Mahopac Woman Shoots, Kills Ex-Boyfriend After Break-in

By David Propper

A woman shot and killed an intruder who happened to be a former domestic partner early Sunday morning that rocked a sleepy street in Mahopac with sounds of gunshots and police sirens.

The woman, who police have not identified, shot Philip Miraglia of Mahopac, a person she was once romantically involved with, after he allegedly broke into her residence on Ann Road and was carrying a gun. According to the Carmel Police Department, two emergency calls were made, one from the woman who said there was an attempted burglary into her home in progress and another from a basement tenant that said he saw a male with a gun trying to break into the house.

When Carmel police officers arrived within four minutes around 2 a.m., they found Miraglia shot several times in the upper torso and the woman with a gunshot wound to the leg, according to Carmel Police. County coroner Dan Stephens pronounced Miraglia dead at the scene. The woman was taken to Danbury Hospital by the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance and released after being treated.

According to a lohud.com report, Carmel Police Chief Mike Cazzari said the woman would not be charged because “She was defending herself after someone broke into her house. She was the victim.”

She apparently wrestled the gun away from Miraglia, though at this time it is unclear how. It is also unknown before press time if Miraglia shot her or if she shot herself accidentally.

An autopsy report done at Putnam Hospital Center Sunday revealed Miraglia’s cause of death was gunshot wounds to the torso with perforation of the lung, aorta, liver, and mesentery.

Police don’t plan on releasing more information about the woman, including her name, because they are treating the incident like a domestic violence case. The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by Carmel Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Forensics Investigation Unit.

Patterson Supervisor Race Contested as Former Assembly Candidate Enters Race

By David Propper

With Patterson Supervisor Michael Griffin deciding against seeking a ninth term in office, two Republicans and one Democrat have come forward during the committee process in hopes of the attaining the vacant seat.

Two-time New York State Assembly candidate and Democrat Andy Falk and Patterson Town Planner and Republican Richard Williams both confirmed their intention to run for the seat that Griffin has occupied for more than a decade. Also, possibly in the mix is former town councilman Joe Capasso, who went in front of the Patterson GOP Committee but was unable to wrestle the nomination away from Williams.

Falk, who has two failed assembly runs under his belt in a Republican heavy district, said knocking on doors, especially in Patterson, allowed him to know the issues facing town voters. His campaign message will be similar to his previous assembly runs that include economic growth and tax relief for the middle class.

“I’m excited to do it again,” he said. “I feel like I know the local issues, I know what concerns the residents have. I know this community.”

After a crushing loss to current Assemblyman Steve Katz, Falk started contemplating a run for supervisor after residents in town approached him about it. After some time, he decided to throw his hat in the ring and received the Democratic nomination Monday night.

Falk said he wants Patterson to become more of an anchor for Putnam County, noting other towns dictate the direction of the county. He believes that local government needs to “step up” and be a “strong voice” so the town can grow.

“Though Falk is running in a Republican stranglehold, similar to his assembly runs, he isn’t concerned. He believes he’s an continued on page 14

Carmel School Board Appoints Irvin as New Superintendent

By David Propper

Future Carmel school chief Andy Irvin (center) sits as the board appoints him to his new position following the retirement of Dr. James Ryan.

After a couple months of contract negotiations, the Carmel Board of Education officially appointed district administrator Andy Irvin to be the next school chief in Carmel.

The move to replace retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Ryan was made final during a May 5 meeting when school board members unanimously made the selection. With the district since 2008, Irvin agreed to a contract that last until 2019 in which he’d get paid $220,000 and not get a raise the subsequent four years.

Following the affirmative vote and a round of applause Irvin thanked the board “for its work and its vote in confidence for myself and the administrative team here.” He also expressed gratitude to Ryan for his service the past seven years continued on page 15

Leaders of Tomorrow Honored by Lawmakers of Today

Senior high school students across Putnam County were honored last week by the Putnam County Legislature after participating and showing dedication to the Putnam County Youth Bureau. The proclamation presented by Legislator Roger Gross, a former high school teacher, noted how the students graduating indicate how bright the future is for young generations growing older. Students spoke about the meaning the program had on their lives and the confidence they’ve attained through the youth bureau.-

Mahopac Rallies for 5-4 Win over Yorktown

See Sports
By David Propper

As expected, the Putnam County Legislature voted to send a Letter of Intent to developer Paul Guillaro requesting he reserve floor space for the county to lease that would result in a new senior center at the proposed Butterfield development.

During the May full meeting of the legislature, in an 8-1 vote with Legislator Dini LoBue the lone hold out, legislators were mostly unified in providing an improved senior center to western Putnam seniors in Philipstown, Garrison, Cold Spring, and Nelsonville. While legislators agreed a new center is needed, some of them did note that they want “fine print” details hashed out before an official lease agreement is signed.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said because of a growing senior population in Philipstown, the American Legion Hall that is the current location for the senior center has become outgrown. In the years ahead, the number of seniors would continue to swell in that area and Butterfield provides the most adequate services, Scuccimarra said.

“Let’s make a difference of the quality of life for the seniors on the western side of this county,” Scuccimarra said.

As for LoBue, she said she supports improved senior services for western Putnam, but wasn’t comfortable with the preliminary cost because it is close to $4 million over 15 years to lease 6,000 square feet. On top of that, the county would be responsible for $850,000 worth of upgrades, LoBue said, (though $500,000 would come from a donation.)

She also said there are options for a senior center on that side of the county outside of Butterfield.

“I don’t see how from a fiscal standpoint we can move forward with this,” LoBue said.

Legislature Chairman Carl Albano said there is nothing plausible for seniors on the western side in the near future and this is the best option going forward.

“Many times people forget that Putnam County goes over to the Hudson River,” Albano said. “We really need a presence there, it’s long overdue.”

Other legislators, while supportive, said more homework has to be done moving forward.

Legislator Kevin Wright wanted to see more information and argued the project has moved a little bit away from what legislators were led to believe in terms of the ultimate purchase options. Legislator Roger Gross said he supported the letter, but had “reservations about the fine print in the lease.” He said he’s concerned about the next 20 years of costs, rather than just five years.

“We’ve done our due diligence,” Legislator Ginny Nacerino said. “We still have more work to do, I’m not denying that fact.”

After the meeting, a cheery Scuccimarra was excited to move one step closer toward a senior center.

“Unfortunately some of the legislators weren’t educated to look at the numbers to see that it is a good project all the way around,” Scuccimarra said. “Tax positive, brings in jobs, brings services for our seniors. It’s a win-win situation.”
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After Delay, Special Meeting to be Held to Appoint New EMS Commissioner

By David Propper

Uncertainty continues to center on the Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner position as county legislators ended up delaying the appointment of proposed leader Tony Sutton during a May 5 full meeting.

Almost two months after Sutton was announced new emergency services commissioner during the State of the County address, his future with Putnam County lingers. At the start of the meeting, legislators voted unanimously to table the manner as a cloud from former emergency services commissioner Adam Stiebeling’s lawsuit against Putnam County and County Executive MaryEllen Odell hangs overhead.

Stiebeling was relieved of his duty by Odell at the start of the year and since then brought a lawsuit forward that claims Odell didn’t have the authority to take that action. That case is ongoing.

After the meeting, Personnel Committee chairwoman Ginny Nacerino explained new information given to legislators prior to the meeting revealed that legislators could appoint Sutton as technically the acting commissioner, rather than permanent one as the county awaits a decision on the lawsuit filed by Stiebeling.

Nacerino said the only way Sutton could have been appointed acting commissioner is if all nine legislators agreed to allow a last minute resolution added on under other business of the agenda, but consensus among all lawmakers could not be reached.

Now, a special full meeting of the legislature will be held on the third floor of the county office building scheduled for this evening (Tuesday) following two committee meetings.

“The proposed resolution that was on the agenda during the May 5 meeting included language related to the lawsuit that several legislators said they were uncomfortable with during a committee meeting in April.

