Mayor Seeks to Condemn Home after Fire Displaces 103

By Rick Pezzullo

Approximately 103 adults and children from 21 apartments were displaced last week following a three-alarm fire in a home at 141 Fremont Street in Peekskill that Mayor Frank Catalina maintained was "way too intense for that neighborhood."

Catalina said he would be calling on the Common Council to reinstate the Code Enforcement Task Force and anonymous hotline that was discontinued few years ago since he contended both initiatives helped reduce overcrowding and unsafe living conditions in the city for residents and first responders.

No residents were injured in the blaze that broke out about 7 p.m. on July 20, but eight firefighters were treated and released at New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital for heat related exhaustion. Peekskill firefighters, who were assisted by Continental Village and Cortlandt, were on the scene the next day dealing with hot spots as some tenants lugged surviving belongings in trash bags from the badly damaged four-story structure.

"I will do whatever I can to see that it's not rebuilt," Catalina said of the home, where at least two other fires have occurred over the last 30 years. "Enough is enough."

Peekskill Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector Jim Howard said a certificate of occupancy was last issued for the home on May 5, 2005, prior to Mayor Seeks to Condemn Home after Fire Displaces 103

Future of Five Local A&P Supermarkets Uncertain

By Rick Pezzullo

The future of five A&P supermarkets in northern Westchester is uncertain after the corporate company that owns 296 stores filed for bankruptcy protection last week.

Officials from the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. announced it would close 25 stores in the near future due to "lack of interest and significant ongoing store operating losses." Asset purchase agreements with approximately 120 stores were also executed.

"After careful consideration of all alternatives, we have concluded that a sale process implemented through Chapter 11 is the best way for A&P to preserve as many jobs as possible, and maximize value for all stakeholders," said Paul Hertz, president and chief executive officer of A&P. "While the decision to close some stores is always difficult, these actions will enable the company to refocus its efforts to ensure the vast majority of A&P stores continue operating under new owners as a result of the court supervised process."

Locally, ACME Markets, which currently operates 107 stores across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, has submitted bids to acquire the A&P supermarkets at the Triangle Shopping Center in Yorktown, the Cortlandt Town Center... Continued on page 2
Future of Five Local A&P Supermarkets Uncertain

Continued from page 1 in Mohegan Lake, in Shrub Oak and on Route 9A in Croton-on-Hudson. So, far there have been no bids placed on the A&P on Welcher Avenue in Peekskill.

Overall, ACME announced it had entered into agreements to acquire 76 A&P stories in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland under the A&P, Superfresh and Pathmark banners. The offers are subject to legal and bankruptcy court approval, including the potential for higher bids to be submitted and anti-trust approval. A&P has asked the federal court for an order requiring other interested parties to submit bids by September 11, 2015, with an expectation that court approval for the sale of the stores be received by October 15, 2015.

The court has also granted A&P immediate access to $50 to $100 million debtor-in-possession financing that will enable A&P to continue operating its stores and pay its suppliers, vendors, employees and others.

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State Police Seek Help in Solving Cold Case of Missing Cortlandt Vet

By Rick Pezzullo

State Police investigators from the Cortlandt barracks are seeking the public’s assistance in solving a 17-year-old cold case involving a missing military veteran from Cortlandt.

Frank Dinardi, who lived on McGregor Lane in Cortlandt, was reported missing to the State Police in March 1998. Dinardi, who was 44 years old at the time of his disappearance, had numerous medical conditions and was diagnosed with ALS. He made frequent trips to the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose.

Police described Dinardi as being 6’0” tall, approximately 145 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with any information regarding Dinardi’s whereabouts is asked to contact State Police at (914) 788-8044. Refer to SJS# 3810502.

Buchanan Man Charged with Animal Cruelty

By Rick Pezzullo

A Village of Buchanan man was charged last week with animal cruelty for failing to provide veterinary care for a puppy who had a fractured front leg.

Michael Champion surrendered to the Buchanan Police Department and SPCA of Westchester on July 20 after a warrant was issued for his arrest. The SPCA’s Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) responded to a call on June 9 from Buchanan officials who reported numerous puppies at 3162 Albany Post Road were being kept in small crates that didn’t allow them to lie down or move around and some had injuries.

