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Y orktown High Grad Out to Prove She's ‘Tough Enough’

By Rick Pezzullo

A Yorktown High School graduate is in the running for a $250,000 contract with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

Amanda Saccomanno, 24, who graduated from Yorktown High in 2008 and earned a bachelor's degree in speech pathology from Iona College, was chosen from more than 11,000 hopefuls to be among the final 13 of the WWE reality series Tough Enough competition.

Contestants on the show, which debuted last Tuesday on the USA Network, are vying for two one-year contracts to be a WWE superstar. Saccomanno, who goes by the stage name Mandy Sacs, is one of six women striving to become the latest WWE Diva.

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Amanda Saccomanno is looking to parlay her WBFF Diva Bikini Pro World Championship into a WWE Diva contract.

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Croton Resident on Career Path to Help Others

By Jonathan Ortiz

Of the many phases that make up our lives, it is often in high school where people discover the passions they would like to commit ourselves to. Some dedicate their skills to art, while others choose politics or law.

While attending Oakwood Friends School, Alexandra Stephens, 17, a Croton resident, discovered that she simply wanted to help people.

Founded in 1796, Oakwood Friends School is the oldest co-educational boarding school in New York, and, being established on Quaker values, emphasizes the education of the individual learner. So much so that the average number of students in each class is 12, and Stephens's graduating class held only about 25 students. Yet it was this tight-knit environment that helped Stephens choose the path she is on today.

“Everybody knew everybody, which definitely helped with my confidence,” Stephens said. "The small classes helped me to focus on what I really wanted to focus on and I learned a lot about myself. The faculty and teachers there have good hearts.”

What Stephens decided to focus on was becoming a nurse practitioner, an undertaking that requires a six-year nursing program at SUNY Brockport. There she will also join the Air Force RoTC program her sophomore year, following in her father’s footsteps who was deployed in Afghanistan while Stephens was in high school, and is currently a chaplain in the National Guard. While the RoTC program does offer to pay for tuition with the guar-

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the Tough Enough crown is truly rewarding,” Saccomanno said in a written release. “Being able to train and compete alongside the WWE, which houses some of the world’s most talented athletes, is an amazing opportunity.”

In August of last year, Saccomanno was crowned “WBFF Diva Bikini Pro World Champion” in the largest and most prestigious “fitness and fashion” competition in the world. She recently partnered with USN (Ultimate Sports Nutrition), a worldwide leader in sports nutrition and bodybuilding supplements. Her workout routine includes weight training, Cross Fit, Pilates, dance and yoga.

“Amanda has the unrivaled combination of athleticism, beauty and peak physical fitness to take her to the top of this competition,” Peter Anske, Saccomanno’s manager, said of her chances on Tough Enough.

One of Saccomanno’s three older brothers, Matt, said winning the WBFF Diva Bikini Pro World Championship opened doors for her sister, who he noted has always been very competitive.

“She has a great work ethic, discipline and determination. She doesn’t quit,” he said. “She graduated college and one day she said I’m going to start working out. Before you know it she was winning the bikini contest. She’s very good at having an opportunity come her way.”

With some wrestling fans comparing Saccomanno to Hall of Fame WWE Diva Trish Stratus, Matt feels her sister has a solid chance of winning Tough Enough by just being herself.

“You have to stand out from the rest,” he said. “Her personality and charisma is apparent. We’re all rooting for her.”

Each week on Tough Enough, which airs at 8 p.m. every Tuesday on USA, the three judges (Hulk Hogan, Daniel Bryan and Paige) nominate three contestants for possible elimination and viewers decide who is sent packing. Fans can follow Saccomanno at www.amandasaccomanno.com or on social media at @manda_sacs.

Amanda Saccomanno has a 1 in 6 chance of being the next WWE Diva.
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Hen Hud, Municipalities Reach New Financial Pact with Entergy

By Rick Pezzullo

The Hendrick Hudson Board of Education last week unanimously approved a new 10-year financial agreement between the district, several municipal entities and Entergy, owners of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan, regarding Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

The pact, which includes the Town of Cortlandt, Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Buchanan Fire Department and Westchester County, encompasses school years 2015-16 to 2024-25. The school district will receive 80.75% of the payments, starting in the 2015-16 school year, which will total more than $23 million.

Annual increases in the PILOT payments will fluctuate according to the state tax levy cap and regulations.

“This was a very engaging and professional process, working with Entergy,” said Hen Hud Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter. “We negotiated at a time of great unease and uncertainty regarding Entergy’s relicense, political influences and regional advocacy.”

For the current school year, PILOT payments from Entergy and other local businesses were budgeted at just under $24.5 million, or approximately 33% of the projected revenues. Other sources of income are tax levy (56%), State Aid (7%), Fund Balance Transfers (2%) and Other Sources (2%).

“The reality is Entergy’s PILOT payments allow us to have among the lowest property taxes in the county,” Hochreiter said. “There is a direct relationship between Entergy’s PILOT payments and our ability as a district to keep taxes low for homeowners.”

In the event of a permanent shutdown, or damage or destruction to the Indian Point facility on the Hudson River, all parties have the option to cancel the agreement. If the agreement is cancelled, the plants will return to the tax roll. If the agreement continues after a closure, PILOT payments will see a reduction of 30% the first year, 60% the second year and 90% the third year.

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Stephens hopes that taking on this journey will lead to work as a nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit. As her career progresses Stephens plans on opening up her own pediatrics office.

“I’ve always liked kids, and I would like to be there for the families whose kids have the issues you would see at an NICU,” she said.

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Even Stephens’s part-time employment speaks to her passion for making lives better. Besides being employed as a hostess for Croton’s Justin Thyme restaurant, Stephens works at Bagels on Hudson and the Croton Creamery Ice Cream Shop, where she serves some of the best comfort foods.

Despite being excited to start her journey towards becoming a nurse practitioner, Stephens said she is incredibly sad to leave Oakwood Friends School, which has become her home away from home.

“I would be a very different person today if not for Oakwood Friends, people there were so good to me,” Stephens said. “I’m excited to learn new things and to branch out and grow and see who I become.”
Yorktown Bridge to be Named for Fallen Army Soldier

By Rick Pezzullo

A state bridge in Yorktown will be named for a U.S. Army specialist who was killed four years ago while serving in Afghanistan.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-C/Yorktown) announced last week the bridge on Route 129 will be renamed as the Specialist David R. Fahey Jr. Memorial Bridge for the former 23-year-old Yorktown resident.

