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Protestors Rally Against Tether Law in Village of Ossining

By Joan Gaylord

Things got loud in Ossining Saturday when residents and neighbors gathered outside Village Hall to protest the village's recently enacted tether law. "Honk if you love dogs!" read one of the protestor's signs and many passing motorists honked their support.

The law, passed by the village Board of Trustees last October, regulates when and for how long a dog may be tied up outside. The protestors, however, took issue with the regulations outlined in the new law which they say protects dog owners more than it protects dogs. The new regulations allow owners to tether dogs for a maximum of 12 hours in a 24-

hour period during any weather conditions except when the National Weather Service issues an alert.

"It is a bad law," said Deborah Pangle, one of the organizers of the protest. "We are so disappointed in what they passed under the guise of caring. It is disingenuous."

Others said they fear that, now that the town has enacted a law, they will move on to other issues rather than improving the new legislation. Their concern, they said, grows out of instances in town when they have witnessed dogs tied outdoors all day in hot or freezing weather. When they have called the local police

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Protestors took to street outside Village Hall in Ossining Saturday to voice their concerns.

Lawmakers Approve Law to Restore Right to Obtain a License

By Rick Pezzullo

The Driver's License Access and Privacy Act, commonly known as the Green Light bill, which restores the right to obtain a license, regardless of immigration status, was approved by New York lawmakers last week.

The law existed prior to 2001 and was signed by Governor Cuomo shortly after the Senate narrowly approved the measure June 17, 33-29, one vote more than the minimum required.

"Today, we passed legislation restoring the right for all qualified drivers to obtain drivers' licenses regardless of immigration status," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "By passing this needed legislation, we are growing our economy while at the same time making our roads safer. This is the

right step forward for New York State as we continue to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform on the federal level."

The Driver's License Access and Privacy Act (Green Light NY) will allow non-commercial driver license or learner's permit applicants to be able to submit additional proofs of identity to be eligible for a non-Federal license. It also waives the social security number requirement if the applicant signs an affidavit that they have not been issued a social security number and provides the DMV with discretion to approve additional proofs of identity and age. Further, this legislation will protect the data of the applicants from unwarranted release.

This legislation provides additional

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government revenue, supports New York businesses and increases road safety. Statewide, the Fiscal Policy Institute estimates the legislation will result in \$83.9 million in government revenues over the first three years and \$6.4 million in recurring revenue thereafter.

In Connecticut, where a similar policy was implemented four years ago, there have been almost 4,000 fewer unlicensed driving convictions and hit-and-run crashes

have dropped 9% between 2016 and 2018.

"Today's Senate vote is one for the history books, marking a historic victory for immigrant families all across New York who have led the fight for respect and dignity for our communities," said Javier Valdes, co-executive director of Make the Road New York, a prominent immigrant advocacy group. "It's been an 18-year struggle. The resilience of the immigrant community has shown through once again."

Twelve states and Washington, D.C., currently allow undocumented immigrants to drive. New Jersey is weighing a similar proposal. It is estimated in New York State there are more than 750,000 undocumented immigrants over the age of 16 who were barred from obtaining driver's licenses as a result of their immigration status.

Neighbors Link, a Mount Kisco-based immigrant advocacy organization, issued a statement on the passage of the bill.

"The Green Light bill is a win-win for the safety and benefit of all New Yorkers.

Hard working immigrants will be able to access a driver's license to drive to work or take their children to school and doctor's appointments without fear that a minor stop will lead to detention or even deportation. Neighbors Link is grateful to all the advocates who attended rallies and wrote or called their elected officials. And we are especially grateful to Senate Majority Leader Andrew Stewart-Cousins for showing the leadership required for bringing this to a vote and to all the elected officials who championed this bill."

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department to voice their concern and ask the officers to intervene, they have been told the dog owners are complying with the law.

"It is heartbreaking," said Genee Roberts, of Tarrytown, who joined the protest on Saturday. She cited the lack of protection for animals across Westchester County. "I would like to see more residents take a half hour of their time and write to the County officials, write to their town officials, and tell them this is not acceptable."

Nikita, a dog rescued from an abusive situation out of state, also joined the protestors. Her human Katie Maduras pointed to the scars on the dog's neck caused by the rope that had tethered the dog for years. Maduras had worked with a local rescue organization to adopt the dog who, she commented, has responded well to her new home.