HLE Director Ernest Lungaro noticed one puppy, named Red, a five-month-old Dogue de Bordeaux mix, had a sizeable injury to his front leg. It was later determined the leg was fractured. The SPCA hired an orthopedic surgeon in an attempt to save Red’s leg, but the surgeon determined the bones could not be set and the leg had to be amputated.

The other puppies were treated for skin conditions. One puppy also had an abscess on its face.

“It’s hard to imagine the pain and suffering that this puppy endured, prior to being rescued,” said Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA of Westchester Executive Director. “If he had received medical treatment in a timely manner, his leg may have been saved. I’m grateful to our HLE Unit for the time and effort they gave to pursuing this case. Seven beautiful puppies have been given a second chance at a happy life.”
Yorktown Agrees to Pursue Grants that Could Cost $680,000

By Rick Pezzullo

The majority of the Yorktown Town Board agreed last week to pursue several state grants for projects that, if approved, would cost the town more than $680,000 in matching funds.

The board was unanimous in seeking funding for a railway connection from Railroad Park to Franklin Delano Roosevelt State Park, to restore the Yorktown Heights Railroad Station building and digitizing town records.

However, Democrats Susan Siegel and Vishnu Patel opposed applying for three separate grants, totaling $1,665,000, for downtown revitalization that would include the relocation and construction of a new highway and parks garage.

If all three grants were obtained, Yorktown would have to contribute $627,500 from its own coffers, funds Siegel maintained the town was in no position to spend.

“IT’s a matter of first things first,” Siegel remarked. “I don’t believe at this time the relocation of the garage is a high priority for our limited dollars, not when we have so many other infrastructure projects to deal with. At this point the downtown revitalization project is a concept. There is no real plan.”

Patel, who is vying to unseat Supervisor Michael Grace in November, said he would support the relocation of the highway garage in the future if funding was available, but not now.

“We don’t have enough money to fix things yesterday. This is all fake,” Patel said.

Two years ago, the former Yorktown Town Board voted to study the cost of relocating the highway garage to make room for a possible mixed-used, town center-type building on Front Street.

That vote came about two months after Grace and a citizens’ group that supports “intelligent and responsible business growth” announced plans to “set the tone” for improvements in downtown Yorktown and other areas.

The major project in those plans was moving the highway garage to the Hallocks’ Mill sewer plant. In its place would be a multi-story structure, with commercial and residential components, called Depot Square, paying homage to yesterday in the 18th Century.

Grace, who at the time said he has had his eyes on cleaning up the highway garage site since taking office in 2012, revealed some estimates for a new 36,000-square-foot highway garage ($240,000 to $300,000) and a 20,000-square-foot parks and recreation building ($140,000) that would be built on a two-acre site where the town currently operates a money-losing composting facility.

Grace also emphasized the property would be brought back on to the tax rolls and serve as an anchor for a linear park to Town Hall, Railroad Park and other nearby parks.

“If you were paying attention Susan, there is a real plan,” Grace remarked at last week’s meeting. “It is a request for grant money. If we get the grant money we move ahead. If we don’t ask for it, we don’t get it.”

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Yankees Shortstop Gives Advice to Baseball Campers

By Evan Lefkowitz

For the 42nd year in a row, Summer Trails Day Camp in Somers invited a Major League ball player onto its bright emerald fields to visit camper.

This year’s chosen player was New York Yankees shortstop, Didi Gregorius. Gregorius, who has had the difficult task of succeeding Yankees legend Derek Jeter, met with kids from the camp’s baseball program to share his insights and advice on America’s favorite pastime.

“To have Didi here helping the kids is the highlight of their summer,” said Jamie Sirkin, director of Summer Trails. “It’s really wonderful for Didi to volunteer his time for the children’s activities.”

On a bright, warm Tuesday morning, Gregorius spent two hours observing and teaching campers different drills on how to properly position themselves while fielding and how to properly catch and throw a baseball. After the drills, Gregorius held a question and answer session for the kids. Before he departed for the Bronx, Gregorius posed for photos and signed autographs.

Gregorius was born and raised in the Netherlands with his parents and brother. He began his baseball career at the age of two and was discovered by the Cincinnati Reds in the Hague Games. Gregorius played in all three minor league levels and made his major league debut with the Reds in 2012. He spent two years in the desert with the Diamondbacks from 2013-2014 before being traded to New York.