Fahey was killed on February 28, 2011 by an improvised explosive device while he was deployed on combat operations by an improvised explosive device while he was deployed on combat operations with the 504th Military Police Battalion of the 42nd Military Police Brigade.

“Yorktown lost one of its finest the day David Fahey gave his life so that others could be safe and free,” Murphy said. “David understood how proud we all were of him, and he sent us home a flag from Kandahar that was displayed in the Town of Yorktown when I served as councilman. He was a hero and a true soldier.”

Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, Fahey was raised by his aunt and uncle on Baldwin Road with his siblings and cousins. He enlisted in the Army in 2007 and served in Korea. In 2010 he was assigned to Afghanistan. He was the recipient of the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal and Driv-ers and Mechanics Bridge.

A bill is also currently pending before the Connecticut State Legislature to name an overpass on Interstate 95 in Norwalk in Fahey’s honor.

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Lake Peekskill Native in Navy Reserve

A Lake Peekskill native and 2010 Putnam Valley High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Nelson is part of a unique group of Americans who serve in uniform part-time while also working full-time jobs outside the military. Created in 1915, the Navy Reserve has played a major role in nearly every conflict the United States has been involved in during the past decade.

Nelson’s current assignment is with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27, based in Gulfport, specializing in building roads, bridges, airfields and other structures for the U.S. military.

“My father was the same rate, so I wanted to continue the tradition of service,” Nelson said. “My favorite part of the job is the camaraderie. As a police officer, being in the Reserve helps maintain bearing, situational awareness and people’s skills.”

The Reserve is a major component of the Navy representing about 20 percent of its total forces. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, there have been more than 70,000 Selected Reserve mobilizations, along with an additional 4,500 deployments by full-time support Sailors.

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Raising of Sculpture Celebrated at Ossining’s Harbor Square

By Rick Pezzullo

Officials from the Village of Ossining and Ginsburg Development Companies raised a monumental sculpture last week that was molded in the ground at the new public waterfront park and promenade being built at the Harbor Square luxury rental complex.

The towering 42-foot tall, 80-ton sculpture, which was commissioned by developer Martin Ginsburg, was created by internationally known sculptor Peter Lundberg. It will face the Hudson River and serve as the centerpiece of the waterfront park, which will include a children’s playground and riverfront restaurant.

“We are delighted to have this magnificent sculpture by renowned sculptor Peter Lundberg as the showpiece of the beautiful public waterfront park and promenade we are building at Harbor Square,” Ginsburg said. “Art is a very important part of our daily lives and we are proud to incorporate it into the public spaces of our residential communities.”

Located across from the Ossining Metro-North station, the $65 million Harbor Square project will feature 188 luxury rental apartments. Amenities will include full service concierge, rooftop pool and deck, barbecue stations and outdoor bar, and a first class spa and fitness center. Occupancy is scheduled for spring 2016.

Standing at Harbor Square in front of the 42-foot tall sculpture (L-R:) GDC Principal Martin Ginsburg, Ossining Village Mayor Victoria Gearity, New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Sculptor Peter Lundberg.

Police Blotter

Yorktown Police

June 15 - 7:59 p.m. – Daniel Pezanowski, 31, of Yorktown, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance after allegedly being found in possession of a quantity of heroin at a traffic stop on Curvy Street, near Jennifer Court.

June 18 - 9:45 a.m. – An unidentified 14-year-old Mohgan Lake male was charged with juvenile delinquency for falsely reporting an incident. On June 8 a Lakeland High School resource officer was alerted by a parent of a student that their child had been receiving threatening emails. An investigation later showed the emails were not legitimate.

June 22 - 10 p.m. – An unidentified 13-year-old Montrose male was charged with juvenile delinquency for allegedly committing a criminal sexual act.

June 23 - 5:35 p.m. – Ernest Burkett, 32, of Peekskill, was charged with two counts of assault and endangering the welfare of a child after police were called on June 13 to the parking lot of 250 Underhill Avenue to investigate a domestic dispute. It is alleged during the dispute Burkett assaulted two people and endangered the welfare of a child. Burkett turned himself in to police in June 23. Bail was set at $10,000 bond or $5,000 cash and a temporary order of protection was issued on behalf of the victims.

June 25 - 1:38 a.m. – Michael Morales, 29, of Mahopac, was charged with driving while intoxicated after being pulled over on Route 6 for speeding.

State Police

June 9 - Vilma Nokaj, 41, of Mahopac, was charged with grand larceny, forgery and falsifying business records after being accused of discounting the dental accounts of eight family members and friends totaling $8,200 between January and August 2014 while working at a dental office in the Town of Southeast.

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By Isabella Fitzgerald

Mark Janny didn’t spend last weekend like most people his age.

The 19-year-old Yorktown resident participated in the 12th annual Tri-State Trek, a 270-mile, three-day bike ride Chestnut, Hill Mass. to Greenwich, Conn. that served as a fundraiser for ALS. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a progressive and degenerative disease that affects about 30,000 people in the United States and 45,000 worldwide. There is currently no treatment or cure.

For Janny, a 2014 Yorktown High School graduate, the two-day trek was personal. He lost his grandfather to ALS 10 years ago.

“I still can remember visiting [my grandfather] once or twice in the hospital and seeing just how awful it was,” Janny said. “Through events like this and quite a few others, I hope that a cure can be found in the near future so that nobody has to go suffer from this disease anymore.”

The Keene State College student rode with Team America for his first time participating in the Tri-State Trek. His love for endurance sports and helping those with ALS inspired him to meet the challenge. Janny’s said his family, who signed up to be crew members, has supported his decision to help raise money and awareness to combat ALS.

“I can’t thank them enough for how much support they have given me,” Janny. The Tri-State Trek has raised more than $3.3 million since its inception in 2003, when it started with 16 cyclists. Since then, the event has grown to include over 400 participants, men and women from 16 to 65 years old.

