probated to administer the assets of the decedent which are

referred to as the "probate estate". Once the probate is commenced, Medicaid will file a claim against the Estate and the house will be lost.

A solution to both the tax and estate recovery issues would be to implement a revocable trust. From a Medicaid perspective, the house would remain an exempt asset. From a tax perspective, the house is considered to be owned by the applicant and thus, would receive a step up in basis at death thereby eliminating capital gains. Finally, from an estate recovery perspective, NYS law provides that the assets of a revocable trust do not pass through probate.

As you can see, Medicaid planning is an area that requires both legal and tax knowledge. Where an applicant chooses to use a non-attorney, solutions to the above scenarios cannot be contemplated because they require the practice of law, which is prohibited under NYS law by a non-attorney.



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19. Common verb
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23. Tangy tuber
24. High-tech display, abbr.
25. House & farmland or Cortlandt florist
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30. Speak
31. Ireland's national emblem
32. Break off
33. "How ___ the little crocodile...": Carroll
34. Open hearings in courts

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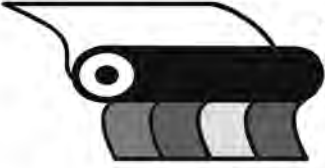
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year!) which discusses contemporary ethical issues in light of the wisdom of the Talmud and our sages. No prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew reading is necessary. Everyone is welcome. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Historical Society Program: The Yorktown Historical Society presents "Turtle Hill: A 1735 Yorktown House in History by current owners Christopher Burkhardt and Paul Szczepanski, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, located on the ground floor, at 1974 Commerce St. The free program is open to the public. For more information, contact Charles Radke, the Society's program coordinator at 914-962-4340 or c.radke@computer.org, The Society's website is www.yorktownhistory.org.

Friday, April 22

Japanese Calligraphy Exhibit: The Anderson Chase Gallery, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge is pleased to present Masako Inkyo: Utsuroi Transitions, an exhibition of 14 Shodo (Japanese calligraphy) art works in various styles, from traditional to modern, that runs through April 30. Inkyo holds the highest rank of Shodo Master: Kana Sho and Kanji Sho. Exhibit hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays by appointment. For more information, please contact Erin Osborn at katonahartcentermedia@gmail.com., Anderson-ChaseGallery.com, or 914-232-4843.

Shabbat: Meet your local Jewish community on the third Friday of each month, when First Hebrew hosts a wine and cheese gathering at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short Shabbat service at 7 p.m. All are welcome to the free program. There is no RSVP necessary but contact Rabbi Dana with any questions at rabbi@firsthebrew.org or 914-739-0500. First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center, at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services in the spring and summer will begin at 8 p.m. and Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. On most Saturdays, after the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Temple Beth Am Services: Every Friday evening at 8 p.m. Temple Beth Am,

203 Church Pl., Yorktown, "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritual and engaging feel while following traditional modes. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

Saturday, April 23

Overeaters Anonymous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-

Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is being held outdoors every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Lincoln Depot Museum Opening: The Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water St., Peekskill, will start its 2016 season with an opening weekend event on April 23 and 24. The weekend theme is "Women and the Civil War" and features new permanent and temporary exhibits of vintage 19th Century women's clothing and jewelry. Included in the exhibit will be a number of original 19th Century dresses on loan from The Eastchester Historical Society. The doors of the museum will open at 1 p.m. and the presentations will begin at 2 p.m. each day. Admission will be \$5 per person with children 12 and under and museum members admitted for free. The 2016 season will run through Nov. 13. The museum will be open every Saturday and Sunday, excluding holidays, from 1 to 4 p.m. For further information, visit the museum website at lincolndepotmuseum.org or call 914-402-4318.

Listen To Your Heart: Listen To Your Heart: From Fear to Courage will be held at 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. The journey from fear to courage need not be a long or arduous one as you become empowered

through clarity to what you want, having a plan and support to take the steps to get there. Professional certified coach Diane Ingram leads this empowering session, helping you to create the life you want. Call the library at 914-232-5717 to register

Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday in March from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Magic The Gathering: Magic the Gathering Club for middle and high school students meets every Saturday through June 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Somers Library. Beginners and new members are welcome. Info: 914-232-5717.