“Hopefully we can get Mr. Sutton on board,” Nacerino said after the meeting. “He will be an asset to the people of Putnam County and the department of emergency services.”
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Carmel School Board and Budget Preview

Carmel schools saw a tax levy increase of 2.12 percent equaling a spending plan of $119,05. No layoffs were made and programs weren’t cut. Full-day kindergarten was added. A proposition is also going to voters to establish a capital reserve fund that allows the district to pay for a project in cash.

Board of Education

Four board candidates are running for two seats.

Richard Kreps- Incumbent

Since joining the school board in 1999, Rick Kreps, current board president, believes the district has made “quite a bit of progress” and Kreps wants to see that momentum continue to move forward as public education in general struggles through “trying times.” Kreps said advocating is an important part of being a board member as there are loud calls for better testing and allowing individual districts to make more decisions. “It seems as though the local control has less and less to say each year,” Kreps said. In his 16 years on the board, Kreps said he has been instrumental in creating the bond referendums that made school facilities what they are presentably and has been part of a stewardship that has watched the budget, healthcare contributions, and contract negotiations doing the most with the money the district has. The graduation rate is currently in the low 90 percentile, which is an improvement since it used to be in the low 80 percentile. “As we find a need, we initiate,” Kreps said, noting this year the board pulled the trigger and implemented full-day kindergarten when putting together the budget for next year. Kreps has lived in Carmel since 1983 and has two sons that went through the district and graduated from college. Kreps, a retired NYPD detective, also serves as president of the BOCES board. “The time that I don’t always have I make,” Kreps said of his commitment. “You make time.”

Brewster School Board and Budget Preview

By David Propper

Brewster schools had a rough budget season, cutting more than ten equivalent positions. Still, it was able to stay under the tax cap with a 2.18 percent increase. The total budget is $89.9 million. A proposition is also going to be on the ballot that would give the district the OK to replace seven buses with the total cost being $479,975.

Board of Education

Five board candidates are running for three seats.

Stephen Jambor- Incumbent

Over the past 16 years in which Dr. Stephen Jambor has been on the school board, many of them as board president, he knows the community has done much together. But the work to go from a little rural town on the northern fringe of Westchester County to a boasting school system isn’t done yet. “I feel we have a winning combination here,” Jambor said. “We’re on a really good roll, we’ve got some good momentum and I’d like to stay the course.” One way the district has improved is by renovating the district buildings. A bond in 1999 resulted in new science and math wings, a performing arts center, the track, and enhanced Wells Middle School and IFK Elementary School. A recent bond is going improve multiple school buildings, resulting in an overhaul of every district building. Improving facilities for sports programs and adding AP programs have also been done during Jambor’s time. One challenge the district continues to face is the unfunded mandates and lack of money from the state to pay for it. As Jambor said, the board is “running out of tricks.” For implementation of new initiatives going forward, Jambor said the board would continue to rely on committees made up of community members. Jambor stressed everything accomplished by the board and district has been a team effort. “We have done all this together and we need to keep this team together to keep the momentum,” Jambor said.

Sonia Mesika - Incumbent

Sonia Mesika knows the climate in public education is rough with testing and teacher evaluations, yet the three-year member still believes it’s important for residents like herself to fight for children so everyone gets a quality education. “I think it’s important to have someone who listens to the public and the parents of the children,” she said. “And the community at-large.” As the vice-president this year, Mesika said she has advocated in Albany, even seeking out state Senator Terrence Murphy who visited the district recently. The board collectively has sent many resolutions to state lawmakers in defense of children and teachers. A green-friendly project Mesika initiated is looking into solar panels that will be part of the renovations to school buildings; a measure she said would be cost saving. She wants to continue to seek grants and donations, noting “we’re at a point where we can’t cut anymore.” Mesika said she’s been able to work cohesively with the rest of the board and whatever information she receives, she’s quick to send it to other board members. Mesika said going forward, the board would continue to advocate regarding issues at the state level and maintain a budget under the tax cap while finding ways to keep programs. She wants to keep lines of communication open by sending a newsletter out in print or digitally monthly. Mesika said she vows to be a voice for children the next three years, just like the previous term “There’s a trust factor that has to happen there,” she said. “I carry that weight, that responsibility of knowing that (voters) entrusted onto me that responsibility.”

Dan Armstrong

For the fourth straight time, Dan Armstrong is running for the school board because he wants to be an advocate for residents seeking an alternative voice. He believes he can be an independent voice. “I’m not a rebel without a cause,” he said. “I don’t object to things just because I have nothing better to do.” Though he lost the
**Putnam Valley School Board and Budget Preview**

By Janine Bowen

Budget

The Putnam Valley Central School District had an easy budget season where the tax levy was decreased .50 percent resulting in total budget of $47.9 million with additional state aid coming to the district.

Board of Education

Three board candidates are running for two seats.

Guy Cohen - Incumbent

Guy Cohen is no stranger to the Putnam Valley Board of Education having served from 1983 through 1996 before taking a break and rejoining the board in 2003, serving continually since that time. He said he believes that his decades of experience on the board, as well as his involvement in community activities, give him the skills to help the district provide students with the best possible education. “I truly believe that our children, our students are our future and I must give them the tools to lead the way,” he said. Cohen believes the current environment has turned education into a political issue and stated he needs to find ways to continue to put the students first while balancing quality education with state funding. Like many, he believes that the Common Core was not implemented properly and stated that he believes the curriculum should have been rolled out in the younger grades and then slowly brought into the higher grades. “How does one implement (the Common Core) in tenth grade when the student has not had the Common Core skills taught in previous grades,” he questioned, while emphasizing the flaw in the roll-out. Cohen also believes that, under the new Annual Professional Performance Review system, too much emphasis is placed on standardized tests. If Cohen is successful in winning the election for another term on the board, he stated that his goals would remain the same as they always were. He hopes to set policies and procedures to ensure students have a quality education while also hiring the necessary administrators to support that goal.

David Spittal - Incumbent

Incumbent David Spittal was originally appointed to serve on the Putnam Valley Board of Education in 2010 before being elected to serve a full term in 2012. He stated that the experience of being part of the team that helped guide the district in a positive direction has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience, which is why he has decided to run for another term. Spittal believes that the rushed implementation of the Common Core and Annual Professional Performance Review has created unnecessary stress on students and teachers due to an increased emphasis on testing, but he also noted that there are other issues facing the district. He noted that one of the biggest issues currently facing the district is the need to replace retiring faculty members and stated that the board will need to take time and conduct a thorough search for the best candidates. “We have to refuse to settle. Leadership is important,” he said. Spittal also explained that it is important to continue to explore programs that allow the district to reach beyond the Common Core and to provide resources that support quality and competitive opportunities. He cited the Authentic Science Research Program, which allows students with a passion for science to perform in-depth research on a topic as an example of the types of programs he would like to see implemented. “My hope is that we are able to provide additional opportunities of this caliber,” he said. Spittal stated that he also would like to see the Board of Education continue to provide resources to support professional development in order to allow teachers to continue to adapt and meet the challenges of their profession.

Daniel Vera

Daniel Vera is running for his first term

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**Haldane School Board and Budget Preview**

By David Propper

Budget

The total budget is $22.8 million and remains under the tax cap. It has a tax levy increase of 2.72 percent and a budget-to-budget increase of 2.11 percent.

Board of Education

Six candidates are running for three seats. The only incumbent is Evan Schwartz.

Evan Schwartz - Incumbent

As the only incumbent running, Evan Schwartz cited how important experience is. A New York City public school principal, Schwartz said as education law and new mandates continue to change, his day-job brings an important perspective to the board. During his eight years on the board, Schwartz believes the district has gone from good to great. The board has implemented necessary capital projects and fiscally responsible budgets that allow for academics to still be the focal point. Schwartz, who has two children in the high school, said the district has to continue to tackle unfunded mandates that make budget season difficult and find ways to adjust to Common Core, making requests to the board regarding their instructional needs,” Schwartz said in an email.

Charles Hustis III

As a former village of Cold Spring trustee, Charles Hustis has a wealth of experience in civic office. With many students opting out of state tests that support quality and competitive opportunities. He cited the Authentic Science Research Program, which allows students with a passion for science to perform in-depth research on a topic as an example of the types of programs he would like to see implemented. “My hope is that we are able to provide additional opportunities of this caliber,” he said. Spittal stated that he also would like to see the Board of Education continue to provide resources to support professional development in order to allow teachers to continue to adapt and meet the challenges of their profession.