“I love New York,” Gregorius happily stated, “I just love playing here for the Yankees.”

When asked for a last minute piece of advice, Gregorius answered, “Just never give up. Playing baseball takes a lot of sacrifice and will not be easy. You will make mistakes, but just hold your head up and keep going. Determination and a competitive spirit is what matters. You will get better and have fun.”
**King Appointed as New Village Manager in Croton-on-Hudson**

By Rick Pezzullo

Janine King has been chosen as the new village manager in Croton-on-Hudson.

King, who started working for Croton in 1997 as a part-time records management clerk and office assistant, has been serving as acting village manager since May when former Village Manager Abraham Zambrano left to become village manager in the Village of Ossining.

The Croton Village Board is expected to officially approve the appointment at its August 10 meeting.

“The appointment of village manager is one of the most important decisions a Village Board can make. My colleagues and I are very pleased that Janine has accepted this position,” said Croton Mayor Leo Wiegman. “Throughout her years of service in Croton, and especially during the past three months as acting village manager, Janine has maintained a level of professionalism, integrity, and productivity at Village Hall that impressed all the trustees.”

“Janine has been an integral part of village management for 18 years, overseeing ongoing projects such as the parking lot and new initiatives, including the recent water system improvements,” Wiegman added. “We look forward to her leadership in furthering Croton’s goals of improving communication, government efficiency and maintaining the quality of life that we enjoy in Croton.”

As chief executive and administrative officer of Croton, King will be responsible for the daily operations of the village and village departments, including oversight of all employees. She served as assistant village manager under Zambrano since December 2008.

Prior to joining Croton, King held financial management positions at Chase Bank in New York and London. She and her husband Steve have lived in Croton since 1989.

“As a result of having held a variety of positions, I have a broad understanding of village operations, “ King said. “As a village resident, I clearly understand the rising expectations of residents and businesses for increased services, accountability, and professionalism from village government.”

New Village Manager Janine King is congratulated by Mayor Leo Wiegman.

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) hosted a prescription drug drop-off event in Jefferson Valley last week where more than 150 pounds of prescription medication was discarded.
Obituaries

Patrick O'Keefe

Patrick Brian O'Keefe, recently of Somers and longtime resident of Yorktown Heights, died July 20. He was 79.

Mr. O'Keefe was born in New York City to Michael and Margaret O'Keefe and graduated from St. John's University. He earned an MBA from Iona College and had a successful career with IBM. He is survived by his wife Maureen, five children, Marybeth O'Keefe, Patrick O'Keefe, Sheila (O'Keefe) Dowd, John O'Keefe and Suzanne (O'Keefe) Lodge, and spouses, 13 grandchildren and a brother, Michael O'Keefe. He loved sailing, skiing and all manner of home improvement project. His greatest joy was his family and they will miss him very much.

Frank T. Volponi

Frank T. Volponi, a resident of Ossining, died July 20 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 96.

He was born May 4, 1919 in College Point to Alighiero and Pasqualina Volponi. He was the beloved husband to the late Julia Felaia Volponi. He was also predeceased by his daughter Kristine Volponi. He was survived by his daughter Paula Volponi of Ossining, granddaughter, Kristine Orsini and her Fiance James Covert of Greenwood Lake, N.Y., granddaughter David and wife Julie Orsini, and great-grandson Kain Orsini. He was predeceased by brothers John, Joseph and Thomas. He is survived by his sister Rose Perry.

As a longtime resident of White Plains he owned and operated Times Jewelers. He served during WW2 with the 9th Armored Division and received the Bronze Star during the Battle of the Bulge.

Jennie Zaccardi

Jennie Zaccardi, of Yorktown Heights, died July 25. She was 87.

Beloved wife of the late Pasquale V. Zaccardi. Loving mother of Lou (Lori) and Vince (Tina) Zaccardi. Cherished grandmother of Michael, Catherine, Isabella, Christina, and Alexander Zaccardi. She was predeceased by her four sisters.

She had a successful career conducting medical research on blood platelets and contributed to the identification of RH factor. She was published under her maiden name, Jennie Borrelli, in multiple medical journals with Dr. Marjorie Zucker.

James A. Field

James Arthur Field, a former teacher in the Lakeland School District, died peacefully at his home on July 20, surrounded by his loving family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was 77.