Communal Passover Seder: Temple Beth Am is hosting a communal Passover Second-Night Seder at Colonial Terrace. Join us in this family friendly night where adults and children will learn and celebrate the beauty of the Seder surrounded by music and joy. Our vibrant clergy team will teach and entertain, retelling the story while explaining the rituals of the Seder. For more information, to reserve your "reclined seat" at the table, or to find out information on the cost, please contact Joan Poulin at jspoulin@gmail.com. RSVPs are required.

Broadway In Yorktown: O, Broadway! Shining the Spotlight on Favorites from the Great White Way! Is the final concert of the 2015-16 concert season at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. at 7:30 p.m. It will be a toe-tapping evening of music. Immerse yourself in images from Broadway shows while listening to the songs that made them great, featuring the Concert Choir, Bell Choir, and soloists under the direction of Conductor Simona Frenkel! A voluntary donation is suggested to help support the concert series. A reception and refreshments will follow the performance. Info: www.fpcyorktown.org.

Sunday, April 24

Earth Day Services: Earth Day services led by the GreenFaith team will be held at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. Learn more about our GreenFaith mission and how God is calling us to care for creation. For more information visit www.fpcyorktown.org.

Katonah Museum Exhibit: The Nest, an exhibition of art in nature, will be held through June 19 at the Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. The exhibit is examining the beauty and symbolism of the nest

in art and culture. It includes real bird's nests from the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History collection alongside 25 works by 18 contemporary artists, as well as a selection of Pre-Columbian feathered textiles. The exhibit can be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. Regular admission is \$10; \$5 for seniors and students and free for museum members and children under 12. The exhibition Web site is <http://www.katonahmuseum.org/exhibitions/TheNest/> Info: 914-232-9555 or katonahmuseum.org.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an email to info@laughingheartsyoga.com

Monday, April 25

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Hebrew Review Class: Increase your ability to read and comprehend Hebrew prayers at this free weekly class at First Hebrew. It meets for 45 minutes starting at noon every Monday. Info: 914-739-0500 or fhc@firsthebrew.org. First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Swim Lessons: Society Hill 2 Recreation Center, 2 Campus Drive, Peekskill, is conducting a new session of swim lessons led by an American Red Cross Instructor in heated pool. Eight week sessions include one free swim per week. Call Terri at 914-737-4909 for more information.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Tuesday, April 26

Painting Workshop: The Katonah Art Center is pleased that renown figure painter Mary Beth McKenzie will be bringing her talents to KAC for a three-day figure and portrait workshop on April 26, 27 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at KAC's new location at 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. To register for this workshop or for information on local accommodations please call the KAC at 914-232-4843. Registration may also be done online at www.katonahartcenter.com.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARIZONA HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SANDS LIGHT CAPITAL, LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LUX GLOBAL PARTNERS, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/29/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC") ENYGMA BEAUTY AND WELLNESS PRODUCTS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/25/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **The LLC, 8 Castle Heights Place, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: 7 JONES LLC Art of Org. filed with SSNY on February 20, 2015. Office Location: Westchester County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **53 Post Street, Yonkers, NY**

10705. Purpose: any lawful purpose. **NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ELEMENTAL EVENTS, LLC** also recognized as e2 markets, and e squared markets. as filed with Secy. of State of NY(SSNY) on 1/7/2016. Location: Westchester County. Company's agent for service of process is Rocket Lawyer Corporate Services, LLC, **90 State Street, Suite 700, Box 80, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Bygone Candle Company LLC filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is the designated agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **15 Winslow Rd, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful act.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 425 First Realty, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 11, 2016. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 **The principal business address of the LLC is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 Purpose: any lawful act or activity**

FEDER KNIVES LLC NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law, this is a notice of publication of Feder Knives LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"). The Company's Articles of Organization was filed with the New York Department of State on February 10, 2016. The office of the Company is located in Westchester County, New York. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent

of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 725 Hudson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. The registered agent of the Company is **Geoffrey Feder, 725 Hudson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. The Company is a manufacturer and seller of custom-made knives.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHADOW MOSES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **424 Central Ave 2nd Floor, Peekskill, NY 110566. Purpose/character of LLC: 3d Printing & Online Retail**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, 1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that License # 1292601 has been applied for El Tesoro Restaurant No 3 Inc to sell wine & beer in a restaurant under the alcoholic **Beverage Control Law at 615 Main St , New Rochelle NY 10801**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, LIBRARY ELECTION AND VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget at the Commons at the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2016-2017 school year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2016-2017 school year (the Budget), including the tax exemption reporting form, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 14, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses and the Administrative Offices.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that

the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, 3-year terms each, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019.