There were 21 sponsors of the event, which was organized by the ALS Therapy Development Institute in Cambridge, Mass. The institute is the world’s first and largest nonprofit research center dedicated to ALS.
From the Editor

50 Years Young and Beaming with Pride

By Rick Pezzullo

There are some milestones in life that cause you to pause and reflect. During the last few months, I’ve had several of those milestones.

As I write this column I am celebrating turning half a century young. How did that happen? If I didn’t know the year I was born I wouldn’t believe it. There must be some mistake. Father Time doesn’t give anyone a break I guess.

It seems like in a blink of an eye I went from graduating from Lakeland High School and Pace University to having two children graduate from Walter Panas High School and Ivy League universities. From childhood to fatherhood. Elton John wasn’t kidding about the Circle of Life.

I certainly have few complaints. I have been blessed with good health so far, a supportive immediate family and in-laws, and a true angel at my side for the last 27 years who makes me smile just thinking about her. It’s as if the enjoyment of life went up 1,000 notches the minute I set eyes on her in the back of journalism class. A gift from God without a doubt.

But enough about me. I’d rather turn the attention to our pride and joy: our daughter, Cheryline, and son, Ricky. Don’t worry, they’re used to it. That’s what comes with the territory when your father is an editor of a newspaper.

Everyone wants the best for their children, and then hopes for the best. In our case, everything, fortunately, went according to plan, a shoot for the stars plan that began when they were born. From an early age my wife, a teacher, instilled in our children the importance of reading and learning. The foundation of a Catholic education also was essential in reinforcing the values we were teaching at home.

Our children took it from there. They never settled for mediocrity. They welcomed challenges. I marveled at their tenacity. Along the way I would chime in with inspirational Rocky Balboa quotes and other words of wisdom, but they kept focused with the Eye of the Tiger and an inner desire to succeed.

It was often thought that children from middle class families could not set foot in the Ivy League, but that is no longer the case. It just takes perseverance, hard work and the belief you can climb any mountain. We are proof of that. Cheryline graduated from Cornell University in 2011 and recently graduated from New York University’s College of Dentistry. Ricky graduated from the University of Pennsylvania (not Penn State) and will be pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy at Columbia University.

To see them walk across their respective stages and receive their diplomas from these prestigious universities was somewhat surreal since it was as if a dream was unfolding in front of you.

Magical moments, like the feeling you get visiting Disney World.

We certainly would be as proud of our children if they would have chosen to attend Colgate, Fordham, Villanova or any other college where they were accepted, but the fact that they decided to push themselves is a testament to their character not to settle for second best.

It is my strong belief that local school districts should be doing a better job promoting the successes of their graduates because what better role models for up and coming students are there than students who walked the same hallways at one point and became leaders and high achievers?

The only thing I haven’t achieved so far in my personal plan is hitting the lottery. However, I don’t feel any amount of money could possibly provide as much satisfaction and happiness as our children have so far. It’s a feeling I would hope all parents can experience some day. It really is priceless.

Letters

Reinventing the “Work Session” of the Yorktown Town Board

To the Editor:

I served on the Yorktown Town Board for 16 years. During many of those years Michael Grace was the Town Attorney and he sat in on all our sessions. Now that he is the Town Supervisor he has often said that he had a lot of respect for the Town Boards during those years as we got a lot of things done and we worked very well together. In order to get any real work done the board members must be able to work together. Many residents do not realize that the real work of the Town Board is done at the work sessions and not at the public hearings. During the years I was on the Town Board, we began the work sessions every Wednesday night at 7:00 and often worked until after midnight. I worked with a Republican majority board and a Democratic majority board and therefore I have some insight about how to be productive when working with diverse political groups. I would like to share some of those insights as it may be of some assistance to the present town board.

The Town Board members I worked with were able to work together because we trusted each other and we were able to speak TO each other. That is how any good organization functions. Whether it is a family unit or a huge conglomerate, all the people must be able to communicate with each other. If there is a family dispute, the family unit sits around the table and talks to each other. They may even share a meal while they are discussing a family issue and they look at each other while they are talking. The same model was used while I was working on the town board. During our work sessions we sat around a table and looked at each other. We spoke TO each other and sometimes we all ate together. I say this not to reminisce about the good old days when the town board had a certain decorum and civility but as a model to help the town board be able to work together again. Don’t reinvent the wheel. That old model worked.

The work sessions of the town board should be used to get some of the hard prep work done. The work session should NOT be an additional public hearing. It should not be used for grandstanding or political theater. There is plenty of time for that at the public hearings. The board members should sit across from each other and talk TO each other and not AT each other or AT the public. The public can be present but as spectators. To allay everyone’s fears, the Town Board is prohibited from having “secret meetings” behind closed doors. The NYS Sunshine Law requires all meetings of the board to be open to the public when three or more members meet. There are procedures and guidelines to protect the public from any violations of the law. However, the board needs some space to discuss the issues that confront the town. They need

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Guest Commentary

Being Realistic – and Honest -- about Economic Development

By Councilwoman Susan Siegel

I wish there was a magic bullet solution to filling our vacant stores and enticing more new commercial development into Yorktown. Sadly, no such magic bullet exists.

It’s easy for politicians, whether in office or running for office, to label themselves “business friendly” and promise that they’ll revitalize our hamlets, bring in more tax rateables and lower our taxes. But the hard truth, the indisputable truth, is that it takes more than labels and promises to fill vacant stores or attract new development.

For better or worse, like it or not, the town is only one piece in the complex mosaic that results in economic development: there’s the general health of the economy; Yorktown’s demographics and access to major highways; changing consumer buying habits; personal lifestyle choices, the federal tax code, business strategies, etc., etc.

Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying the town is powerless to promote economic development or should stand by and do nothing. Absolutely not! What I am saying, though, is that I wish politicians were honest with residents and took the time to explain the realities of what they can and cannot do to influence economic development.

As someone who has observed and participated in the economic development process as both a resident and town official, here are just some of the tools in the economic development toolbox that Yorktown has been successfully using for the past several years.

Comprehensive Plan and Zoning. The two go hand in hand and are the most important tools the town has at its disposal to encourage more commercial development, both in the town’s existing hamlets and along its two major commercial corridors, Route 202 and Route 6. But, as we’ve learned in recent years, even the most business friendly Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code can only go so far: economic development takes place only when the private sector is ready, willing and able to come forward with and pursue a specific development plan.