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Kevin Prejs (Price)

The main motivating factor Kevin Prejs has to run for the school board is giving residents an alternative choice to current board president Rick Kreps, who Prejs claims is an "obstructionist when it comes to fundamental reform." (Prejs and Kreps have long bickered at each other during school board meetings.) Prejs, a longtime Stormville resident who has attended every school board meeting but two since 1988, feels there is an attitude that the school board can do whatever they want. He questions why the school budget continues to rise even though enrollment has decreased. He added board members should use more discretion and find ways to limit spending when it isn't necessary.

"When you don't have bodies to put in the seats, they put programs in and I just want to make sure the programs put in place are suitable," Prejs said. He said newer board members have stepped up recently and spoken out more, questioning the status quo a bit. Prejs wants to provide more clarity to residents who feel they don't have a voice, noting he's been told by residents that they feel like they can't get a straight answer from the board. While the board may be transparent, he certainly doesn't feel like the board and district is forthcoming and open. "I'm going to be the person asking why are you proposing this, why do you want to do this, tell me what the outcome is," Prejs said. "I'm the guy that says let's find out."

Michelle Yorio

When Michelle Yorio lost in her first bid for school board last year, she lost by two votes. Now she's back with the same passion and belief she can be a valuable asset to the district. "I've been really dedicated to the district for a really long time and I do think that I can offer a lot on that side of the table working with the board," She said. A Carmel resident for 23 years, Yorio has three children in the district. Yorio is complimentary of the current board, noting the members are a diverse mix of people with different job backgrounds. Yorio is happy the budget includes full-day kindergarten and has advances in technology. She said she would want to find a way to communicate with every different group of the school community more effectively. She wants to possibly hold various forums during the year to encourage more resident input, stating some residents may not feel like their voice is always heard as clearly. "I don't know if everyone on the tops knows what's going on at the bottom," Yorio said. "And the bottom may not feel like they're getting heard from the middle." She wants to also to be a voice for better state testing and knows the board has the important task of putting together an acceptable teacher evaluation plan. "I think I work really well on a team but I can also be a good leader," Yorio said. "I don't have an agenda for one specific group, I'm for every different student."

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last trio of elections, Armstrong said he hasn't received an insignificant amount of votes. Armstrong is critical of the board because he can't fathom how seven board members always vote the same way, with dissent hard to come by. Armstrong said he would do his homework and not just "go with the flow." He also wants to see the board be more open with the community and mentioned ways the district could cut wisely. Armstrong said he would like to see the board go into budget season determined to reduce ten percent across the board and have administrators determine where savings could be or do baseline budgeting. He would also like to see the budget vote and school board vote held in November. Armstrong was a former Byram Hills school board member and is currently on the Town of Southeast planning board. "I try very hard to listen to different points of view, I have my own points of view," Armstrong said. "I try very hard to be as fair as a I can."

Lauren Harper

Living in the community for many years, Lauren Harper wants to "pay it forward" and get more involved. As a marketing and communication specialist and as a parent, Harper said she has different assets and points of view to offer the community. She was on a technology task force last year that has now become a plan being implemented within the district, which motivated her to run. Harper said she commends the school board for doing a good job under tough circumstances. But she said she wants the board to be more creative to continue to keep the district at an excellent rate. "We've done everything we can under the normal circumstances," Harper said. "I think we need to push that a little bit further and I wonder if some new faces, some new ideas, some new thinking would be advantageous." Harper said the Common Core has great standards, but the implementation and the measurement have both been botched. Harper knows the budget and finances are important issues for the district, stating that the district can't keep cutting, but find other ways to fund the spending plan each year. Harper said it's important to also look at the curriculum and prep students for 21st century learning. One aspect is using technology more, which could be a way to improve curriculum and student measurement. "I have the experience on both sides," she said. "The business side and the people side. It's a super exciting time in education. We can either get bogged down in the problems or we can roll up our sleeves and find great solutions."

Mary Cay Nilsen

As her two kids grow older, Mary Cay Nilsen has been able to devote more time to school district activities. Now, she wants to take the next step and be on the school board. The 20-year resident said she thinks districts around the county and state struggle with state mandates that result in crunching costs. As a way to counteract that, Nilsen said it's important for board members to put "thinking caps" on so students come out winners. The current PTA president at the high school, Nilsen said if elected, she wants to acclimate herself with the school board and learn the ropes before she decides if there are any initiatives she'd like to push. "The best part of who I am, that creative side, enthusiastic side will come through," she said. "Do a lot of reading, do a lot of researching and then I can jump in with both feet and hit the ground running." When evaluating the current school board, Nilsen said the board has done the best under the current circumstances. Nilsen vows to bring a voice of parental experience that will bring unbundled energy to the board. "I'm looking forward to giving back to my community what I've benefited," she said. "I'm not just going in saying we need to wipe the slate clean, we need to change everything. I'm looking to give back to Brewster. Brewster is very special to me."
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in education that has become political, Clements thinks the current school board has performed “amazingly well.” She added the board has hired really strong administrators and has made tough budget calls with limited funds to improve the physical school campus. A challenge going forward is finding space for students, noting there is only one cafeteria for more than 800 students. “We’re running out of space,” she said. Clements, who is a 13-year resident who has one son in the 11th grade, said she doesn’t come into the race with a certain agenda in mind, because it is the job of school board members to support the administration and discuss their ideas. “The one thing that I do that is different is I have a really deep understanding of children development and what works in education,” Clements. “The challenges and complexity of the current landscape.”

Sarah Carnevale

As someone who graduated from the public school system, Sarah Carnevale, knows how effective public schools like Haldane can be. The Nelsonville resident has two children, one in the district and one a couple years away. Carnevale believes her experience as a public school teacher for more than a decade with an undergrad degree from Duke and two master degrees that include math and administration makes her a good fit for the school board. “I see my election to the school board as a way to contribute toward something I care so deeply about: building a great community of well-educated children and young adults through a world-class public school education,” Carnevale said in an email. Carnevale wants to see Haldane move in the direction of having an evolving curriculum that contains advancing technology. She also believes the district has to ensure it has the space, noting instruction is moving away from the traditional classroom and into larger spaces for group work and different projects.

Koren Riesterer

Koren Riesterer thinks a good board member understands the balance between student development and fiscal challenges constantly on the forefront. The ten-year resident believes she is someone who will do the research, and listen to all stakeholders. If elected, Riesterer would like to find a way to get students more involved in the board’s work. She also thinks it’s important for the district to find ways to keep more special education student in Haldane, rather than sending a disproportionate number to other school systems. Because the district is so small, Riesterer thinks Haldane can find a place for special education students alongside their peers, rather than segregated and in self-contained classrooms. “If we want Haldane graduates to value diversity and treat all people with dignity and respect, let’s start by being more inclusive in the way we educate all the students in our district,” Riesterer said. The Cold Spring resident has two children in the district and is on the PTA, as well as volunteer Parent Member at special education CPSE/CSE meetings and is involved in the Elementary School Improvement Team.

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on the Putnam Valley Board of Education, although he has been heavily involved in education in the past. Manager of Operation for the New York City School Construction Authority for the past 18 years, Vera has had extensive interaction with school administrators, PTAs and community organizations, which he believes has given him an extensive knowledge of how a school system successful. Vera became involved with the Putnam Valley district as a member of the district’s citizen’s advisory committee and stated that he decided to run for a seat on the Board of Education because he wanted to be part of the decision making process for the district and to help make a difference. Vera explained that his main goal, if elected, is to help inspire the community to get behind the school district and offer support. He noted that when people talk about the school, the first thing most people say is that the taxes are too high and Vera hopes to shift the attention to some of the more positive things that the district has accomplished. “Nobody mentions how good the education program is and what we’re offering our children and how we’re developing our children to be successful citizens and I want to turn that around,” he said. The grandfather to nine children under the age of eight, he has seen the difficulties of the Common Core and stated that he does not personally believe that it is the right system to educate students. However, he feels that it is not his place as a potential Board of Education trustee to make a decision on whether or not the curriculum is effective. He stated that that determination needs to remain with the educators, who are in the classroom with students every day. “It’s our educators that have to stand up; our teachers, principals, superintendents that have to stand up and say ‘Hey, this is not working in our school. This is not what we want our children to learn’ or maybe they’ll say this is something that’s very good,” said Vera.