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2016-2017 School year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

D. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, 5-year term, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2021 and one (1) member for a term effective upon taking the oath of office and expiring on June 30, 2017.



E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the District's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook

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1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, beginning May 12, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the election and vote.

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SPORTS SECTION

Rage at the Cage!

Cavallo
 Cranks GWG in
 Yorktown's 9-7
 Win over Jay



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Yorktown senior A Justin Cavallo leans in for the game-winning goal and gets blasted at the cage by John Jay G Shahe Katchadurian but still manages to score (inset) one of three goals he would net in the visiting Huskers' 9-7 win over John Jay last Thursday in what just might be the prelude to the Section 1 Class B championship in late May... see Boys' Lax Notebook

Cavallo, Casey Combine for 7 Goals in Epic Yorktown Comeback

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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It was everything we thought it'd be; complete with lead changes, pendulum-swinging runs and a big gong at the finish.



Yorktown sophomore Jamison Embury celebrates the goal that would turn the tide in favor of the Huskers during 9-7 win over Jay.

But the best part of Yorktown's 9-7 win over host John Jay last Thursday is the likelihood of a late May rematch between the powers that be in Section 1 Class B.

The sight and sound of Yorktown senior attackman Justin Cavallo being crunched on the go-ahead goal just before the end of the third quarter is something anyone at the game will be hard-pressed to forget. Cavallo (3G, 3A) took an inside roll and buttered it with a lunging, over-the-shoulder crank as he was drilled from every which way from Sunday. The goal gave the Huskers a 6-5 lead they would never relinquish; the alarm-ringing goal during a seven-goal, unanswered run that obliterated a 5-1 John Jay lead for good. It

marked Yorktown's 12th straight win over John Jay-CR, which hasn't come out on top against the Huskers since 2010.

Junior M Kyle Casey was an absolute monster and credit to his team, denouncing the notion that Yorktown lacks a cold-blooded sniper. Casey was the key to Yorktown's comeback, drilling four goals; the vast majority coming during the pivotal 7-0 run that erased a 5-1 deficit.

The Albany-bound Casey, who goes 6'3", was unstoppable in Yorktown's second-half comeback, ripping three-straight goals in just over four minutes to pull the Huskers even at 5-5 with 47 seconds left in the third quarter, before Cavallo cranked home the go-ahead.

Cavallo, also bound for Albany and Coach Scott Marr, got railed chest-side by Jay keeper Shahe Katchadurian, a massive 6'3", 240-pounder, and from the backside. Cavallo and Casey were far from done, as they notched back-to-back fourth-quarter goals -- with Cavallo drawing the slide and subsequent dish on the Casey tally for an 8-5 lead that put the finishing touches on a game-sealing 7-0 run.

"We just didn't come out strong, but the second half was all ours and we came out a whole different team," Cavallo said. "I knew for a fact I was getting crushed (on the GWG), but that was the last thing I was worried about as long as the goal was good. I think we will be fine; all we have to do is bring that intensity to every game."

The young Embury boys were big, too, Jamison Embury igniting the run with a goal off a feed from Sam Spallone, and Hunter Embury winning seven faceoffs in the second half.

Rutgers-bound G Liam Donnelly made several spectacular saves for the Huskers and the senior captain finished with 13 on



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown M Kyle Casey was an absolute wrecking ball in Huskers' 9-7 win over John Jay last Thursday.

the night, which sure as heck looked like it might be a Class B championship preview for what would be the 5th-straight year.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr's Class B Huskers (5-2) did nothing to



Rebels celebrate their game-winning goal in overtime against the Tuskers.

Brewster Softball Tops Fox Lane, Move to 5-1

By Andrew Vitelli

The Bears softball team topped Fox Lane 6-2 Friday behind a strong outing from junior pitcher Makayla Koehler, improving to 5-1 on the season. Brewster broke the game open with a 3-run third inning, capped off by a two-run home run by center fielder Frannie Merkel.

"I'm just really happy with the way the kids played," Brewster coach Lisa Delzio said after the game. "We were solid on defense. I think Makayla

pitched a really good game. And the bats definitely came alive."

Koehler went the distance, striking out five Foxes. Brewster scored six runs – four unearned – off Fox Lane star Alexis Bazos.

"They're a good team. Alexis is a good pitcher, good player," Delzio said. "But I was really proud of how the kids played."

It was the Bears' second win of the week against Fox Lane; Brewster won the first matchup 7-1 on Wednesday.