- In 2013, the town rezoned 30 acres of the 100 acre Stateland property along Route 202 for commercial use, but we’re still waiting for the property owner to come in with a site plan.
- In March, 2014, the town amended its parking and signage requirements to facilitate the upgrade of the JV Mall. No sooner was that done than Simon Properties, the mall’s owner, underwent a corporate re-structuring and sold the mall. The town is now waiting for the new owner to proceed with the upgrade.

In the meantime, there ARE signs of progress. The Staples Center, with the active support of both the Town Board and the Planning Board, is undergoing a major facelift and a planned expansion. (Zoning changes also enabled the lower level of the main building to attract new tenants.) A new CVS and second building is planned across from the shopping center and indications are that as the Costco plan moves closer to getting its final approval, it will spur interest along Route 202. The Costco project will also pave the way for a potential mixed use development along Old Crompond Road between Best Plumbing and Costco.

Streamline the development approval process so businesses can open up more quickly. This is a process that started in 2010 when, as supervisor, I brought together developers and town staff and together we identified -- and implemented -- procedural changes in the approval process, procedures that continue to expedite the approval process to this day. Can more streamlining be done? As a regular attendee at the Planning Board meetings, the answer is yes, especially in the area of improving communications between various town boards.

Honesty: We need to stop blaming the town for causing delays in getting businesses open. Truth be told (and it seldom is), many of the delays are caused by the businesses and/or their architects and engineers. One business stands out as a classic example of a property owner causing his own delays by continually failing to submit a proper site plan and then, once the site plan was approved, failing to submit the proper documents to the Building Department for his building permit.

Making Yorktown a destination. That’s why I helped start the Yorktown Trail Town Committee in 2014. We need to let folks know about Yorktown’s best kept secret and major asset and tourist attraction -- our network of walking, hiking and cycling trails. The all-volunteer Committee is working on a series of initiatives designed to bring people into Yorktown -- and tell them where they can spend their money once they’re here. Are there more opportunities to make Yorktown a destination? Yes…which leads to…

Partner with the Chamber of Commerce and the Yorktown Small Business Association. Create more reasons for making Yorktown a destination. Sponsor joint meetings to brainstorm on issues, strategies and joint efforts. Identify problem areas for business and outline solutions. No one person or one group has all the ideas. We need to work together.

And while we’re being realistic and honest, let’s acknowledge what the town CAN’T do. The town can’t tell a landlord who to rent to, or not rent to. Nor can the town tell a landlord to lower his or her rents. Given the tax code, some owners can actually make more money by keeping their spaces vacant. We’re a free market, capitalist economy. We’re not Russia. We don’t tell businessmen how to run their business.

In my 45 years in Yorktown, many of them working to promote change, I’ve learned to be persistent, aggressive, honest, realistic, and above all, patient. Change doesn’t happen overnight, especially when it involves as many different moving parts as economic development.

Reinventing the “Work Session” of the Yorktown Town Board

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to be able to be open and frank with each other without the PC police interfering. The frank discussions would help create a complete airing of everyone’s views. That is why we elected them in the first place. The public should not be looking over the shoulders of the board to see which councilman is going to say “the wrong thing.” When the public is waiting for the political “gotcha” moment, it does not create an atmosphere for productive discussions. Rather it has a chilling effect upon the crucial debate at the work sessions. The “gotcha moment” is not in the best interests of the town and it does not help solve the problems of the town. The public will have plenty of time to express their concerns with the legislation at the public hearing. I have heard that there are some people who want to make the work sessions “more transparent” and there is even a call for them to be televised. The next time you have a family meeting to resolve a family dispute, set up the video camera and invite the neighbors. See how well that works out. Please give the board members some space to discuss the serious issues that confront the town.

GARY AJELLO, ESQ.
Councilman 1983-1999

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PCTV
Your Community Voice
By Neal Rentz

Tappan resident Adolfo Godinez emphasizes there is only one thing retro about Retro Fitness.

"Retro Fitness is retro price, modern gym," Godinez, general manager of the new facility in Cortlandt, said last week.

The Cortlandt Retro Fitness opened on East Main Street on June 25 in the former location of Party Stop. "We thought that the Cortlandt Manor area and the Westchester County area needed a Retro, needed something that was fun and exciting and vibrant, just like we are," Godinez said.

The new facility is affordable, Godinez said. Retro Fitness began a decade ago in New Jersey by its CEO Eric Casaburi. "It became a boom right away," Godinez said.

Membership starts at $19 a month while other facilities charge $99 per month, Godinez said.

The facility offers individual and small group training, as well as group classes, Godinez said.

Retro Fitness provides "state of the art" exercise equipment, including cardio machines with personal televisions, strength training equipment, and free weights ranging from five to 125 pounds, Godinez said. "Everything is brand, spanking new," he said.

The new facility also provides several amenities including child sitting services with many things to keep children busy, a smoothie bar, a cardio movie theater workout room, locker rooms and showers.

"The hardest part of my job" is choosing a film to be screened in the cardio movie theater, Godinez quipped.

Aside from his administrative duties, Godinez is also an instructor. He began his Retro Fitness career three years ago as a spinning instructor and manager in Tappan.

Godinez said he was motivated to pursue a career in fitness based on his personal experiences. "I was overweight. I started working out. I loved it instantly and I wanted to help people transform themselves," he said.

Godinez is now able to help northern Westchester residents transform themselves in a new venue. "I think it's a great gym. It's a great atmosphere," he said. "We're a family here. We treat all our members and potential members as family."

Retro Fitness is located at 3006 E. Main St. in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-603-5001 or visit retrofitness.com.
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**Paramount Hudson Valley Celebrates 85 Years**

By Robert Montague

Community officials and residents gathered for a concert led by The Marshall Tucker Band at the historic Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill on Saturday night to celebrate almost a century of movies, plays, music, and events.

Being one of eight remaining paramount theaters left, The Paramount Hudson Valley Theater is a place that has survived due to the support of its community. Originally built for just films in the Paramount has become a landmark in Westchester County. Throughout the years the theater has gone through many changes and renovations to keep it running.