Uncontested Races in Putnam County

Mahopac Preview

Budget

Mahopac had a budget season that appeared to be in cruise control, with a tax levy increase of only .99 percent and total budget of almost $120 million. No layoffs or program cuts were proposed. A bus proposition is also going forward that would not exceed $500,000 and authorize the district to issue serial bonds of no more than $500,000.

Board of Education

Four candidates are running for four seats. The candidates are former board member Brian Mahoney, resident Roger Bell who ran last year, Carolann Lacomarra, and Daniel Hunter. The three top voter getters will win a three-year term and the last place vote getter will get a one-year term.

Garrison Preview

Budget

Garrison stayed under the tax cap with a budget of $10.2 million. For Philipstown residents, their taxes will increase 40 cents per $1,000 assessed value and in Putnam Valley, their taxes will increase 21 cents per $1,000 assessed value.

Board of Education

Three seats are open for three candidates. Incumbents Raymond O’Rourke and David Gelber are going another term and newcomer James Scott Hoch is also running.
Cyclists Must Follow Same Rules of the Road as Motorists

Most cyclists are not aware that they are subject to the same Rules of the Road as motorists. This means that they are required to obey traffic signals and speed laws, yield right-of-way to other vehicles as prescribed by DMV rules, operate in a safe and prudent manner and of course yield to all pedestrians. The vast majority of bicycle riders do not know the Rules of the Road or that they pertain to them as well as motorists. Unfortunately far too many motorists don’t know the Rules of the Road either.

The result is that there are far too many collisions involving bicyclists and motorists, often resulting in severe injuries. I pass the crosswalk of the Buckshollow Road pedestrian trail daily and bicycle riders are constantly ignoring stop signs on the trail that are intended for them and recklessly crossing Union Valley Road. In so doing they are at risk of being hit by an oncoming motor vehicle or cause a collision with other motorists as they abruptly stop. Then there are those unwitting motorists who cause accidents or near accidents from vehicles approaching them from the rear by stopping in the middle of the road and wave these bicyclists across the road. By encouraging the cyclist to violate traffic laws they are themselves in technical violation of traffic laws.

Finally there is the inconsiderate pedestrian who is no doubt aware of the NYS law granting them the Right of Way in an intersection. However this does not entitle them to ignore stop signs and crossing only when the traffic allows. This is called Jaywalking, which is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists and subject to citation.

I suggest that the trail have designated bicycle lanes and that signs be placed reminding them that they are subject to the Rules of the Road and violations will be prosecuted accordingly. Let’s do this before someone is killed, not wait until it is too late to save that life.

Andrew Powers
Mahopac

Obituaries

Marion A. Yates
Marion A. Yates, 101, a longtime resident of Patterson, before she moved to the Washington, DC area immediately following the 1986 death of her husband, Frank L. Yates, died on Monday, December 8, 2014, at Bartholomew House in Bethesda, MD. Born on May 11, 1913 in Queens, she was the daughter of the late Louis D. and Olga (Olsen) Harrison. A graduate of Pawling High School, she met her husband while they were in nursery’s training together at the now-closed Harlem Valley State Hospital in Wingdale, NY. They were married on May 19, 1934, in Queens.

She is survived by her Richard F. Yates, her only child, and his wife, Judith W. Sheon, of New London, NH. She also is survived by two grandchildren, Alexander F. and Melissa A. Yates, two step-grandchildren, Lila R. and Nathan A. Sheon, two nieces, Gail L. Harrison and Sandy Cravotta, a nephew, Robert J. Harrison, and extended family members.

In addition to being a homemaker, gardener, and painter, she was the bookkeeper at the former Patterson Garage, run by her husband and late two brothers, Richard F. and Louis D. Harrison, which was first located on Route 311 in downtown Patterson and later on Route 22 just south of the Dutchess County line. She also was actively involved in serving her church, the now-closed Patterson Christ Episcopal Church, and in other community affairs.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 22 Coulter Ave., Pawling, with Father Paul Clayton officiating. Immediately following the memorial service, her ashes will be buried at a committal service in the Harrison family plot at the Maple Avenue Cemetery in Patterson. Thereafter, eulogies will be read and light food will be served at a reception back at Holy Trinity. All of Marion’s and Frank’s friends and acquaintances, and their families, are welcome to attend.

Janice Mary Dyas
Janice Mary Dyas of Brewster, died suddenly on Sunday May 3 at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, NY, at the age of 52. She was born July 11, 1962 in the Bronx, the daughter of John Rivard of Brewster and Barbara (Anderson) Laguicde (Tom) of Somers. Janice was a 1980 Brewster High School graduate. On May 2, 1995 she married Michael Dyas in Brewster. Besides her husband Mike and her parents Janice is survived by her children, Brittany Laney, Amanda Dyas and Cameron Dyas all of Brewster, a sister Jennifer Rivard of Hudson, NY, her brothers John Rivard of Greenwich, CT and James Rivard of Danbury, CT.

Fernando Recine
Fernando Recine, 86, of Carmel, died on May 5. Mr. Recine was born on June 30, 1928 to Sebastiano and Alessandra (Pullo) Recine in Ripi, Italy. On February 25, 1951 he married the love of his life, Anna Recine in New York and together they raised their two sons; Angelo and Enrico (“Rick”). Mr. Recine was a Brick-layer and was employed by Sal-Vio Masons in New York City. He was survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Anna, his two loving sons, Angelo (Kitty) and Enrico “Rick” (Kathy) a, his brother Angelo and two wonderful grandchildren Emily Recine and Carly Recine, whom he adored.

Edward J. Keenan
Edward J. Keenan, Sr., 78, died on May 5. Mr. Keenan, Sr., was born on December 9, 1936 to Charles and Genevieve (McLaughlin) in Brooklyn. He proudly served his Country with the US Army from 1959 - 1961. On February 12, 1966, he married the love of his life, Bernadette McDonnell, in Queens. Mr. Keenan, Sr., was an Elementary Teacher for NYC Board of Education at P.S. 108. He is survived by his four loving sons, Edward Keenan, Jr., John Keenan, Joseph Keenan and Michael Keenan, his four brothers, one sister and eleven wonderful grandchildren. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Bernadette who had passed in 2014.

Alan D. Taylor
Alan D. Taylor, of Brewster, died suddenly on Wednesday May 5 at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, at the age of 62. He was born February 21, 1953 in Pennsylvania, son to Edwin and Jean Taylor. He graduated from Pace University with a master’s degree. Alan worked for Rich & Tang for many years as a computer analysis before retiring.

On June 24, 1989 he married Anne Sikora in White Plains. Besides his wife Anne, he is survived by his brother Philip Taylor of Bethlehem, PA. Arrangements for Alan will be private and at the convenience of the family.
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Serino, Murphy, Call for Senate Majority Leader to Step Down

By David Propper

Two Republican New York State senators that represent parts of Putnam County have called for embattled Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, a Republican, to resign his leadership position following federal corruption charges against him and his son last week.

Sen. Sue Serino of the 41st district and Sen. Terrence Murphy of the 40th district both made statements that in order for the senate to move on, Skelos must step aside. Skelos was arrested and saddled with charges that include conspiracy, extortion and solicitation of bribes that involve awarding a $12 million contract to a company his son, Adam Skelos, works for.

Skelos stepped down as Senate leader Monday and was replaced by Sen. John Flannigan of Suffolk County.

Serino said it was time for Skelos to step down within the first 48 hours of the Long Island resident being arrested, which happened on May 4. She was the fifth Republican senator to publicly demand Skelos resign.

Serino said even though there was a consensus to keep Skelos in power during a closed door meeting on May 4 following Skelos’ arrest, it “in no way indicates a unanimous decision.” While Serino said Skelos deserves the presumption of innocence as he fights the charges, she “firmly believes that in order to move forward, we need to do so without the distraction of a leader facing serious federal charges.”