"She's just so chill," she said. Indeed, as the people protested and the drivers honked, the dog settled in to join activity.

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A: The Pap test (or Pap smear) screens for pre-cancerous cellular abnormalities in a woman's cervix. If abnormalities are found, you can be monitored or treated so you don't develop cervical cancer. A Pap test involves scraping cells from your cervix to examine for pre-cancerous changes in tissue. Depending on your age, history and previous Pap test results, the cells might also be tested for high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common cause of cervical cancer. Ninety-nine percent of cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus, which is generally sexually transmitted.

Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

A: If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

Q: How effective is the Pap test?

A: Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

Q: At what age should I start and stop having Pap tests?

A: Start at 21. Women under 21 have a very low incidence of the type of high-grade abnormalities that will progress to cervical cancer. Screening after age 65 isn't needed if you have a recent history of normal Pap results. If your Pap test and HPV test are negative, you should repeat both tests in three years.

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The Heritage of ‘Old Glory’ at Historical Society

In commemoration of Flag Day, Troop 45 Van Cortlandtville Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America presented a patriotic program---The Heritage of Old Glory---at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Cortlandt Manor, sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society.

Pictured (left to right) are Scouts: Kyle Powell and his dad Mike Powell (Assistant Scoutmaster); Petya Burova (Committee Chair, who directed the Scouts in their recitations); Gene Croft (a Society Board member and liaison to the Troop); Denis Burov; Nick Merando (Eagle Scout); Ethan Bialko; Jonathan Merando; Gabriel Sotomayor; Thomas Milani; Andrew Bialko; Anthony Desposati; and Bob Foley (Program Director of the Society).

In a PowerPoint picture program, each Scout prepared and presented an historical aspect

of the American Flag, from its creation by Betsy Ross in the American Revolution, to historic moments of the Flag with Washington crossing the Delaware, to the role of the Stars and Stripes in the Civil War and World Wars I and II, to the planting of the Flag on the Moon 50 years ago, to the iconic image of the NYC firemen raising the tattered flag at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan on September 11th, 2001.



KATHRINE BIALKO PHOTO

Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Powell (left) and Committee Chair Petya Burova (right) lead Boy Scouts from Troop 45 Van Cortlandtville in Flag Ceremony at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Locust Avenue. The event commemorating Flag Day was sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society.

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Obituaries

David Christian

David C. Christian, a resident of Cortlandt, died June 19. He was 86.

He was born in Wilkes Barre, PA on December 8, 1932 where he spent his childhood and graduated from Coughlin High School. He married the love of his life Dolores Klein on July 7, 1956, a wonderful partnership that lasted just short of 63 years. As a young man, he made his living as a drummer playing with bands across the country including Tommy Dorsey and Claude Thornhill. He played in many famous clubs in NYC including the Bon Soir where he heard a then unknown teenager named Barbra Streisand sing. Cortlandt became his home in 1964 and he lived there over 54 years. He tended bar at the old Beechwood Inn and managed the carpet department at Sears before managing Ekizian Carpets where he worked for well over 30 years. His true passion of drumming was not forgotten as he played in countless wedding bands and other productions. An avid golfer he won his flight championship twice at Dogwood Knolls where he was known for his terrific short game. He was also President of the Buchanan Golf League for many years which still exists today and a lifetime member of the Elks Club. Dave was well liked by everyone and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother, Ethel, his father, Sidney, and his brothers, Harold and Bobby and he is survived by his wife Dolores, son Jack, daughter-in-law Joanne and grandsons, Michael and Eric. His impact on everyone will never be forgotten. He will be remembered and loved forever.

Clare McGarry

Clare McGarry, nee Doyle, a resident of Somers, died June 17. She was 85.

She was a strong supporter of the Irish community, as a dedicated member of the Emerald Association of Putnam County, and the Irish American Social Club of Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. Her joy of life and religious devotion was well-known and appreciated by so many.

She was born in the Bronx on August 26, 1933, to a large, Irish Catholic family. She is survived by her loving life partner John Glynn, brothers Paddy and Kevin Doyle; children Tara Phethean (husband David) of Pleasantville, NY, and Katherine Realbuto (husband Steve) of Somers; and cherished six grandchildren: Diana and Elena Phethean, and Sean, Brian, Dylan and Colin Realbuto, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 48 years, Michael Joseph McGarry, her son, Michael John McGarry, her siblings, Mary Elliott, Margaret St. George, William Doyle, James Doyle and John Doyle, and her grandson Michael Realbuto.