Fran Gibbs, former Peekskill Mayor, said the Paramount is special to her. Gibbs was a board member for the Paramount when it was called The Paramount Center for the Arts back in the 1980’s. Gibbs said she stayed a board member for at least 20 years. During those years the interior of the theater was restored.

“It’s a gem!” Gibbs exclaimed.

The theater has grown more recently in popularity after being renovated in 2002 to have plays, music performances, and other events, such as the Peekskill High School graduation.

Another former mayor of Peekskill, Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R-C/Peekskill), believes those renovations kept the theater alive. During his term the theater received a $1 million grant from New York State for renovations.

“It’s great to be here 10 years later, I’m pleased all of the work has been maintained,” said Testa, who noted he saw his first movie, ”Mary Poppins,” at the Paramount.

Kurt G. Heitmann, CEO of Red House Entertainment, started his company for the purpose of reviving and operating the Paramount. In 2013, he won the bid for it and has run it ever since.

“Heitmann said.

Peekskill Councilman Joe Torres said the Paramount is great to bring people into Peekskill for entertainment, and it also helps the economy. What Torres loves about the theater is that it’s a place he can go that’s close for entertainment. He’s attended several shows and even saw “Jaws” at the Paramount as a kid.

“It’s a beautiful theater, a great place for great shows,” Torres said.

Bill Edwards is the Executive producer of Westchester All Stars Christmas for Wounded Veterans. For the last four years he has brought his show to the Paramount. Each year he said the show has grown thanks to the Paramount’s staff and support.

“It’s always a pleasure at the Paramount. It’s spectacular,” Edwards said.

Jonathan Close, General Manager of the Paramount has been in charge or running the theater since 2013. He says the theater is a very important component in the rebirth of Peekskill and the Hudson Valley.

“It’s a beautiful theater and we are very fortunate,” says Close.

Close says his goal for the future of the Paramount is to make it the destination for theater and entertainment in the Hudson Valley.

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Remember the wine lists of the 20th century? It was as if an invisible hand crafted the lists of every Italian neighborhood restaurant, every French bistro and every steakhouse. This monotonous uniformity fit the moment in Americans’ wine education. Offer them what they were comfortable with; don’t undermine their selections with wines contrary to their preconceptions and fixed mindset.

I am pleased to report this is no longer the landscape for many restaurant lists. The focus of the lists has changed dramatically. More and more frequently, restaurant patrons are presented with a “beverage” list that is far ranging. I am seeing lists expanded to include wines from far-flung lands and wines with stratospheric prices, including escalating mark-ups. More revolutionary is the expansion into other alcoholic beverages. Today’s beverage list may include cocktails, craft beers and global whiskeys.

No longer focused primarily on wines, today’s restaurant fare? The expanded beverage list is creating quite a buzz for many restaurant-goers. No longer focused primarily on wines, these lists embrace pre-dinner cocktails, both traditional and those concocted by mixologists. Combining exotic ingredients (herbs, bitters, spices), they can set-up one’s palate for the dinner course or be enjoyed as an after-dinner digestif. If you’re brushed past this section of a beverage list, take a moment to pause and peruse the offerings.

In the past, beer selections were generally non-existent on lists. Today, with the proliferation of artisanal beers, somms are increasingly pairing them with food menus. My personal experiences have validated the compatibility of a number of dishes with finely crafted beers (my current favorite: St. Martin’s Belgian Ale with a robust fowl dish).

Whiskeys are gaining a foothold on restaurants’ beverage lists. Scotch offerings are increasing, while small batch American bourbons are growing in popularity for pre-dinner imbibing. In a surprising move towards throwback spirits, small-batch Tennessee whiskies are gaining traction on lists (I recently enjoyed George Dickel Barrel Select – with one ice cube).

Along with expanded and upgraded lists come higher-priced wines. Curated lists may focus on European fine wines not available in wine shops, with prices in the three and four digit stratosphere. For those seeking a higher level of dining, wine prices may not be a constraining factor. However, there are far more consumers who can’t (won’t) open their wallets for more than two or three (soon to be replaced) Alexander Hamiltons.

Over the years, I’ve learned to budget my disposable income for restaurant dining towards higher priced wines without sacrificing my family’s nutritional needs or wardrobe expansion. However, I do object to the high markups on many of the wines I see on today’s wine lists. This egregious practice shows no signs of abating, although a handful of restaurant owners and sommeliers are defying their competitors with lesser markups.

The goal of every restaurant should be to find the perfect fit for your palate and your wallet. After all, a contented customer is a returning customer. And a satisfied customer is a good will ambassador for a successful restaurant.

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**A Guided Tour of the Evolving Restaurant Beverage List**

**By Nick Antonaccio**

"You can’t know what you don’t know, so my role as a sommelier is to provide guidance to those who want to know. Patrons are presented with a maze of options and I am your personal guide through the maze of today’s restaurant fare?"

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When I was in college, I appeared in a play called "The Madwoman of Chaillot" by Jean Giraudoux with the actress Linda Lavin, who would go on to achieve fame as "Alice" on television.

Most stunning about that production, as I recall, were the amazing effects achieved by its lighting director, director of Yorktown Stage, who was an incredible talent.

I remember that when the curtain rose for the second act, the stage was completely dark, and slowly a small pin spotlight illuminated only the face of the madwoman in the center of the stage. That lighting effect alone brought applause from the audience. Every scene of the play was brought applause from the audience. The Madwoman of Chaillot, who was an incredible achievement by its lighting director, as I recall, were the amazing effects encountered outside your house.

Many years later I was reminded of my interest in stage lighting when Barry Liebman, director of Yorktown Stage, shared with me his feeling that a production really doesn’t come to life until the lighting director does his job with a show, going so far to say that seeing a set dramatically lit for the first time has brought him to tears.

His saying that convinced me that someday I should have a home where its lighting would be as dramatic as a stage set, and that would require a custom designed lighting system. But, having always lived in antique homes, my lighting was primarily from traditional lamps.

When I moved recently to a new condo at Trump Park Residences, however, my dream for dramatic lighting presented itself. I arranged with management to have electrical contractors work with me to install a system to light my great room, which I had designed basically as an art gallery for my collection of portraits and landscapes.