Yorktown soph Hunter Embury uncorks a shot in Huskers' 9-7 win over John Jay.

dispel the notion that they are the cream of the crop in our neck of the woods, having defeated both Bronxville and John Jay now, and with Somers coming up today it's possible the Huskers enter the playoffs as the clear-cut favorites should they take care of business.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (5-1) will be on full display this Thursday when they host Mahopac in what could be a playoff preview; be it semis or finals (with any luck). The Rebels

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Yorktown junior pole Jose Boyer celebrates his back-breaking goal in win over Jay as teammate Steve Veteri moves in.



Put Valley D Austin Gona makes a play for ball in Tigers' 14-11 loss to Greeley.



Make no mistake, Husker sophomore Brett Makar is the next great pole at Yorktown.

truly believe they should be 6-0 and with their proficiency to put teams away (a combined 75-35 score), it's a reasonable

of regulation to force overtime. Drew Thompson scored the game-winner with

assumption at this point to think the Rebels might be able to keep up with high-octane Fox Lane should they meet in the post. Tim Fallo (4G, 3A), Jojo Janavey (2G, 2A) and Sean Makar (2G, 2A) were all over Hen Hud in an 11-5 win, and the overtime win against Somers was the stuff of legend as the Rebs scored twice inside the final 16 seconds

2:44 left in OT and Hartford-bound D Nick Vazquez won 17 of 21 face-offs to essentially dominate the game. Janavey with yet another hat trick and Kevin Prunty (2G, 3A) were huge.

No.3 SOMERS - Coach DeGregorio's Class B Tuskers (4-2) saw Graham Roediger (3G, 2A) and Andrew Lowman (2G, 2A) do all they could to keep the Tuskers alive in the OT loss to the Rebels but it wasn't enough during this insanely tough stretch of lax for



Lakeland-Panas D Nick Vazquez owned the dot and afforded Rebs possession in OT win over Somers.

the Tuskers, who lost two-straight to the powers that be in Class A (L/P, Fox Lane). This Tusker team is better than anyone though they'd be; simple as that.

No.4 MAHOPAC - The Coach Mohammed/Tanzi-led Class A Indians (2-5) are in the midst of a crisis mode, and Lucy, you got some 'splainin' to do! (feel to Google that). I had the Indians pegged for 4-3 (worst case scenario) after 7 games and we're looking down the barrel of an also-ran season unless the Indians can figure it out like they did last year when they got hot in May and ran to the finals. Let me remind you that this isn't the same program that won eight sectional titles from 1992-2004 and tacked on another in 2011, but this is still Mahopac lacrosse and the schedule is set up to get on a season-changing run between now and May 12th. Anything less than 7-2 over the final 9 games is pretty much unacceptable, 8-1 would be more like it.

No. 5 HEN HUD - Coach Solly's Class C Sailors (4-4) welcomed senior sniper Mike Smith to an exclusive club when the captain went for five goals in a 13-3 win over Pine Bush to become the program's all-time leading goal scorer with 159 tallies. Frank Reifenhauer (3G, 2A), Max Popolizio (3A), Connor Gallagher (2G) and Nick Marra (2A) all had multi-point games for the Sailors, who, quite frankly, we expected more from in their 11-5 loss to the Rebels, who locked of Smith.

HM BREWSTER - Coach Honey's Class B Bears (4-3) didn't quite match up with Hen Hud the way we had



Put Valley M Kevin Gallagher (L) celebrates one of 3G and 4A with teammate Noah Kelvas in Tigers' 14-11 loss to Greeley last Saturday.

hoped they would.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY - Coach Ignatz's Class C Tigers (2-7), despite the sub-par start, should still have enough in the tank to win the League I-B title, and if they don't hold off this pack of sub-par teams it would mark a worrisome period, considering they are a combined 4-26. But if Kevin Gallagher can go for 3G and 4A like he did against Greeley, and Dylan Knight can put up 5G, the Tigers should be able to win this league and maybe take an opening-round playoff game in May.

Sports

Girls LAX Notebook

Somers Erupts for 21 Goals in Win over Brewster

Rosenzweig Notches 100th Career Goal

By Tony Pinciario

SOMERS continues to do two things on a regular basis through the first month of the 2016 season – erupt offensively and win games.

The Tuskers, runner-ups in NYS last season, scored 38 goals in victories over previously undefeated Brewster, 21-12, and John Jay-Cross River, 17-7. Somers is now a perfect seven – as in 7-0.