“As in any relationship, trust is the foundation from which progress is built,” Serino stated. “In jeopardizing the public’s trust, I do not believe that the status quo will allow us to best serve those we represent.”

Although Serino was rather quick to request new majority leadership, Murphy sent out a statement requesting Skelos resign over the weekend several days after the arrest and as support for the embattled Skelos was waning. A member on the senate ethics committee, Murphy said it’s evident after learning all the facts that Skelos should step down “in order to properly mount a defense and continue to focus on his family.” Murphy also said it’s in the best interest of his constituents for a new leader to be chosen.

“Senator Skelos has done a lot of good for the people of this state and he has the right to due process in a court of law,” Murphy stated. “My constituents, and this institution, have the right to leadership that can address the important issues on our agenda without any distractions.”

Senate Democrats, which are in the minority in the State senate, tried to mount a motion to vote Skelos off his leadership position last week, but was stymied by senate Republicans. Skelos said in a press conference he is innocent of all charges, as is his son. Skelos has been the majority leader since 2008.

This is just the latest scandal to rock Albany after former Assembly leader and Democrat Sheldon Silver lost his leadership spot after he was indicted on federal corruption charges a few months ago.

The one state lawmaker who has been lightning quick to demand the resignations of Silver and Skelos is Assemblyman Steve Katz. In a statement his office sent out, he said, “urges my fellow Republicans to join me in calling for Sen. Skelos to resign. The allegations against him are severe, and I do not believe he will be able to effectively lead the Senate.”

“Your legislative chamber is already hindered by the presence of Sheldon Silver,” Katz stated. “The Senate must set an example to regain the public’s trust.”
By Neal Rentz

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independent voice, noting he spoke out against the Common Core when most Democrats were not.

“I feel I’ve been a strong independent voice,” Falk said. “And that’s the type of person that people want in an elected official.”

Williams has had more than 20 years of experience in town government. The longtime resident was on the planning board for ten years and since 1999, he’s been the town planner. During that time, he’s seen the town do many things he thought were good and some things he didn’t quite agree with.

He thinks the town has done a good job at meeting infrastructure needs, like the recreation center and town hall and added the town has excelled at grabbing grants from the state. He disagreed when the town did not put a water system on Front Street to help redevelopment and he would like the town be more proactive in watershed planning.

Because of residential growth in town, Williams knows it’s imperative to add commercial growth.

“I would be good at pulling people together and creating more transparency and being able to get things done,” Williams said.

Williams, who got the Patterson GOP nod instead of Capasso, said the message he conveyed to the committee was his experience to accomplish tasks by understanding process and procedure and the right officials to contact.

“I’m looking forward to serving the residents of the Patterson as I have for the past 20 years,” Williams said.

Capasso, who could not be reached for comment before press time, ran against Griffin in 2011 in a Republican primary, only to lose by just three votes. He served on the town board for one term.

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By David Propper

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Newly minted town board member Bob Flaherty sits on the Philipstown board last week after he is sworn in.
Carmel School Board Appoints Irvin as New Superintendent

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and the positive position he leaves the district in.

Even though the board publicly stated that Irvin was the next man in line for the job back in February, Irvin said it feels “wonderful” to finally have it officially agreed on.

“It’s a pressure off the shoulders to have it be final and it really means we can get down to the business of looking ahead,” Irvin said.

Irvin originally came to the district because it had a job opening for the position, assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel, he was looking for and it “has been a great fit since then.”

A Hopewell Junction resident, Irvin likes that his job is close to home. He said he “can’t quite imagine” moving to learn a totally new district. He said he’d like to focus on expanding instructional technology and construct sustainable collected bargaining agreements.

“I think this will provide the best opportunity for me moving forward and moving the district forward,” Irvin said.

Board president Rick Kreps said after a thorough review, the board felt Irvin was the best option to take Carmel into the future. In the seven years he’s been with Carmel, Kreps said Irvin has done “outstanding work” and “taken on every challenge that we’ve asked.”

Another positive is that the school community already respects Irvin, Kreps said.

“I think the consistency is certainly positive,” Kreps said. “We have a known versus an unknown and we’re very comfortable with that known.”
School & Camp Guide

Brewster Students Learn About Vietnam War from Legislator

Legislator Roger Gross, a retired Brewster teacher, recently spoke with Mrs. Schumacher and Mr. Bozzutto’s English classes on his experiences in Vietnam as a Platoon leader with the First Infantry Division. The classes had completed assignments from several books on wars, specifically the Vietnam conflict. One aspect taught by Gross is of mortars, which were often used by the Vietcong against American soldiers at outposts and fire support bases. Gross discussed America’s involvement in Vietnam going back to the 1950’s and his operations in the Michelin Rubber Plantation and the Iron Triangle during his tour of duty in 1969.

As a sometime Liaison with the USAF Forward Air Controllers (FAC), he described his experience as a back seater in OV-10 Bronco where the pilot targeted and spotted air strikes. He explained the various activities our troops participated in during a year’s tour of duty. With the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas, everyday was a workday, depending on the operation or assignment.

Mr. Gross discussed the draft he and other young men faced and the phasing out of the draft by lottery and finally by all volunteer military by 1973. He has returned to Vietnam four times since the war. He discussed how much relations with Vietnam have improved and the fact that America is Vietnam’s primary trading partner. He showed students a menu from Vietnam’s very first McDonald’s, which opened in March 2014. The seniors were very interested in the comparison of Vietnam today to the time of the war some forty plus years ago.

Seniors Gabe Rush and Tom Slater from Brewster High School, are shown holding tail fin sections of expired mortars from the Vietnam War.

Seniors Nick Coco and Jackson Morganti holding mortar fins and wearing traditional Vietnamese hats.
Fulmar Road Elementary School students immersed themselves in the cultures of the world this week without leaving their school, thanks to a visit from Michael Harrold of Jambo Productions. Harrold, a photographer, educator and storyteller who travels the world and then shares his stories with students, presented an elaborate show-and-tell of his visits to China, Kenya, Peru, Egypt, Thailand, Mexico, Cuba, India, Ecuador and more.

“It’s really important to learn at least some important phrases in the language of the country you are traveling to,” Harrold told students. “Things like ‘hello,’ and ‘thank you’ are especially important.”

Though customs may differ widely, “most people in the world are good,” Harrold said, noting the many ways he was shown hospitality while visiting abroad. Harrold’s visit was arranged by the Arts in Education Program at Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, a comprehensive support service that assists in the planning, scheduling, booking and evaluation of the full range of arts-related consultant services for schools.

Students watched a slide show of swimming elephants, tigers in Africa, pyramids in Egypt and a brother and sister sharing a pair of rollerblades in Cuba. “They said their parents could only afford one pair,” he said. Children in some countries he visited would have been “thrilled to be in a school like this one,” he said, “because instead of going to school, they have to work to support their families.”

Harrold also brought with him a “traveling museum” of artifacts from his adventures, including a scorpion, a baby king cobra, and a vampire bat (all safely deceased) as well as a striking blue morpho butterfly from the Amazon.

“It was really interesting to learn about the different places he’s gone to,” said one student, “but the best part was getting to hold the dead scorpion!”

Eighth graders from Mahopac Middle School learned an array of American history and had plenty of fun during the district’s trip to Washington DC last week.
Crossword Puzzle

Across
1 Thorn
5 Result of a big bang theory?
8 Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
12 Sundae topper, perhaps
13 "Now is the winter of ___ discontent" (opening line of "Richard III")
14 Alternative word
15 "Beat it!"
16 Subtly humorous
17 First place
18 Belonging to an Italian movie star or Yorktown pizzeria
20 Give in to
21 Chicken preference
24 Mended a sock
28 Moses’ sister
32 Alpinist’s implement
33 1,000 kilograms
34 Relative
36 Breakfast activity or Westchester & Putnam coffee favorite
37 Exhausts
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40 Formal affirmation
41 Transporter of heavy loads
42 Improvement
43 Expression of enthusiasm
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46 “The Picture of Dorien ___” by Oscar Wilde

Down
1 Leader
2 Musical direction
3 Enjoy profits
4 Two out of two
5 Coming near
6 Call from a ward
7 Take a stab at
8 Particle within an atom
9 Presidential assistant
10 Kind of organ
11 Crescent shaped object
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Putnam County Government in cooperation with the Fraternal Order of Police Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Lodge 704 (FOP) held a vigil service on the steps of the Historic Court House in Carmel on Wednesday afternoon, May 6, to honor the memory of fallen New York Police Department Officer Brian Moore.