He was a resident of Poughkeepsie, and Chinoteague, VA. Son of the late Arthur T. and Margaret McCabe Field, he was born in Peekskill. He graduated from Peekskill High School, St. Francis College, PA and St. John's University, NY. He taught American History in the Lake- land School District for 32 years, and upon retirement, home-tutored for 10 years in the Wappingers Central School District.

He married his loving wife and soulmate, Eleanor Erhardt, 52 years ago in June. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children, Eleanor A. Field of Ridgewood, NJ, James Field and his wife, Monique of Orlando, FL, Janice Field of Nederland, CO, and Eileen Field of New York City. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Erhardt Dunleavy; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Thomas and Virginia Erhardt; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Erhardt; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and John Bart.

Mr. Field was an active participant...
Exposition is Another Reason to Celebrate Peekskill’s Resurgence

Peekskill is in the spotlight again, for all the right reasons. Not too long ago, the city struggled to get out of the shadow of being unwelcoming and crime-ridden, but that has all changed in a big way. The downtown and Riverfront Green area is thriving with Restaurant Row and other new eateries. Paramount Hudson Valley is drawing big crowds on a weekly basis with a nice mix of entertainment and every weekend there seems to be a joyous event scheduled, from the first-ever New Year’s Eve ball drop to parades to last Saturday’s Jazz and Blues Festival.

This upcoming Saturday, August 1, another fun-filled extravaganza for youngsters and adults is on tap with the Hudson Valley Exposition, organized by the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, at Riverfront Green. Seventy years ago, the former Peekskill Chamber of Commerce presented a Hudson Valley Exposition, along the lines of a mini-world’s fair, in an effort to stimulate the local economy after World War II ended. It became an annual tradition for seven years.

In 1996, the first Peekskill Celebration was held and it became a community staple for 17 years before it came to an abrupt end in early 2013 due to financial struggles. It’s something that has been sorely missed.

The Hudson Valley Exposition is not meant to be a replacement for the Peekskill Celebration, but if it serves the same purpose of providing a venue to showcase all the good things Peekskill has to offer, then it may very well turn into something as special. In this week’s Northern Westchester Examiner, you’ll find a handsome 24-page special section on the Hudson Valley Exposition that is chock full of everything you need to do know and what to expect on Saturday. Make plans and spread the word.

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina deserves credit for trying to shine a positive light on the city during his 19 months in office, and it’s obvious that people are looking at Peekskill much differently. Deb Milone and the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, have also been working hard to plug Peekskill’s many historical and current assets.

In so many ways, Peekskill is back on the right track. On Saturday, cross the Metro-North tracks to Riverfront Green and celebrate the city’s resurgence at the Hudson Valley Exposition.

The Unintended Consequences of Living with Nature

In past columns, I’ve extolled the virtues of winemakers intent on producing unadulterated wines made from grapes that are untouched by industrial science. I’ve highlighted this trend to produce wines in a manner more in line with Nature’s influence, not Man’s. Natural wines can be expected to be more representative of the qualities and characteristics of a particular grape.

I’ve also reported on the unintended consequences of industrial products and practices on grape growers who are committed to produce natural grapes and wine.

Numerous winemakers across the globe adhere to natural grape-growing techniques, eschewing the marvels and shortcomings of man-made chemical fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides and pesticides. Natural winemaking has grown significantly over the last decade, with popular support for the health of vineyards, global farmlands, the atmosphere and wine consumers.

Last year, I reported on the effect of governmental regulation on a French winery owner. Emmanuel Giboulot has been maintaining his vineyards organically for many years. He eschews chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, instead preferring to utilize natural methods and products. Among other measures, he lays down organic fertilizers and promotes an environment in his vineyard for beneficial insects that in turn control harmful insects. It seems he is in harmony with Nature.

However, he was fined, and nearly jailed, by the local city government for defying an ordinance that required the use of Pyrevent, a pesticide used to kill a leafhopper insect found to spread disease in grapevines.

Ironically, this ordinance flies in the face of a European Union initiative that encourages the use of organic farming to prevent contamination of agricultural products and the environment.

Much has been written of the agricultural industry’s business model based on increasing productivity and profits in direct polarization of organic practices. For example, The Monsanto Company produces many of the seeds (including GMO varieties), pesticides and herbicides used by farmers around the world. They sell the world’s top-selling herbicide, Roundup, and ironically, seeds genetically modified to resist the effects of Roundup on plants. Today, over 80% of all corn and soy grown in the United States is from genetically engineered seeds.