The lighting system I planned was to highlight the paintings on three walls: portraits on the "living room" side, paintings on the "dining room" side and a large abstract on the third wall in between.

At first I was planning to hire a lighting designer, but I was lucky to find an electrician with sensitivity to my ideas and needs, P&K Electric, a father-and-son team, in Yorktown Heights. Working in tandem with an electric supply company, Mid-County Lighting & Electric in Mahopac, we all worked wonders together.

There were many technical challenges to overcome working on the fifth-floor condo with 10-foot ceilings, installing high hats in a soffit with insulation material. The casing for the high hat units I originally wanted turned out to be too large to be accommodated in the soffit, but I had the good fortune to be assigned a job manager named Jimmy who was as much an artist as he was an electrician.

Jimmy guided me every step of the way in terms of which product to use – we sourced a small LED light at Mid-County whose imprint on the ceiling is only two inches square – as well as the appropriate spacing and angles of light to employ. He cut such clean holes that nary a speck of spackle was needed for patching the plasterboard.

Now completed, the overhead pin spots illuminate my great room/gallery in a warm and inviting way. Rather than being surrounded by flat walls with two-dimensional shapes on them, the lighted paintings create great depth and richness to our space. While we have other traditional lighting sources in the room, it really requires no light other than that resting on the faces of the portraits and on the landscapes of the pastorals. The effect takes us to other acquaintances and distant places beyond the space we occupy. It’s transporting.

For a great electrician, ask for Pete at P&K Electric in Yorktown at 914-962-3581. For supplies, ask for Steve at Mid-County Lighting & Electric in Mahopac at 845-621-7128.

Bill Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc., the longest running public relations agency in Westchester (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is: www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com and his blog is: www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru and his team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.
In announcing the opening of a full service video production studio here called HD Media/Primavera Productions, co-founder Donald Kelly said, “As the demand for web content increases, so does the need for quality video production, and I am delighted to partner with Bill Primavera of Primavera Public Relations to service businesses and individuals in the Hudson Valley region.”

Bill Primavera, founder of Primavera Public Relations, the longest running marketing company in Westchester, said, “That television production course I took long ago in college haunted me throughout my professional career and whenever I had the opportunity to produce video for a client, it was always one of my favorite activities. However, I always had to outsource the service. Now it will be wonderful to produce everything in-house. How lucky I was to find Don Kelly who has built this professional studio under the roof of Primavera PR and to have his vast experience and technical skill to run it, while our creative team scripts the videos and coaches our clients to appear in front of the camera.”

The HD Media/Primavera Studio is located in Yorktown Heights at 2718 Hickory Street at the corner of Granite Springs Road in the historic Ebenezer White House. The studio features seven cameras, nine audio recording tools, 15 pieces of studio lighting, three settings, three backdrops, including green screen, and a variety of formats from which clients can choose, including voiceovers, video profiles, “elevator pitches,” and professional editing.

“Don is the technician and my PR team does the creative,” said Primavera, “the scripting and coaching primarily.” Kelly, who has done many videos in the real estate field with agents, recognized the need for coaching to put his subjects at ease in front of the camera. “It’s amazing. These are natural born salespeople but much too often, I’ve seen a great video concept suffer because someone is nervous on camera. But Bill has experience on Madison Avenue, coaching for television appearances, and that experience will be put to good use with our work here.”

Primavera added, “Over the years, I’ve learned how to break down those walls between who a person is and the camera lens. Video is so important today for search engine optimization, so I think we’ll have a good market waiting for our services.”

Prior to his entry into video production, Kelly enjoyed a successful career as a mortgage banker for over 30 years, and therefore speaks the language of the real estate industry thoroughly, one area of concentration for the new enterprise. In that regard, he is a good match to Primavera whose resume includes being a realtor with William Raveis Real Estate and is known as “The Home Guru,” a branded weekly columnist for The Examiner and a blogger on the subject of home improvement and lifestyles.

Don Kelly also is involved with producing video of the Honor Flight of the Hudson Valley which flies veterans of World War II to Washington, D.C. four times a year for a whirlwind tour of the monuments and memorials there.

To discuss video concepts, call Bill Primavera at: 914-245-5390. Or email: Bill@PrimaveraPR.com
Thursday, June 30

Farmers’ Market: The Putnam Valley Grange Farmers’ Market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Mill Street and Peekskill Hollow Road (Adams Corners).

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Swimming Lessons: American Red Cross Swim Lessons are offered in our indoor warm water pool by certified instructors. Classes are conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call Terri, manager of the Society Hill 2 Recreation Center, at 914-737-4909 for more information.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Wednesday, July 1

Fitness Program: The POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd, Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914-960-4097.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for $2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of $1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew’s website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, July 2

Ossining Independence Day Celebration: Kick off your Fourth of July holiday with live music and fireworks in Ossining. Enjoy multiple bands as well as food and fireworks. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring seating. Picnics are welcome. The free event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Louis Engel Waterfront Park, 160 Westerly Rd. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. Info: 914-941-3189 or www.villageofossining.org.

Somers Library Exhibit: Jeanne Demotes will be exhibiting a collection of paintings in watercolor, oil and acrylic during the month of July at the Somers Library art gallery. There will be an artist reception at the library on July 11 from noon to 2:30. For more than 20 years, Jeanne has maintained a studio in Peekskill. Her current studio is in The Hat Factory in Peekskill’s artist district. She was a member of Gallery 44 North in Peekskill, a founding member of Galerie J/ENTH, a member of the visual arts committee of the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, organizing several juried exhibitions, and is on the faculty of the Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac. Jeanne also teaches classes and workshops in Heritage Hills, for the Yorktown and Croton Parks and Recreation Depts. in Westchester as well as portrait painting in her studio. Please call the library for viewing times in the program room at 914-232-5717, or visit us online at www.somerslibrary.org.

Field Gallery Exhibit: The exhibit Jo-An Brody, Musings: Works in Clay will be held through July 31 at the Field Gallery, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212.

Friday, July 3

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 914-2416 Ext. 315.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize all under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher. Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Temple Beth Am Service: Every Friday evening at 7 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 rabbwi@optonline.net.