Moore, a 25-year-old plainclothes officer who worked for the 105th Precinct, died on Monday, May 4 after being shot in the line of duty on Saturday in Queens. He was on the force for five years and made 150 arrests.

Putnam Sheriff Donald B. Smith served as the service’s master of ceremonies and an invocation was given by Father Matthew MacDonald of St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel.

“It is very important that we honor the memories of all those who have lost their lives in making the ultimate sacrifice in service to the people of the United States of America in protecting our way of life and all the freedoms we enjoy,” said Sheriff Smith. “Our hearts go out to all of their family members. We want them to know that we are truly a grateful nation and we will always remember their service and sacrifice.”

FOP President Kevin Sheil noted that Moore’s death is part of an unfortunately growing trend that should put active officers on alert.

“Officer Moore was a good cop who loved working for the New York Police Department,” said Shell. “He was shot during an anti-crime patrol by an unrighteous person. It is becoming far too common around the county. Police officers have to be more vigilant than they ever before.”

The keynote speaker of the vigil was Susan McCormack who is president and founding member of Survivors of the Shield. Founded in 1988, Survivors of the Shield provides support and assistance to the spouses and children of New York City police officers killed in the performance of their duty.

“Most people do not know that in between 120 and 160 police officers dine in the line of duty every year,” said McCormack. “Thank you to Putnam County for honoring the law enforcement community and the service they provide. This recognition and gratitude is needed more than ever in light of current events.”

County Executive MaryEllen Odell closed the ceremony.

“Putnam County is made up of first responders – career and volunteer, and we stand united with the men and women in blue in the NYPD and throughout the country,” Odell said. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Moore family as well as the families, friends and neighbors of all the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

Several fallen officers have local ties to the Putnam community—Detective Stephen Driscoll (2001), Officer John Falcone (2011), Officer Michael Williams (2014) and Deputy Sheriff Joe Matuskovic (2014).

“Next week is National Police Week,” added Odell. “We planned on recognizing Police Week by illuminating the Historic Court House in blue next week, but in light of the recent death of Officer Moore, we will be moving the start of the blue-lit court house tonight.”

Police Week runs May 10-17. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Communities join tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.
Against the Tide: The Argument for Clutter

My wife and I frequently comment about how barren those new multimillion-dollar condos in Manhattan look when we see those ads with only a sofa, a coffee table and maybe a sideboard in the living room.

God forbid you walk around in your underwear in that room, put your feet up and munch on a bagel with lox and cream cheese. How do you live in a room like that? And what do you enjoy visually, other than the view of the skyline? Maybe that's the point? Just look beyond the void of the room into the wild blue yonder because there's certainly nothing to ponder inside.

While most of us seem possessed with de-cluttering, especially when it comes time to sell our homes, fashion designer Iris Apfel, 93, is known for keeping her house filled with all sorts of treasures. When interviewed recently by The New York Times, she said, “I love clutter. I think being totally minimal shows a lack of history and soul, and I find it sort of pitiful. I think it's wonderful to have stuff of history and soul, and I find it sort of wonderful to have stuff of history and soul.”

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Town of Putnam Valley Recreation Department Summer Sports Camps: FMI: www.pvpr.com

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration on Thursday, June 4, at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 17 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, to using an iPad, to Digital Photography. To view the available classes visit us at www.putnamrvsp.com/c1cl. Register in person or call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call.

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Saturday, May 30

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO KICKOFF ROW OF HONOR: The second annual Row of Honor Kickoff Pancake Breakfast, held on Armed Forces Day. Hosted by Putnam County Joint Veterans Council. The breakfast will be held at the VFW Carmel Post 1374, located at 32 Glemeida Avenue in Carmel. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Proceeds will go toward the return of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in September. The breakfast is $8 per person or $12 for a family. For more information or to RSVP for the breakfast, call Putnam County Veterans Services at 845-808-1620.

Sunday, May 17

Parish Day: Saint John’s Church, Mahopac. 11:30 a.m. confirmation certificate distribution. 12:30 p.m. outdoor mass, picnic, crafts & food fun. FMI: www.sjtemahopac.org

Walking Tour of Brewster: This one-hour guided tour examines the architecture of Main Street, Brewster, highlighting the people and events that have impacted the history of the Village and Town of Southeast 1 p.m. Tours start at the Southeast Museum, 67 Main Street, Brewster, $5/person. Note, no pets. Children under 6 free. RSVP: historicties@southeast-nygov.org or dcylich@brewstervillage-ny.gov
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Putnam Valley senior M-Eva Rabson, who scored her 200th goal earlier in the season, takes on six North Salem defenders in an effort to score one of four goals she would nail in the Tigers’ 13-12 come-from-behind win last Tuesday when PV erased a 10-5 deficit for its biggest win of the year on consecutive goals from Maddie Deegan and Jackie Phillips, an eighth-grader with big-time moxie. ... see Girls’ Lax Notebook
Mahopac Nips Yorktown on Clutch Reda Stroke

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

For all intents and purposes, Saturday’s non-league tilt between MAHOPAC and host YORKTOWN was for bragging rights between the top two teams in the NWE/Putnam Examiner region. And it would take a thrilling three-run seventh by the Indians to decide the outcome – a 5-4 Mahopac win -- which came about courtesy of John Reda’s clutch game-winning hit that produced the go-ahead run.

“Reda is the energy of the team,” Mahopac skipper Chris Miller said. “The team expects that he will come through every time. It was a huge win for us. We needed to win that game and the boys pulled it out. It’s something we can build on for this last week as we head into playoffs.”

Both clubs are in the midst of solid campaigns, but the Class AA Indians were a smidge more clutch down the stretch, including Louie Nardello (2 RBI) and closer Chris Dellamadaglia, who worked the final two innings; hitless and closer Chris Dellamadaglia, who stretched, including Louie Nardello (2 RBI).

Class A Yorktown’s S Weaver stroked two hits and drove home three in defeat, but the Class AA Indians appeared poised to do some two hits and drove home three in defeat, but the Class AA Indians campaigns, but the Class AA Indians have the top-flight contender status.

Panas chucker Steven Speedling (1.81 ERA) chucked a gem in a 2-1 win over the Hornets last Friday night during a wicked three-hitter. You put that kid on the hill against Lincoln, or a slew of other potential top seeds, and the Panthers have bracket-busting capabilities for shiz.

Adam Hurowitz and Greg Karales each knocked in a run for the Panthers, who also played Lakeland tough for six innings in an 8-0 Lakeland win behind a vintage effort from chucker Kyle Peterson.

Panther P Brian Dinnen pitched a three-hitter with nine strikeouts in Panas’ 1-0 win over Tuckahoe in the Dom Cecere Tournament, providing the Panthers with a solid No.2 arm behind Speedling.

Trevor McCarthy went 3 for 5 and had three RBI for Lakeland in a 12-4 win at Pearl River Saturday. If Mike Morelli was 3 for 5; both he and McCarthy are two of a handful of Hornets who Coach Bill Casey expects to carry the club down the stretch.

Class AA’s CARMEL (7-10) would open as the No.16 seed against potential No.1 RCK, who the Rams will see twice (No.3 Keio, but god-awful in a 13-3 loss to John Jay CR a few days later. Memo to the Tigers: Hold yourselves an accountable, closed-door meeting; aggressively air out your grievances/differences (like some did on the field against John Jay Thursday) and then leave the B.S. in the room when you leave. Raise you baseball IQs, trust one another to do the right thing and maybe, just maybe, this thing comes together in time to make a run. Ignore the issues, continue to squabble internally and you’re as good as one-and-done in the playoffs.