The dangers of industrial herbicides and pesticides are well documented. Recently a French Laboratory conducted tests on wines. They tested 92 bottles of wine and found small (non-lethal) traces of pesticides in all 92 bottles, a number of which were organically produced. Another, unrelated, laboratory test of 300 bottles found pesticides in over 90%.

This startling result for organic wines may be attributable to a number of factors, including shifting winds that carry air-borne pesticides and herbicides from non-organic vineyards and other farmlands to organically sustained vineyards; and higher-than-normal rains that carry atmospheric-trapped pesticides and herbicides across a wide swath of vineyards.
John Intrieri

John Thomas Intrieri, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died July 21. He was 19.

He was born on June 27, 1996, in Poughkeepsie. He loved his family, his many friends, and his animals. He was a 2014 graduate of Croton-Harmon High School and was currently attending Kean University in New Jersey.

He is survived by his beloved parents, Sandra K. Intrieri of Croton, and Anthony J. Intrieri of Millbrook, NY; caring brother and friend Joseph Intrieri; and devoted grandparents, Carol and John Sapienza, Jeff Benchich, and Anthony Intrieri. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Salvatore “Sonny” Cianfaglione

Salvatore “Sonny” Cianfaglione, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died July 23. He was 72.

He was born May 29, 1943 in Valhalla, to Joseph and Emily (Reis) Cianfaglione. He served honorably with the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was a member of the Dutchess Cruisers Car Club. He is survived by his beloved wife and high school sweetheart Judy (nee Goss). They would have been married 52 years in September; loving children Scott Cianfaglione (wife Anne) and Dawn Pavlik (husband William); cherished grandchildren Scott Cianfaglione and Danielle and Michelle Pavlik; caring brothers Joseph and Peter and a sister Marie Abreau (husband Lawrence); and several nieces and nephews.

The Unintended Consequences of Living with Nature

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I’ve reported on several examples of the unintended consequences of society’s effort to control its own destiny rather than working within the context of the natural order. An example surfaced last week of a winemaker’s susceptibility to industrialized agriculture and its consequences.

An Oregon winemaker initiated a lawsuit against a neighboring farm. The suit alleges that the fumes of an herbicide used by the farm drifted to the highly susceptible grapevines, destroying the crop.

Willamette Valley Vineyard claimed that 12.7 tons of its Pinot Noir grapes were lost, the equivalent of 826 cases of wine. The winery stated the value of these wines to be over $400,000.

To pinpoint the source of the herbicide, the winery enlisted the aid of the Department of Agriculture to conduct an investigation, that, according to the lawsuit, ultimately concluded that an herbicide drift had occurred from the neighboring grass seed farm.

Does Man coexist in harmony with Nature or at war? What are the unintended consequences? It is as if Man constantly tests the boundaries and capacities of Nature, expecting the balance will be sustained with no material negative impact. We are modern man and we are in control of our destiny – or are we?

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By Neal Rentz

Following in his mother’s footsteps, Queens resident Qi Jiang recently opened up a business of his own in Yorktown.

Qi operates Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology, which is located not far away in town from a nail salon owned by his mother, Laura. He declined to provide her last name. Qi said he was inspired by his mother to operate his own business.

In his foot reflexology, Qi explained his method of “using finger pressure” to provide massage. Reflexology provides relaxation, he said. “We have Chi energy flowing through the body,” Qi said.

According to the International Institute of Reflexology, it was practiced as early as 2300 BC in Egypt and only hands are used in reflexology.

“The Ingham Method® of Reflexology is used primarily for relaxing tension,” according to the International Institute of Reflexology as stated on its Web site. “Doctors agree that over 75 percent of our health problems can be linked to nervous stress and tension. Reflexology improves nerve and blood supply and helps nature to normalize.”

Qi said he has been trying to promote his new business in a variety of ways, including having a Facebook page. Positive word of mouth has been spread by many of his customers on the Internet, he said. Business is “getting better,” he said. “I want people to try it.”

Qi is offering a series of specials at his new business. He is offering discounts of $20 for each $200 spent and a savings of $30 for each $300 spent. For customers who purchase 10, 60-minute foot reflexology sessions, he will provide the 11th session for free.