Saturday, July 4

NFL Player’s Camp: NFL offensive lineman Derek Dennis will host a USA Football FUNdamentals clinic for children ages 5 to 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Torpy Field in Peekskill. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The free, one-day clinic is designed to introduce children to football by teaching basic skills in a fun and energetic environment and is supported through a grant from the NFL Foundation Registration before the day of the event can be made at www.usafootball.com/fun.

Love “Love,” an exhibit about varying aspects of love in the 20th and 21st Centuries in paint, installation, video, and sculpture, is being held through Dec. 6 at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. Artists include Alzamora, Barney, Berceza, Brenner, Brickley, Edmier, Feuerman, Guthell, Hacker, Indiana, LeDray, Majic, Mapplethorpe, Neshat, Newsom, Otterson, Oxholt, Pretter, Ritterpusch, Ruckhaberle, Sadler, Tomasula, and Wathen. Info: 914-788-0100 or www.hvcca.com. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Ossining Farmers Market: Down to Earth Markets is holding the Ossining Farmers Market outside at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. The market runs every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com for vendor details, events, and other updates at Ossining’s Down to Earth Winter Farmers Market.

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 am at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 914-716-2488.

Sunday, July 5

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: Ellisia Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartsyoga.com.
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
The Board of Trustees of the Village of
Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on
Monday, July 13, 2015, 8:00pm, prevailing
time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville,
NY to hear comments as it pertains to a
Local Law to establish a “Community Choice Aggregation” (Energy) Program as follows:

Section 1. The Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter, entitled “COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION” (ENERGY) PROGRAM as follows:

ARTICLE I

§1. Legislative Findings; Intent and Pur-
pose of Chapter A. It is the purpose of this Local Law to seek to reduce the cost of natural gas and electricity to its residents.

B. The purpose of this CCA Program, as described to the Village of Pleasantville by Sustainable Westchester, is to allow participating local governments including the Village of Pleasantville to procure electricity and/or supply service for their residential and Small Commercial customers, who will have the opportunity to opt out of the procurement, while maintaining trans-
mission and distribution service from the existing Distribution Utility. This Chapter establishes a program that will allow the Village of Pleasantville, or its designated agent for that purpose, to put out for bid the total amount of natural gas and/or electricity being purchased by local resi-
dential and Small Commercial customers. Bundled Customers will have the oppor-
tunity to have more negotiating strength and consequential potential to lower their overall energy costs, and to improve cus-
tomer choice and value, by providing an additional alternative source for electricity and natural gas; thereby, fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter and fulfilling an important public purpose.

C. The Village of Pleasantville is hereby authorized to participate in a COMMU-
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D. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “COMMUNITY CHOICE AGREGATION (ENERGY) PRO-
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ville.

§2. Definitions.
For purposes of this Chapter, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context otherwise requires, the term in this Chapter shall have the meanings em-
ployed in the State of New York Public Service Commission’s Uniform Business Practices or, if not so defined there, as indi-
cated below:

Bundled Customers – Residential and Small Commercial customers of electric-
ity or natural gas (“fuels”) who are pur-
chasers of fuel directly from the Distribution Utility. Small Commercial – Non-residen-
tial customers as permitted by the Order. Community Choice Aggregation Program or CCA Program – A municipal energy procurement program, which replaces the incumbent utility as the default Supplier for all Bundled Customers within the Village of Pleasantville.

Distribution Utility – Owner or controller of the means of distribution of the natural gas or electricity that is regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Public Service Commission – New York State Public Service Commission.

Suppliers – Energy service companies (ESCOs) that procure electric power and natural gas for Bundled Customers in connection with this Chapter or, alterna-
tively, generators of electricity and natural gas or other entities who procure and re-
sell electricity or natural gas.

Sustainable Westchester – A not-for-profit organization comprised of member mu-
icipalities in Westchester County, New York.

§3. Establishment of a COMMUNITY CHOICE AGREGATION (ENERGY) Program.

A. A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM is hereby established by the Village of Pleas-
antville, whereby the Village of Pleas-
antville shall cooperate with Sustainable Westchester by participating in the CCA Program to the full extent permitted by the Order, as set forth more fully herein. The Village of Pleasantville’s role under the CCA Program involves the aggregat-
ing of the electric and/or natural gas sup-
ply for its residents and the entering into a contract for the procurement of electricity and natural gas for its residents, which the residents may accept or opt out of, with one or more Suppliers for supply and serv-
ices. Under the CCA Program, the oper-
ation and ownership of the utility service shall remain with the Distribution Utility.

B. The Village of Pleasantville’s procure-
ment of energy supply through a CCA Program constitutes neither the purchase of a public utility system, nor the furnish-
ing of utility service. The Village of Pleas-
antville will not take over any part of the electric or gas transmission or distribu-
tion system and will not furnish any type of utility service, but will instead negotiate with Suppliers through Sustainable West-
chester on behalf of participating residen-
tial and Small Commercial customers.

C. In order to implement the CCA Pro-
gram, the Village of Pleasantville may adopt one or more resolutions that out-
line the process of and conditions for par-
ticipation in the CCA Program, including but not limited to signing a contract for a compliant bid with one or more Suppliers, all as consistent with the Local Law and the Order.

D. The Public Service Commission su-
 pervises retail markets and participants in these markets through legislative and regulatory authority and the Uniform Business Practices, which includes rules relating to the eligibility of participating ESCOs, the operation by which ESCOs provide energy services, and the terms on which customers may be enrolled with ESCOs.

§4. Procedures for Eligibility; Customer Data Sharing.
A. As permitted by the Order, the Village of Pleasantville may request from the Dis-
tribution Utilities aggregated customer information by fuel type and service classi-
sication on a rolling basis.

B. Sustainable Westchester, on behalf of the Village of Pleasantville, shall issue one or more requests for proposals to Suppli-
iers to provide energy to participants and may then award a contract in accordance with the CCA Program.

C. Sustainable Westchester or the Village of Pleasantville if the Village of Pleasant-
ville so chooses, will then request indi-
vidual customer data from the Distribu-
tion Utility in accordance with the CCA Program.

D. Sustainable Westchester or the Village of Pleasantville if the Village of Pleasant-
ville so chooses, and the selected Supplier will then notify Bundled Customers of the contract terms and their opportunity to opt out of the CCA Program.