“This week was a great test for the team with two league games,” Somers’ coach Jaime Prysclak said. “As a team, we needed to get back on track after a tough game against Fox Lane. The girls really challenged themselves in practice and all their hard work paid off as we were able to apply what we did in practice to the games.

“I feel we are at a good place at this point in the season but there is still so much room for improvement. We are eager to keep chipping away and improving each day.”

Somers raced out to a 15-4 lead at halftime over Brewster.

Livy Rosenzweig finished with five goals and four assists and Gabby Rosenzweig had four goals and four assists.

Sydney Ericson, Teagan Lucchese, Sophia Fiorino and Katie Campbell each had two goals and Izzy LaRocca finished with a goal and two assists.

The Rosenzweig sisters were at it again,



Brewster senior A Taylor Doria attempts to outrun Somers’ Nina Bradbury and Izzy LaRocca in 21-12 Tusker win.

combining for 10 goals in the victory over John Jay. Livy finished with six goals and three assists and Gabby had four goals and four assists. Izzy LaRocca added two goals.

HEN HUD was shocked by North Salem, 10-8, halting the Sailors’ three-game winning streak. Hen Hud coach Mary Honovich noted that her North Salem overtook Hen Hud in the second half as the Sailors were down two players, as a result of yellow cards.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers’ Gabby Rosenzweig, who scored her 100th career goal last week, is harassed by Brewster’s Lauren Craft in 21-12 Tusker win.

“We had to play man down and that hurt us,” Honovich said. “Montana played exceptionally well on offense and defense. She was explosive all over the field and one of her goals tied the score at 8-8, off an assist from Kamryan Sherman.”

Honovich was referring to Montana Garrett, who led Hen Hud with four goals. Jenna Richardson chipped in a hat trick and Katy Kenny finished with a goal and two assists. Mackenzie Porter made eight saves.

MAHOPAC opened the week with an 18-8 loss to **YORKTOWN** before rebounding with a 12-2 win over Carmel.

Diana Good paced the offense with three goals against Carmel. Ali Korin added two goals and two assists, Vicky Moundroukas added two goals and two assists and Gabby Light finished with a goal and two assists. Tara Ravoli, who had an assist, won 11 of 14 draw controls and also scooped up five groundballs.

“I’m really proud about how the girls came right out and attacked from the start scoring three goals in the first five minutes,” Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. “The captains talked a lot about setting the tone and it was nice to see the girls really took that in.

“Once again, the defense and goalies were great. Our transition really came together which allowed us to get some nice quick goals before Carmel could settle in on defense. Everyone’s play on the draw circle was much improved, winning almost 70% of the draws was a big factor

in how we performed today.”

Good had a team-leading four goals in the loss to Yorktown, as the Cornhuskers outscored Mahopac, 10-4 in the second half. Korin contributed two goals and an assist.

“At this point of the season. Yorktown is playing at a very high level,” Lieto said. “Their 6-1 start during the first 10 minutes of the second half really did us in. Playing a team like this sets the bar for where we need to get to and exposes areas that we need to focus on in practice. I know our leaders will step up to the challenge and drive our team to get to where we need to be.”

Katie Comerford finished with a game-best six goals for Yorktown. She also had an assist.

Yorktown followed this up with a 17-10 win over Fox Lane and 16-8 loss to Blue Point (L.I.).

Casey Duff finished with a team-leading five goals against Fox Lane and Comerford and Michelle Seger added four goals apiece. Rilea Fusco contributed three goals and three assists.

In the loss to Blue Point, Comerford finished with five goals and Fusco added one goal and three assists.

BREWSTER opened the week with a 16-2 thumping of Pawling, then dropped a 21-12 verdict to two-time defending Section I Class B champion Somers.

Lauren Craft had five goals in the victory over Pawling. MaryKate Lonagan added three goals and an assist, Taylor Doria had two goals and three assists and Maggie DePaoli had a goal and two assists.

“Our focus during the game was to keep everything clean and keep our composure,” Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. “The girls played well throughout the entire game. Our defense was able to keep Pawling at two goals. Dana Lestrangle led the defense with six caused turnovers and two groundballs. Offensively, we were able to connect on many passes and finish our shots.”

Somers and Brewster put on an offensive show with 33 goals. Doria and Craft each had four goals and Megan Beal added two.

OSSINING dropped a 17-7 decision to **LAKELAND/PANAS**, but led by Sam Cozzolino, the Pride defeated Pawling,

18-6 for its first win of the season.