If running his own business, which is open every day, was not enough to occupy his time, Qi is also studying massage therapy in Flushing, Queens.

Spring Spa & Foot Reflexology located at 924 Commerce St. in Yorktown. For more information call 914-245-8886. The business also has a Facebook page. It is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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When I received the e-mail from Vicki Jimpson-Fludd, a real estate agent with Better Homes & Gardens Rand in Briarcliff Manor, to have my historic house listing in Ossining join a group of other historic houses in Westchester and Putnam counties for a joint open house tour, I thought it was an inspired idea.

"Hey, wait a minute, I wrote back, "I'm the realtor with the PR background! Why didn't I think of that?"

I immediately offered to volunteer my company to help promote the event. Working together, Vicki and I scored a huge turnout for 18 different brokerage houses showing 40 historic houses on one day.

At my open house in Ossining, a 15-acre estate contiguous to Tektown Lake Reservation with a late 1700s home that has been rebuilt over the past 30 years, I didn't have a chance for a breather. There were as many as three visiting parties at a time from start to finish. I heard similar reports from realtors at the other open houses.

It was interesting that the common thread among normally competing brokerage firms was the antique home, at best a quirky category when it comes to marketing and selling a home. It is a narrow category in terms of those that populate the inventory and buyers who seek them.

If an historic home is considered to be one that is at least 100 years old – those that have survived storm, fire and general neglect – it would be difficult to surmise the percentage of inventory that exists overall. Just to get a sense of it, I happen to know that in my hometown of Yorktown there are about 13,000 residences, and of those, 206 homes were identified as those of "historical significance" in a survey done a few years ago.

At the same time, I once heard it said that only about 1 to 2 percent of the population is interested in living in antique homes, so that would seem to even things out.

But matching those people to the available homes can be difficult when you factor into the equation that only 5 percent of homes and people are players in the real estate market at any particular time. Considering those loose statistics, it's a wonder that anyone ever finds their way into an antique home at all.

As an observer of real estate trends from personal experience for close to half a century and as a professional for nearly two decades, my opinion is that in recessionary times when the market is generally dead, so is the market for antique homes. It would, therefore, make sense that our being overrun at the antique home open house event augurs very well for the near future of antique homes in this improving market.

Further proof that the scenario for antique homes is improving involves my own house in Yorktown Heights, The Ebenezer White House, now utilized as an office building. (As an aside, many historic structures, because of their size and locations, are adapted for either mixed or commercial use.) My home was on the market two years ago as the recession was bottoming out, and only after one year did I finally get an offer. But it petered out after a jerk of an inspector discouraged the buyer when he discovered a sill with rot, which I quickly set out to correct. But, nonetheless, the buyer panicked and fled.

However, surprise, surprise, just last week, at a time when the house is not on the market, my doorbell rang and a man with that familiar look of stars in his eyes asked, "Do you want to sell this house? I've always loved it. If so, I'd like to buy it." Oh, my, what do I do now? Am I ready to let go?

If you'd like to discuss the possibility of your future as a proud antique home owner, call Vicki Jimpson-Fludd at 914-410-0151 or me at 914-522-2076. Jimpson-Fludd also has a great blog about antique homes at www.rivertownscountryhomes.com.

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Tuesday, July 28

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 Peeksskill Hollow Road.

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.

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Wednesday, July 29

Palm Readings: The Quiet Man Public House, 15 N. Division St., Peeksill, is proudly presenting palmist Christian (no last name) from 7 to 11 p.m. The mini readings, which take about 15 minutes, cost $20. Check Andrea at The Quiet Man at 914-930-8230 for an appointment or just come in on the day of the program.

Israeli Dance Classes: Israeli Dance classes will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning tonight, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd Classes for beginners will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes for experienced dancers have been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. The fee is $15; $12 for Yorktown Jewish Center members. For more information, visit www.ctisraeldance.com or call 203-912-3080.

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 5 p.m. and games begin 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., Peeksill. Info: 914-739-0500 of www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, July 30

Somers Library July 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. For more than 20 years, Demotes has maintained a studio in Peeksill. Her current studio is in The Hat Factory in Peeksill’s artist district. She was a member of Gallery 44 North in Peeksill, founded and member of Gallery JENN, a member of the visual arts committee of the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peeksill 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 Yorktowner 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.somervillebary.org.