Ralph Perrigino

Ralph Perrigino, a resident of Ossining, died June 16. He was 97.

He was born on May 27, 1922 to the late Benedetto and Annie (nee Congo) Perugini in Ossining. He professionally was an assembler for Sonotone in White Plains. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was predeceased by his devoted wife Ruth (nee DeFeo) Perrigino in 2009. He is survived by his two devoted sons Ralph Perrigino of Ossining, Brian (Denise) Perrigino

of Briarcliff Manor, and his two cherished grandchildren Matthew and Monica Perrigino. He was predeceased by his brother Benedetto Perrigino, his two sisters Mary Pruess, Florence Lilly, his step sister Elizabeth Rizzi and his step brother Michael Bretone.

Jason Caragine

Jason Caragine, an area business owner, died June 16. He was 47.

He lived in Mahopac and was the owner and lead garage door technician of Door Doctor in Mahopac. He was born in Yonkers on Sept. 27, 1971, the son of Louisa

Deltreste and David Grotsky. He graduated from Gorton High School in Yonkers.

Mr. Caragine was a classic car enthusiast, loved spending time with his sons and granddaughter, and enjoyed sharing his mechanical knowledge with his children and their friends.

He is survived by his wife Cindy Caragine and sons, Adam, Daniel, Gregory and Mark Caragine, all of Mahopac; his mother, Louisa Deltreste and her husband Giancarlo of Wappingers Falls; his father, David Grotsky of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; his sister Meghan Deltreste of Wappingers Falls and his granddaughter, Carolyn Rose.



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Local Attorneys Support Judge McCarthy for Reelection

To the Editor:

Judge Dan McCarthy has selflessly served the residents of the Town of Cortlandt for the last twelve years in his capacity as Town Justice. He is both well-known and well respected in the legal community. Judge McCarthy brings with him to the position of Town Justice a wealth of knowledge and experience that has been acquired by over 33 years in private practice and a seasoned member of the judiciary in the Town of Cortlandt.

We, as members of the local bar, appear regularly before Judge McCarthy at conferences, hearings and trials which are held in Cortlandt Town Court. Without exception we have always found Judge McCarthy to be fair, reasonable, well informed and extremely knowledgeable with regard to the various

cases and other matters that come before him. He treats all individuals in his courtroom, whether attorneys or litigants, with dignity and respect. He consistently demonstrates the necessary and appropriate judicial temperament to mete out justice fairly and objectively but with compassion and consideration in every case. We have found Judge McCarthy to be dedicated, hardworking and professional in every respect. He is an individual of impeccable honesty and integrity who, as a member of the bench in Cortlandt, undoubtedly helps to make the Town of Cortlandt a better and safer place in which to live and raise a family.

It is with great honor and without reservation that we, as local attorneys, wholeheartedly recommend to the residents of the Town of Cortlandt that

they vote to re-elect Judge McCarthy both in the Independence Party and Working Families Party Primaries on Tuesday June 25, 2019 and in the General Election on Tuesday November 5, 2019.

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Yorktown Parks Department Should Be Complimented

To the Editor:

Some helpful information to supplement your recent article. It should be noted a town Supervisor of Yorktown as well as his town board has no authority over the Parks and Recreation Department. Their only function is to fund and approve manning of the Department.

Supervision is left to the Parks Superintendent who answered to the Recreation Commission.

It should also be pointed out for the education of your readers as well as those running for a new office that while we

want all our parks to be in good condition at certain times of the year some have much more priority than those used by very few residents who happens to have a small facility near or in their development.

The record rainfall we have experienced this year did not allow for an early start to park work.

We have a hard working very good Park's Department whose 14 people are tasked with maintaining 5,000 acres of parkland. The focus this time of year is putting two pools into service before Memorial Day and all our major fields

used by thousands of residents and sports clubs in this town. All this while working very hard to put the largest sports facility in our town into service. We invite you to go to Granite Knolls if you need park photos, any day or evening and you will see not only a facility that won a county park award but people, hundreds of people. Day and evenings young people play all sports at this facility that is seeing 200-250 cars every night. Most mornings you will see 25 -35 older residence playing pickle-ball and in the afternoon teenagers and adults playing basketball.