If the Class B playoffs opened today, the Tigers would draw the No.7 seed and open against No.10 Dobbs Ferry. Croton-Harmon would draw the top seed and open against No.16 Pawling. Croton and PV were set to square off yesterday in a game that should tell us something about the direction of the tournament and provide some clue as to what Put Valley, which has yet to lose to a Class B club, plans to do in the post.

Put Valley P Eddie Lent and Dan McCann each had two RBI in Putnam Valley’s 7-6 win over Pawling in nine innings.

Baseball Notebook

Mahopac’s Louie Nardella slaps a late tag on Yorktown’s Tom Cole in Indians’ 5-4 win Saturday as John Reda backs him up.

Husker Andy Greene is nailed at 1B by Mahopac’s Greg Cavaliere.

Mahopac’s Nick Fanelli gets in under the tag of Yorktown’s Joe Veca in 5-4 Indian win Saturday.

Lakeland’s Anthony Moffa slides into 2B with Panther Justin Lee slapping on the tag in 2-1 Panther win.
Fox Lane Serves Yorktown Wake-up Call in OT Triumph

Foxes Snap Huskers’ String of 53-Straight Wins over Section 1 Foes

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

April 3rd, 2010 was the last time Class B Yorktown High had felt the sting of a home loss to a Section 1 opponent; until Class A Fox Lane waltzed off Charlie Murphy Field with an unexpected 8-7 triumph last Saturday. State-ranked (No.4) Yorktown’s 53-game streak came to an end when Fox junior Cullen Morgan scored late in regulation and then again in overtime, leaving Yorktown senior captain Michael Dedvukaj and the rest of the Huskers empty on senior day at The Murph. The Foxes fell to the Huskers by 10 goals back on April 23.

“It’s annoying, because we should have (beat) them,” said Dedvukaj, who was held to just a goal and an assist. “We’ll be alright, though. We still believe we’re in good shape for the (Class B) playoffs.”

Nobody doubts that, as Class B foes haven’t been any closer than seven goals, but the loss to the state-ranked (No.25) Foxes should serve as a wakeup call. Not just to the Huskers, but to local media types, who had put the cart before the horse in a recent dallyance with the self-imposed hype machine (yeah, this scribe). What we write about Yorktown, or anybody for that matter, don’t mean a thing when it comes time to lace ‘em up.

“They just came out harder than us plain and simple. We beat them up the first time and didn’t have a good mentality coming around when it comes time to lace ‘em up. We fully expect this tango to go down to the wire and thought we’d see more against an Arlington club that was clearly superior in a 15-8 Admirals win. Time is officially short, boys. Draw strength from history (9 Section 1 titles) or bring in two-time All-America Ric Beardsley on a conference-call pep talk.

HM PUT VALLEY – Coach Ignatz’s Class B Tigers (11-5) saw Kyle Bronzo pump home four goals and two assists in Saturday’s 10-6 win over Haldane. Still believe firmly that 4th-seeded PV can reach the Final 4 should they carry their A-game into the post against No. 13 Dobbs and the No.5 Nanuet/No.12 Croton winner. But the 18-7 loss to four-time reigning Class B champion Bronxville – who played without two of its best players – should tell us all we need to know about attaining a championship this spring.

HM HALDANE – Coach Crowe’s 6th-seeded Blue Devils (11-5) are making torrent strides in developing their program and we’d love to see this level of play next season and beyond when 200-goal scorer Tucker Hine and athlete Peter Hofmann bolt for college. No.14 Lourdes & No.3 Briarcliff is their likely path to a first Final 4. Shock the world!

Putnam Valley M Kevin Gallagher and the Tigers have set a realistic Class C Final 4 goal for the rest of the way.

But neither the No.9-seeded Rebels nor the No.8 Indians – who, fittingly, will meet in the Thursday’s opening round -- have been consistent enough this season to wear the favorites label, so anything beyond a Final 4 showing would be inspiring and largely unexpected from either or both. We’re just not sure if 2015 will go down as a down year on the local lax circuit, or if the increase in parity throughout Section 1 is causing the discrepancy between what we’re accustomed to (in this neck of the woods) and what we’re actually getting from the Mahopacs, the Put Valleys, the Lakeland/Panas and Somers.

Mahopac LSM Aidan Hynes and the Indians don’t have much time left before asserting a ‘Pac’ mentality on Class A playoff foes.

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr’s top-seeded, state-ranked (No.4) reigning NYS Class B champion Huskers (12-4) were stunned but have always had sound recuperative powers, but they needed more than Logan Peters (3G-1A), Justin Cavallo (2G) and Liam Donnelly (15 saves) against Fox Lane. Could see No.5 Hen Hud in semis if all shakes out well.

No.2 HEN HUD – Coach Solly’s Class B Sailors (11-5) saw Mike Smith (4G-3A), Nick Marra (2G-5A), Ryan Tandy (2G-4A) and Austin Fraser (4G) pace the Sailors in a 16-7 win over Croton, but the Sailors, despite wins in 4 of last 5, have slipped some in the eyes of Laxpower, falling to the 4th-ranked team in Class B after a brief stint at No.2.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Haddeland’s Indians (8-8) saw only Andrew Evans, Frank Ward and Ryan Maloney score in a humbling 16-3 loss to Long Island’s Northport. Would love to see the team that beat Hen Hud, Somers and Suffern more often as we enter the playoffs. Look, it hasn’t gone Mahopac’s way this year, but we’re hoping for a stronger finish than the one we got in hoops. Call upon the pride of the 1996 NYS championship and those nine Section 1 titles; do anything but go out with a whimper.

No.4 SOMERS – Coach DeGregorio’s Tuskers (6-10), despite lop-sided losses to John Jay and Fox Lane, are going to get the biggest bump in the poll this week after their 10-4 triumph of Lakeland/Panas, in which the Tuskers introduced the Rebels to fresh-faced frosh Vinny Cartelli (4G-1A), the future of the program. Joinin’ Joe Hashmall added 3G. No.11 Somers draws No.6 Byram in opening round: REVENGE, anyone!

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Putnam Valley Stuns State-ranked North Salem

By Tony Pinciare

Class C Putnam Valley was facing a five-goal deficit against state-ranked (No.16) North Salem at halftime and later a seven-goal hole with just over six minutes remaining.

The Tigers did not panic. Instead, they staged a furious rally, resulting in the decisive goal by eighth-grader Jacklyn Phillips with 1:20 on the clock in a 13-12 win.

Maddie Deegan gave Putnam Valley a chance, scoring the equalizer just prior to Phillips’ winner.

“This win was huge for us and could not come at a better time,” Putnam Valley coach Megan Connolly said. “The girls were hanging their heads, a little, at halftime. We were not placing our shots and this was evident by the halftime score. Our defense played great, but could only do so much.

“We hung in there, won the draws, went to goal and made our shots count. Our success was in large part to our wins off the draw in the second half. Maddie Deegan stepped up big for us, taking the draws, self-drawing and maintaining possession through the transitions.”

Put Valley’s Maddie Deegan ties game with clutch goal in 13-12 win over North Salem.

Put Valley 8th grader Jackie Phillips scored fourth-quarter game-winning goal against N. Salem.

Senior Eva Rabson and Phillips each had four goals and Deegan contributed three, Rabson adding to her school record.

“We have a fairly young team this year with nine seniors, four juniors, one sophomore, five freshman and one eighth-grader, but you would never know it,” Connolly said. “This win really shows how much we have improved. It meant even more that North Salem was 10-1 prior to our win. It really helped boost our confidence and help the girls see their potential.

“The girls played with such heart in this game and really earned the win. They now know we can hang with the big dog teams and hold our own. I could not be more proud of my girls for giving it their all and pulling off the win.”

Not only did LAKELAND/PANAS close out the season with four games in six days, the Rebels had to do so away from home.

If there were reward miles for riding a bus, then Lakeland/Panas would be loaded after travelling all over Northern Westchester County. The Rebels proved to be road warriors, beating Horace Greeley (17-13), Hen Hud (16-8) and Fox Lane (9-8), but North Salem surprised the Rebels (11-7).