Cozzolino is back this year after missing the 2015 lacrosse season with a knee injury.

“Sam is a three-sport athlete who will play college soccer next year at Division II Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia,” Ossining coach Dan Ricci said. “Her effort is the same in all sports. She is a tireless worker and competitor. She has been the leading scorer in all of our games and that is a result of her toughness and competitiveness.”

Jaida Strippoli added five goals and Gabriella Ferrao, Gabby Rama and Emilly Iannarelli-Uysal each had a goal and assist.

Cozzolino netted three goals against Lakeland/Panas and Natalie Pelaez added two.

The Rebels improved to 5-1 under first-year coach Rebecca DiSisto. Along with the win over Ossining, Lakeland/Panas outlasted Horace Greeley, 16-14, and



Brewster senior D Ailish Erickson is checked by Somers’ Sydney Ericson in the Tuskers’ 21-12 win over the Bears.

Putnam Valley, 17-13.

Gianna Napoli led Lakeland/Panas with four goals and one assist against Greeley. Katie Bradbury and Valerie Perkins each had three goals and an assist.

Bradbury erupted for six goals against Ossining, Carlyn Mucci added four goals and Caroline Cahill collected four assists.

Emily Kness and Bradbury each had four goals in the win over **PUTNAM VALLEY** while Mucci and Perkins chipped in with three goals apiece.

Even though Putnam Valley lost to Arlington, 13-9, and Lakeland/Panas, 17-13, the Tigers were in both games and did the job offensively.

Jackie Phillips finished with four goals and Emma Rippin and Stephanie Wagner each had two goals and an assist against Arlington.

Maddie Deegan and Rippon each had five goals against Lakeland/Panas.

Bad News Bears No More, Brewster Knocks off Fox Lane

Yorktown vs. Lakeland: Sorrentino Cup Up for Grabs

By Ray Gallagher
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When a local baseball coach goes looking for measuring sticks regarding the play of his team, Fox Lane is usually a good gauge. If you can play with, or even defeat, the Matt Hillis-coached Foxes, you're chances of competing with most others in Section 1 are pretty good.

Brewster Coach Matt Cunningham is well aware of that after the Bears (4-2) split the season series last week with the Foxes, taking a 3-1 decision at home last Wednesday before suffering a heartbreaking 7-6 loss on the road Friday.

"Our team outlook for 2016 so far has been positive," Cunningham said. "We are looking to take the proverbial one game at a time. This group of players has worked really hard and well together during the pre-season and the early part of the regular season."

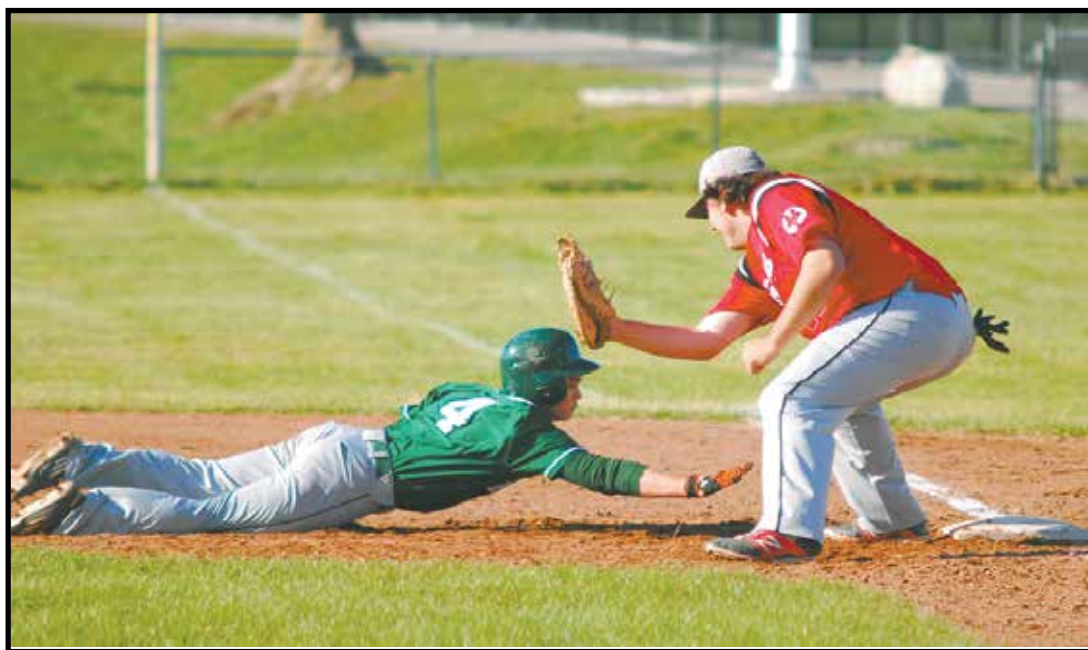
Led by our four seniors, including



Brewster P Christian Lando fires pitch in 3-1 win over Fox Lane last Wednesday.