A Parks department which is still

working to provide things that will make our parks all-inclusive for people of all ages healthy or handicapped. This is a wonderful Yorktown organization that people should be complimenting not playing politics at their expense. The P&R Commission and the Parks Department is attentive to all Residents and their complaints and suggestions. We never need press releases to act on citizen's concerns.

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Vice Chair Park & Rec. Commission

Slater Mudslinging Not Appealing

To the Editor:

As the new campaign season gets underway here in Yorktown, I have already begun to cringe from what will soon be an onslaught of the ugly side of

politics.

First are the headline-grabbing accusations and character assassinations being lobbed about by Matt Slater who is running for Town Supervisor.

Most recently, a front page story in this publication laying the blame for dilapidated tennis courts in Shrub Oak on Supervisor Gilbert, saying "there should be a plan to address it." To which the Parks Superintendent responded in the same article that, in fact, the courts were already scheduled to be repaired this summer. It's also worth noting that those same tennis courts have been out of commission for many years prior to Supervisor Gilbert's tenure – throughout both terms of former Supervisor Grace who Slater helped elect twice and fully supported while running the Republican Town Committee. Despite these facts, we shouldn't hold our breath waiting for an apology from Matt – I'm sure he's already searching for a fresh pile of mud to sling for his next headline.

I especially liked his opening salvo a few months back when he blamed Supervisor Gilbert for not having applied for grant money from the State to address poor water quality conditions

at Mohegan Lake, when in fact the grant wasn't available – a fact Slater should have known since he's quick to tout his Albany experience working in Senator Murphy's office. Also, Ken Belfer, perhaps the leading resident expert on Mohegan Lake, disputed Slater's claims in that very article, stating that with Gilbert's help, a water quality improvement plan was already approved and in place.

I, for one, am not impressed by smiling family photo ops or claims of growing up in Yorktown – as if these are reasons for anyone to vote for someone. I want to see real accomplishments and hear plans and proposals for achievable goals. One thing I feel has changed for the better during Supervisor Gilbert's tenure has been a noticeable improvement in civility at Town Hall. Let's hope the campaign doesn't signal an end to that.

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Hudson Valley Hockey Company Jefferson Valley

By Neal Rentz

Whatever your hockey needs, there is a great chance that it can be met at the Hudson Valley Hockey Company, which is located in the Jefferson Valley Mall.

"We sell everything you need for ice hockey and roller hockey," the store's owner, Fran Vazquez of Patterson, said recently. "We sell everything from blades and roller blade wheels, all the way up to helmets, sticks and skates. We sell equipment, but we also service the equipment as well. We sharpen skates. We repair equipment. It's a full-service hockey business."

Hudson Valley Hockey is the first business Vazquez has owned. "Hockey is something I've known since I was five years old," he recalled. "I've been working on it in one aspect or another as a player, referee, coach and I worked at a pro shop for quite a while I was going to school at Plattsburg State. Once I came home I didn't find a job in my field for a little bit and I was encouraged by my parents actually to pursue a business plan of a hockey shop because that was something that I identified as a hole in the market in this area, something that wasn't present and something that I could offer



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Patterson resident Frank Vazquez opened the Hudson Valley Hockey Company in January 2014 in Mahopac. He recently moved his business to the Jefferson Valley Mall.

assistance and knowledge to people."

The business originally opened in January 2014 in Mahopac. Hudson Valley Hockey recently moved to the Jefferson Valley Mall, where it opened in March. "The reason why we moved is because we wanted more visibility for the business. We wanted more foot traffic. And we just wanted a bigger space," Vazquez said.

Vazquez said most of his customers live in northern Westchester and Putnam, but he added some customers also come

from such other locations as Dutchess, Connecticut and New Jersey.

The store sells to local teams in the Mahopac Roller Hockey League, the Bedford Bears, the Putnam Panthers and several high school teams in the area, Vazquez said.