In the North Salem game, Molly Fitzpatrick went to the head of the class, scoring four goals to become the program’s leading goal scorer, with 267. She eclipsed the old standard of 266, set by former lacrosse and field hockey great, Colleen Carney.

Lakeland/Panas closed out its week, rallying to the victory over Fox Lane in what was the Rebels’ fourth game in six days. Fox Lane led, 7-4 early in the second half before the Rebels’ offense took over and their defense stifled Fox Lane.

“Our defense was the star of the show, playing smart and consistent,” Lakeland/Panas coach Sharon Sarsen said. “We had contributions from so many people, including Brianna Muniz and Courtney Araujo in clearing; Julia Kim, Dana Bozek, Molly Fitzpatrick, Katie Bradbury, in draws possessions, and Gianna Paglia, Valerie Perkins and Meghan Fahey on defensive transition. Goalie Alex Halpin, once again, starred in net and gave us the chance to win.”

Fitzpatrick scored five goals for the Rebels in the win.

Lakeland/Panas and North Salem were even at 4-4 at halftime before the Tigers roared in the second half.

“North Salem played a strong game and deserved the win,” Sarsen said. “Our highlight was Molly Fitzpatrick scoring four goals to become our program’s all-time leading goal scorer.”

Sarsen said her girls were ready to play against Hen Hud and the result told the story.

“After a practice on our grass football practice field, we did a much better job on ground balls and grass play,” Sarsen said. “Our offense was very spread out with Gianna Paglia, Valerie Perkins, Dana Bozek, Jackie Picard, Molly Fitzpatrick and Katie Bradbury all scoring multiple goals. Our defense was excellent with Ellie Dineen-Carey, Brianna Muniz, Courtney Araujo, Kelsey McCruden and Mia Lennon all working well.”

Lakeland/Panas Katie Bradbury rises for goal in 16-8 win over Hen Hud.

Lakeland/Panas’ Dana Bozek sets up her shot against defense of Hen Hud’s Olivia Timnan in 16-8 Rebel win.

Put Valley’s Morgan McNamara grips and rips in win over N. Salem.

Put Valley’s Maddie Deegan ties game with clutch goal in 13-12 win over North Salem.

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Lakeland/Panas opened the week with the win over Horace Greeley. The Rebels found themselves in a quick 6-1 hole, but went into halftime with a 9-8 lead.

“We started to win draws and make the most of our offensive sets and took control as the game wore on,” Sarsen said. “Katie Bradbury led Lakeland/Panas with six goals, Fitzpatrick added four goals and two assists, and Jackie Picard netted four goals.

Lakeland/Panas finished the regular season with a 13-3-1 record.

SOMERS went 4 for 4 with victories over Scarsdale (18-12), Brewster (14-12), Fox Lane (16-6) and Rye (15-10) in reverse order.

“We finished off a long week strong,” said Somers’ coach Jaime Irving of the Scarsdale game. “Being senior day and the last regular season game, we wanted to end on a strong, positive note going into sessionals and the girls did just that.

“They stayed focused and supported each other all over the field. We worked well in transition both offensively and defensively and were able to gain momentum and continued to feed off of it. I am really proud with how they handled continued on next page
NY Extreme Teams Explode at Inaugural Extreme Hoops Challenge

10th grade extreme boys: Members of the 10th grade NY Extreme Basketball team pose Sunday, May 3rd after winning the inaugural Extreme Hoops Spring hosted by Kristi Dini and her organization NY Extreme Hoops. From left to right: Coach Ken Barer, Solomon Barer, Tanner Dysin, Jarod Kimmel, Cameron Cuparo, Matt Golden, Nestor Lassic, Tyler Maynes, Jerry Best, Matthew Severino, Will Meyers, Coach Matt Severino.

4th grade extreme boys: Members of the 4th grade NY Extreme Basketball team pose Sunday, May 3rd after winning the inaugural Extreme Hoops Spring Challenge hosted by Kristi Dini and her organization NY Extreme Hoops. Top Row - Nick Frobose, Daniel Witters, Sam Stafura, Alex Tavarez, John Kisslinger, Anthony Jennings, Rocco Conciatori; Bottom Row - Anelo Santarelli, Nate Shillingford; Missing - Matt Kearns, Ryan Tomeny, Rocco Portante; Coach - Bernie Sacco

9th grade extreme boys: Members of the 9th grade NY Extreme Basketball team pose Sunday, May 3rd after winning the inaugural Extreme Hoops Spring Challenge hosted by Kristi Dini and her organization NY Extreme Hoops. Top Row - Pedro Reynoso, Michael Ramos, Mark Spanelli, Michael Gaetan, Kaomani Haynes, Ti Lawrence; Bottom Row - James Lundenberg, Angelo Milan, Aiden Donnellan, Amore Haynes; Missing - Alan Jackson

8th grade extreme: Members of the 8th grade NY Extreme Basketball team pose Sunday, May 3rd after winning the inaugural Extreme Hoops Spring Challenge hosted by Kristi Dini and her organization NY Extreme Hoops. Top Row - Kat Severino, Megan Berglund, Kristi Dini, Dora Rippon, Sarah Carroll, Natalie Scanlon, Grace Curran; Bottom Row - Amber Bodden, Julia Aurajo, Alexa Cole, Zina McInerney

Putnam Valley Stuns State-ranked North Salem

Hen Hud’s Rachel Blitzer surveys field with Rebel Valerie Perkins in pursuit.

this long hard week of games and were able to continue to improve." 

Nicole DeMase scored four goals against Scarsdale while Livy Rosenzweig added three goals and three assists and Christine Olert had a hat trick and two assists.

Somers led Brewer, 6-4 and held off the hard-charging Bears in the second half. Rosenzweig finished with a team-best five goals and Emily Englert had three goals.

"We didn't play our best game, but were able to put it together and pull out the win," Irving said. "Brewer came out hard and fast and made us have to adjust. This was a good game to keep us in check going into sectionals as it shows us that you have to show up every day to play and mesh as a team and that we can't get it done as individuals. Having been the third game in four days, I thought they handled themselves well and played hard."

Somers led Fox Lane, 5-4 at halftime, before erupting in the second half as Rosenzweig scored five goals, including her 100th varsity goal. Irving said she is the first sophomore in program history to reach 100. DeMase finished with four goals and Englert added two goals and two assists.

"Going into this game we knew it was going to be competitive since we had beaten them last year in sectionals and beaten them two weeks earlier by just one goal," Irving said.

Somers opened the week with the win over Rye as DeMase scored five goals, Gabby Rosenzweig chipped in with four and Livy Rosenzweig collected three.

MAHOPAC won twice, extending its winning streak to 10 consecutive. The Indians dominated Kingston, 18-7, behind nine goals and two assists from Kim Harker. Mahopac followed it up by gaining revenge on Arlington, 10-8.

Earlier this season, Arlington shocked Mahopac, 7-6.

Harker noted that after the loss to Arlington they would not allow it to happen again. The teams were tied at 4-4 at halftime, but Mahopac took control in the second half.

"I’m very proud of our team for such a great effort in our win," said Harker of the Arlington game. “This game was won by our great defense and ground balls. Sarah Quarto, Jane Kasparian and Alyssa Kirby came up huge with great stops and ground balls.

“Arlington did its homework on us, but everyone stepped up and we couldn't be more happy.”

Harker led Mahopac with seven goals. Francesca Ferreira had a team-high four groundballs and Kelly Maxwell, Kasparian and Harker scooped up three apiece.

“I am so proud of this team, especially our seniors, who really stepped up and won this game for us,” Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said.

Lieto was also quite pleased with his team's all-around effort against Kingston on a hit, muggy day.

"This team's chemistry and support of each other has carried us far this year," Lieto said. "The heat didn't bother them..."
Yorktown Blows Late Lead, Falls to Mahopac, 5-4

Yorktown’s Andy Greene (4) can’t get the tag down in time against Mahopac’s Louie Nardella (2), who drove home a pair of runs in the visiting Indians’ 5-4 win over the Huskers last Saturday when Yorktown squandered a 4-2 sixth-inning lead... see Baseball Notebook