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

Friday, July 31

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 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal ICC 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.

PV Farmers Market: The Putnam Valley Residents Coalition Farmers Market is held every Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m., outdoors at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center at 729 Peeksill Hollow Rd. (Tompkins Corners) through Sept. 4. Info: putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com

Sundays Library August Exhibit: The Art Magicians from the Koehler Senior Center in Mahopac (along with teacher Lucille Gilliland) are the August featured artists at the Somers Library. An artist reception and wine tasting will take place today from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The beautiful works of art featured in this month’s display consists primarily of still-life and landscapes, created using various mediums including acrylics, oils and watercolors. Please call the library for additional viewing times in the program room at 914-232-5717 or visit us online at www.somervillebary.org.

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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., Peeksill. Artists include Alzamora, Barney, Bercea, Brenner, Brickley, Edmier, Feuerman, Guthel, Hacker, Indiana, LeDey, Majic, Mapplethorpe, Nesbit, Newsom, Otterson, Ozbolt, Pretzer, Ritterpurzel, Ruckhäberle, Sadler, Tomasula and Wathen. Info: 914-788-0100 or www. hvcca.org. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Yoga Program: Support Connection, which provides free programs and services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, announces a free program: “Yoga—A Path toward Wellness.” It is offered every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m., at Club Fit, 600 Bank Rd., Jefferson Valley. The program is open to women with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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 Anonymou’s: 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 at 917-716-2488.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Folk Dance Classes: Learn and enjoy folk dancing from around the world including Israeli, Balkan, Scandinavian and more, taught by professional performers and instructors Linda Mandsorf and Michael Sternberg. The classes will be held today and on Sept. 6, 10, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Hebrew Congregation, 1821 Main St., Peeksill, just west of the Beach Shopping Center. A donation of $5 per class will be accepted. Info: 914-737-1701 or info@firsthebrew.org or www.firsthebrew.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: Elijah Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartyoga.com.

Bingo: Bingo will be played tonight and on Aug. 16 and 30 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be $3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-3234 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.
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Lakeland’s Valerie Perkins pushes tempo and dictates action in Hudson Valley Summer Field Hockey League action at Walter Panas High where the Hornets have ruled the roost with Lakeland Gold and Lakeland Green each putting forth a 4-0-1 record to remain in first place. Lakeland Green is ahead of Yorktown (4-1), Hen Hud (3-2), Carmel (2-2), Mahopac (1-3), Pleasantville (1-4) and John Jay EF (0-4) in Pool A while Lakeland Gold is out in front of Horace Greeley (4-1), Harrison (3-1), Ossining (2-2) and Walter Panas (1-2-1) in Pool B, with playoffs just around the corner.
SOAC Storm Reaches Final 8 in Cooperstown Field of Dreams

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

Shrub Oak Athletic Club Coaches Patrick Kelly, Mike Casale, Wade Frobose, Frank Phillips and Jim Wainer knew they had a 12-U baseball club that could compete with the best of the best when the Shrub Oak Storm journeyed to the Cooperstown All Star Village in late June with the expectations of an enjoyable week of baseball festivities. They were also treated to one of the worst weeks of summer weather in Cooperstown history, but still came home with one of the best runs for a Shrub Oak team and an experience that no player, coach or family will ever forget: A Final 8 finish among a field of 45 teams.

The week began on a typical Saturday with the usual unpacking and bunkhouse hijinks, but weather already started to rear its ugly head as it was announced that the Opening Ceremony would be condensed and the skills competitions were cut down to one event.

Weather, however, would be no match for the Storm families, who finished second in the spirit competition out of 45 teams. Replete in matching Carolina Blue Storm shirts, Fatheads of all the players and coaches, foam lightning bolts, cowbells and some loud mouths, they bellowed their way to a silver-medal finish, and that was just the spirit part.

After a dreadfully wet Sunday, baseball finally resumed on Monday with it being announced that all teams would play three 4-inning games.

Against the Slammers Brown (Colorado) SOAC win 6-0. Austin Wainer pitched 4 solid innings and Mike Mauro closed out the win on the hill. The Storm clubbed 4 HR’s in the rout as Mauro (3rd), Cohen (3rd), Casale (1st) and David Wilsea (1st) all went yard. Kian Ray was 3-3 and was instrumental in multiple rallies in the win.