captain Matt Catalano, Jack Dempsey and Devin O'Connor, plus Mike Klosowski, the Bears are off to their best start in several years.

The pitching staff of Nathan Beal, Christian Lando and Devin O'Connor, plus a strong defense, has been the key.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster's Nolan Curley can't get back to the bag in time during Bears 3-1 win over Fox Lane last Wednesday.

The Bears are also taking a different approach to the plate.

"Offensively, we have taken a page out of the Kansas City Royals book in using the motto "move the line," the coach said. "Each player is expected to do their job in the framework of the lineup to keep the pressure on opposing defenses and giving us more scoring opportunities. We have a solid group of juniors who comprise both starters and important players coming off the bench. We have discussed at great lengths our team-first concept and at times needing to sacrifice individual success. Our team chemistry has really grown as a result of having great, committed kids who really believe in what we are trying to accomplish."

The first game against the Foxes saw Bears P Christian Lando chuck a three-hitter. Support came from Jack Dempsey and Devin O'Connor, who each had an RBI against Fox ace Aaron Winkler. Winkler pitched a complete game for the Foxes, allowing five hits while striking out seven, but the

Bears got to him twice for earned runs.

Matt Catalano went 2 for 3 with two RBI for the Bears in the 7-6 loss to the Foxes...

Don't believe many folks in and around CARMEL believed they'd see the day when the Rams would be throttled by CROTON-HARMON, 8-1, last Thursday.

Croton P Chris Colombo was chucking b-b's, firing a two-hitter with seven strikeouts. He backed his own cause by going 2 for 2 with four RBI. After losing a heartbreaker to Lakeland, Croton P Scott Giordano struck out 14 in a complete game while only allowing two earned runs in an 8-4 win over Hen Hud. He also went 3 for 5 with two RBI.

LAKELAND senior P Richie Vetrano continued to build upon a nice season, chucking a four-hitter during a tidy 88-pitch outing against SOMERS, who couldn't really tough Vetrano in a 7-0 Hornet win. Matt O'Dair went 2 for 3 with two RBI. Lakeland also worked a 1-0 win over Croton, getting 10 whiffs out of P Rick Burrone in six IP, and dicey save from reliever Patrick Morelli who worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh. Hornet SS Trevor McCarthy, a real gamer who recently signed to play at Brockport, knocked in the game's only run.

YORKTOWN saw first-hand what it takes to run with the big boys of Class AA during an 11-4 loss to RCK, the cream of the crop in Section 1. Earlier in the week, though, Husker Tanner

Dyslin stroked a walk-off single for his second RBI in a 5-4 win over Greeley. Husker ace James "Great White" Sharkey struck out 10 more batters over 5 1/3 innings. The "Shark Attack" is taking a bite out of many this season; consider the following: 13.1 IP, 7 hits, 27 whiffs and an ERA of 1.57.

I'm hoping like heck to get over to Yorktown this Saturday for the 35th annual Sorrentino Cup game between the Huskers and the Hornets, who haven't had their hands on the coveted cup in quite some time, not since 2011 when former Lakeland great Jon de Marte won three-straight, in fact. First pitch is 1:00 p.m. and you don't have to be a baseball expert to know this game means more to Yorktown than any regular season game of the year. Played in memory of Joseph Sorrentino, Jr., a Yorktown High School athlete