E. In accordance with and for purposes of the Order, the existing Distribution Util-
ities, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and/or New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, will provide to Sus-
tainable Westchester aggregate and cus-
tomer-specific data (including usage data, capacity tag obligations, account num-
ers, and service addresses) of all Bundled Customers in the Village of Pleasantville not currently enrolled with an ESCO.

F. Sustainable Westchester and the, Vil-
lage of Pleasantville will protect customer information as required by law, subject to

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ACROSS
1 Henry would visit this eye doctor before going “up the river,” ____ Ophthalmology
2 “Yuck!”
3 Evidence
4 Junior, e.g.
5 Evil warrior in “The Lord of the Rings”
6 Maiden name...
7 Occupying
8 ___-“Tzu
9 More common name for caustic soda
10 Leaves alone
11 Chalk boards
12 Carrier
13 Altar area
14 Cultivate
15 Villain’s cry
16 The other woman
17 Top
18 Healthy salad additions
19 Carry out an action
20 “Oy, vey!” cause
21 Giant of a Giant
22 Trick taker, often
23 Thou
24 Butter up
25 In place of
26 Punny plus frozen water or Putnam Arena
27 Starting area for Spieth
28 Carrier
29 Favoring
30 ___ van Winkle
31 Early life
32 “Waking ___ Devine” Irish comedy
33 Price of a visit
34 Tax mo.
35 ’60s hot spot
36 Special effects: (abbr.)
37 “May I help you?”
38 ____ ball (terrible basketball shot)
39 Cause of unwanted moisture
40 Tach meas.
41 It’s got you covered

DOWN
1 Sound in a bar
2 “Yuck!”
3 Solution on page 18

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Yorktown’s Cole Haddock tries to bull his way past PV’s Zach Magarelli, who slaps tag on Haddock in Yorktown’s 16-9 win over PV in WPBA 9U action last Thursday at Legacy Field.
Yorktown's Derek Patrissi can't get tag down in time on Put Valley's Evan Mournier.

Yorktown's Matthew Sanchez is tagged out by PV's Mikey Venezia.

Yorktown's Derek Patrissi slides in safely as PV's Chris Borassi tries to make catch-and-tag play in Yorktown win over PV in WPBA action.

Yorktown’s Zachary Magarelli runs down Yorktown’s Matthew Sanchez in Yorktown's 16-9 win last Thursday.

Put Valley’s Ryan Saviano takes a rip and drives home two runs in win over PV at Legacy Field.

Yorktown Slugs Past Put Valley, 16-9, in 9U WPBA Action

Patterson 11-U Team Pounding Foes

Patterson’s 11-U team has put together a tremendous spring and summer campaign, going 40-5 while placing second in the Baseball Heaven’s Father’s Day Tournament. Patterson’s Joe Nemeth, Nick Oster, Mason Compton, Eammon Shields, Dennis Ward, Matt Demme, Will Marsden, Kevin Dall and Nick Montagna have excelled under coaches Ryan Dall, Jim Oster, George Murphy and Dom Montagna. Nick Montagna leads the team with 10 HR and Kevin Dall has 5 for Patterson, who swept the Danbury Hatters 7-2 and 5-2 last Saturday to improve 6-0 in summer NYEB action.

Put Valley’s Connor Flynn connects in recent WPBA 9-U loss to Yorktown last Thursday at Legacy Field.
Heart & Soul Separates Baker, Makes Him Best He Can Be

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

On the surface, Yorktown High senior Ryan Baker doesn’t look like a kid who might play a vital role in a NYS lacrosse championship, two Section 1 and Region 1 lacrosse titles and a Section 1 football title bid. When he first burst on to the varsity scene as a 5’7” 145-pound sophomore, Baker stood out for two things; his speed, which was measurable, and his heart, which could not be calculated but became the driving force behind an All-American lacrosse career. The immeasurable – heart, soul, leadership, tenacity, modesty, etc. etc. played a huge role in Baker’s high school athletic career and being tabbed the 2014-15 Male Athlete of the Year in the Northern Westchester/ Putnam Examiner region.

Baker eventually blossomed into a 5’9” 165-pound UMBC-bound blue-chip prospect and a two-sport captain at Yorktown, who tallied a GPA of over 3.1 in the classroom and earned the respect of every opponent on the field. Among the most unselfish athletes in Yorktown history, Baker did the dirty work on the lacrosse field; winning 63% at the dot and scooping up a team-high 96 ground balls while converting from his natural midfield position to take the majority of the face-offs for the 37-time Section 1 champion Huskers.

Baker could also finish better than most, scoring 41 goals this season, including the last-minute, game-tying goal that nearly sent Coach Dave Marr’s Huskers back to the state championship during a controversial 10-9 loss to Manhasset in the NYS Class B Final 4. He added 15 assists for 56 total points, second only to Monmouth-bound middie Mike Dedvukaj, his close chum, who knows “Bakes” about as well as anybody.

“He probably knows he’s going be the smallest kid on the field, so I think that’s what drives him the most,” Dedvukaj said.

“His motor never stops, and that is what you need in a leader. I’m very upset that I can’t play with Ryan anymore, but I had a great time playing with him. It was awesome.”

As he heads off to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County this August, the soft-spoken, Baker leaves behind a lasting legacy; one of respect, and that of heart and soul. While those intangibles can’t be measured, they will surely not be forgotten.

Senior QB Ryan Baker led the Huskers to the best gridiron season since 1998.

River Bandits Crowned YAC Champs

Yorktown River Bandits won the majors division last week and members of the team, including Tyler Campobasso, Michael Medwid, Jack Tinari, Robert Russo, Marc Pisani, Anthony Venditti, Cooper Mallory, Dan Redahan, Victor Reis, Kyle Cremin, Vincent Ciacelli and Jacob Sosinsky pose with the runnerups after winning it all.

Yorktown’s Ryan Baker’s stellar lacrosse career produced an All-American finish.
Yorktown All-American Ryan Baker excelled in two sports -- lacrosse and football -- during the 2014-15 school year and was just as strong in the classroom, making the UMBC-bound senior the distinct choice for the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner Male Athlete of the Year... see sports.

Driven to Succeed!
Yorktown’s Baker Cooks Up Athlete of Year Nod

Ray Gallagher Photos