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Against the Utah Knights, SOAC stole the show. Joey Phillips spun a no-hitter to lead the Storm to its third victory of the day, a 4-0 triumph. Zach Cohen’s second homer of the day led a four-run first inning and would be all the Storm would need.

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Against the Backyard University Gamers (Pennsylvania), SOAC won 10-3 and completed a perfect pool record. Mauro hit his 4th HR and David Wilsea, Landon Ruggieri and Colin Kelly combined to pitch the Storm to victory.

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Storm lefty David Eckert fired pitch at Cooperstown in 12-U tourney.

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Yorktown, Somers Paired Up in Week 4 Grid Clash

I know, I know… it's way too early to start talking about high school football. Unless of course you’re a freak like me and can’t get enough of it, which is why we’ll slowly start to take a look at some of the insanity we can expect in places like Mahopac, Yorktown and Somers. I haven't been this stoked for the local football season quite some time. We'll look at places like Mahopac and Class B Putnam Valley next week while we concentrate more on Class A for now.

Mandatory football camps are set to open up this week, as we prepare to can come back sooner than expected, DeLuca is a likely candidate to do so. But Plan B is a far cry from Plan A and could put the Panthers in a deep, deep, early-season hole that might keep them from Class A playoff contention, but the Cowboy, Coach P, has had the Panthers among the Class A contenders for a few years now and we suspect he'll figure something out. Now, SOMERS, on the other hand, appears to be in playoff contention once again, as does Section 1 Class A runner-up YORKTOWN, which loses some bulk up front and two-year signal caller Ryan Baker, but returns HB Nick Santavicca, who might just be the most explosive from the Northern Westchester/ Putnam County region, including a BREWSTER team that expects to be very improved this season.

“Week 4 is gonna be awesome without a doubt,” said Santavicca, who rushed for 1,726 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns last year. “I don’t know if we can replace Baker. I’m truly going to miss him.”

Yorktown will turn to either Jose Boyer and/or Kyle Casey to replace the speedy Baker under center.

“Both are looking awesome,” Santavicca said. “It is a tight race, but we'll be good with either of them. We are 100% ready to get back to the title game. We have unfinished business, enough said.”

Somers has a ridiculous senior in DL Tommy Castelluccio, who figures to be the guy expected to stuff Santavicca and the rest of RBs looking to keep Coach Tony DeMatteo’s Tuskers off the top rung. There’s a whole lot of new faces at Somers this season, but we’ve come to expect nothing less than a Tusker team that annually contends for the Section 1 crown that was theirs as recently as 2012 and 2013. BREWSTER will be young this year but the cast of characters is encouraging, according to Coach Ed Mulvihill.

“The best asset is it looks like we will have some depth,” said Mulvihill. “Our JV had over 50 players last season so we are expecting bigger numbers on the varsity. That will bring out some good competition for playing time, which is always a good thing. We will also have some bigger linemen, which we haven't had in a few years.”

That is good news for All-Section QB Matt Catalano, who is back with great expectations.

“Matt threw for just under 1,700 yards last season, so he will be our primary weapon this season,” Mulvihill said. “We did lose some great receivers (Kyle Catalano playing at Catholic University and Matt Gargano playing at Lehigh University), but we have some good athletes ready to jump in to their roles. We will be a little on the young side, so it depends on how quickly the team can gel, but there is optimism entering this season. We can, hopefully, get back to the playoffs. Players have been working hard in the weight room and at the workouts. We’re looking forward to the Friday Night Lights!”

Who isn’t, coach, who isn’t?

Next week, we’ll put Mahopac, Carmel and Putnam Valley under the microscope. Dang, I’m stoked!...

How ‘bout my NY Mets! All they need to do now is get themselves one more bat and broadcast their games on an
The Shrub Oak Athletic Club battled the stormy elements and 45 opposing teams and came away with a second-place finish in Cooperstown at a recent 12-U tournament where the SOAC Storm finished with a 7-1 overall record, 5-0 in pool play to become just the third team in SOAC history to go undefeated in pool play. Mike Mauro (above) was greeted regularly by his teammates after clocking a team-high five home runs on the week to lead the way... see SOAC Notebook