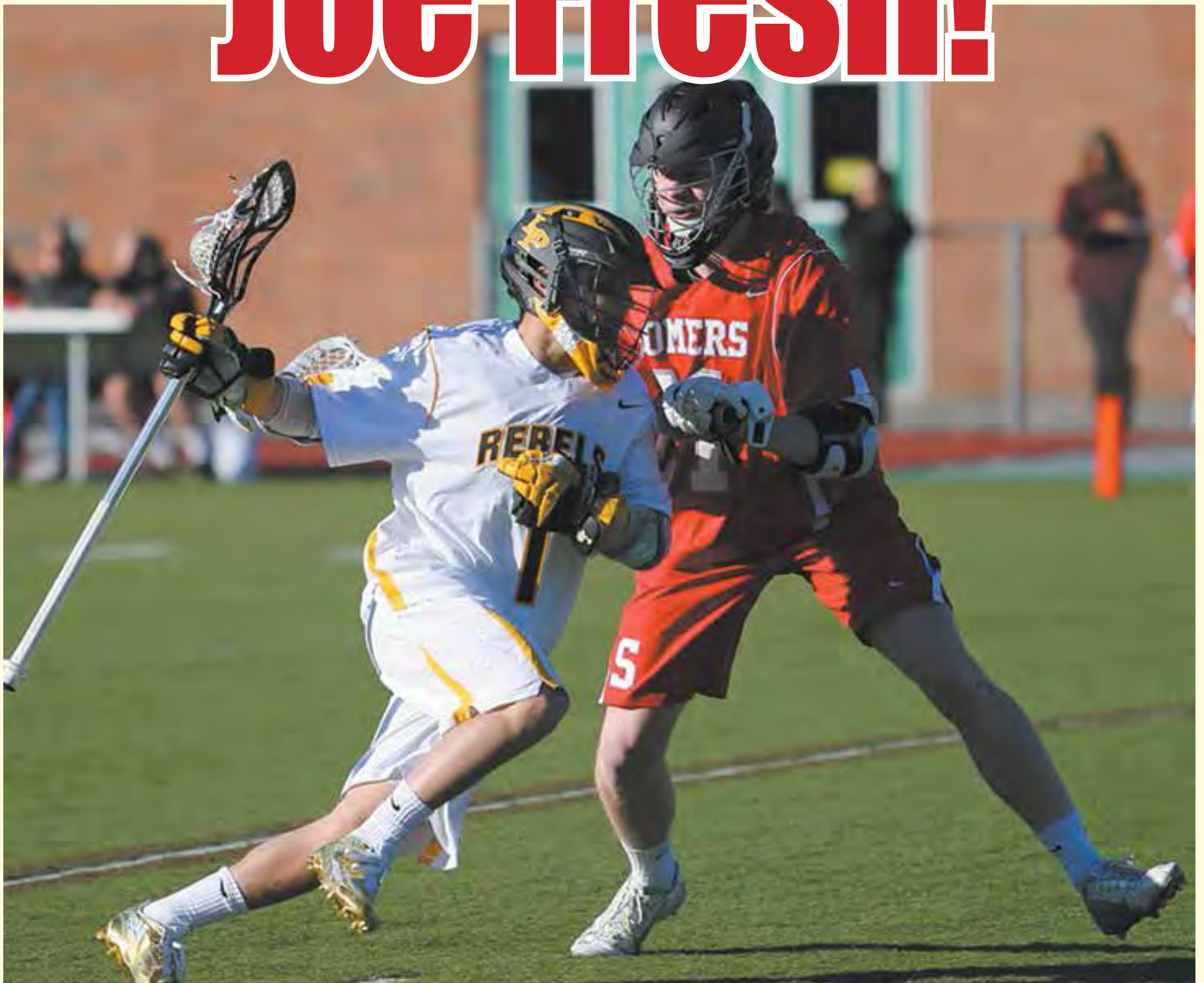
and star pitcher who passed away in 1981, the game brings out the best in the Huskers (3-2) and the Hornets (4-3) are tired of losing this one.

MAHOPAC (3-1-1) showed it has what it takes to compete with the big boys by splitting a pair with Arlington last week, knocking off the Admirals 13-8 before suffering a 4-0 loss. Indian C Greg Cavaliere (triple) looked like an All-Section backstop in the win, going 4 for 5 with three RBI. Matt Montero and Joe Giorgio each knocked in a pair of runs for the Indians, who mashed 14 hits in all, including three triples and a double.



Brewster SS Matt Catalano has been a driving force in Bears' 4-2 start.



Joe Fresh!



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Rebels Yell Loudest in OT Triumph of Somers

Lakeland/Panas senior Joe Cortese, who is bound for Mercy College next fall, makes his move on Somers junior Jack Kessler in the Rebels' 10-9 overtime victory last Tuesday when Rebel Drew Thompson scored the game-winner with 2:44 left in OT. Cortese scored twice in the win... see Boys' Lax Notebook

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