Vazquez said he joined the Peekskill Roller Hockey league at the age of six. Sam Oitice, the league's commissioner, a referee and a coach, "took me under his wing and show me how to play the game,"

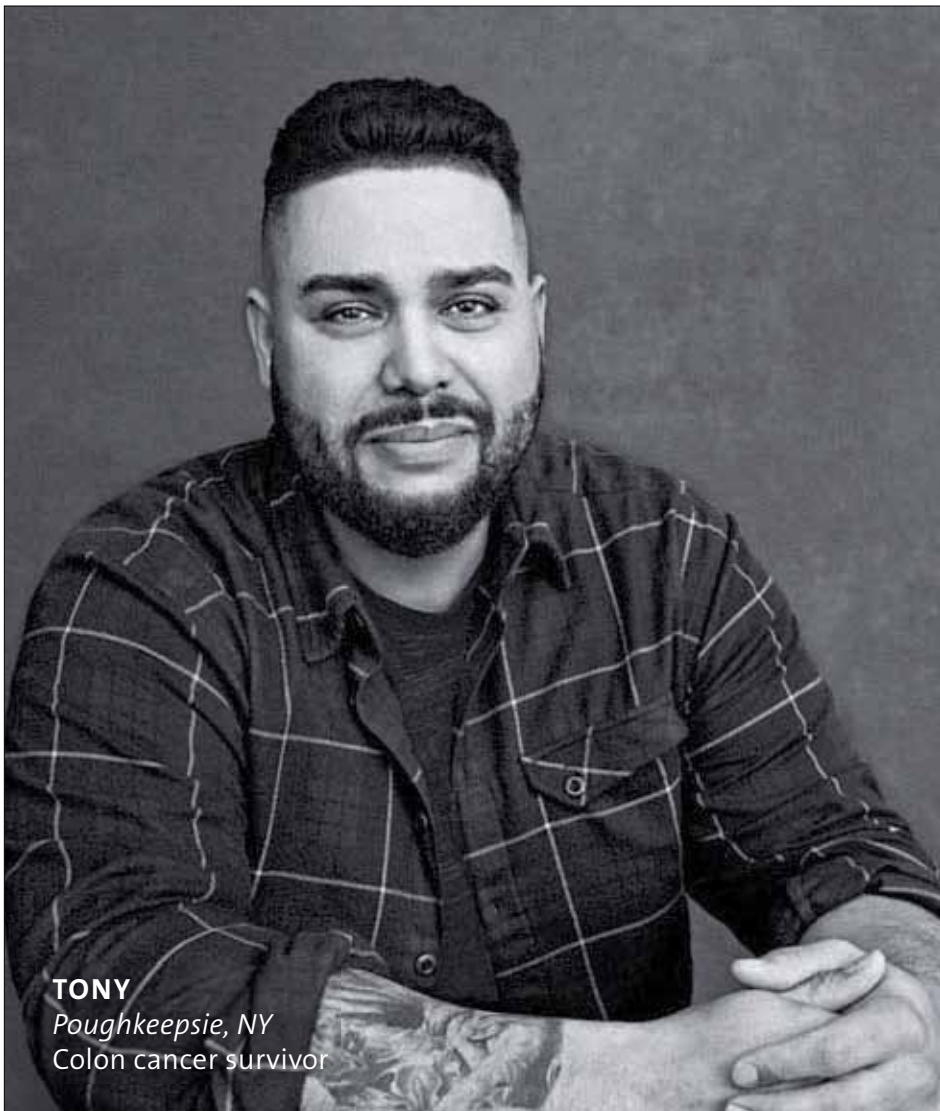
Vazquez said.

Oitice was a firefighter who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001. "He was a great man," Vazquez said. "The way that Sam treated me and the way he brought me under his wing and showed me the game is kind of what I want to do here."

At the Brewster Ice Arena, Vasquez provides private hockey lessons.

Vazquez explained his passion for hockey. "The thing I like about the game mostly is the intensity," he said. "The intensity of the game is something that you will see from the lowest levels of hockey to the highest level to the professional level. The bottom line is hockey is something that is kind of an esoteric sport. A lot of people want to play the game but don't know how and don't know where to go. So, I found myself in a position where I would be able to assist in that."

Hudson Valley Hockey Company is located in the Jefferson Valley Mall, 650 Lee Blvd. For more information call 914-556-6501 or visit <http://hudsonvalleyhockey.com/home.html>. The store also has a Facebook page.



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Letters to the Editor

Rezoning Change in Yorktown Will Increase Taxes

To the Editor:

Are you ready, willing, and looking forward to a tax increase due to a rezoning change that will allow 150 rental units to invade our town? The proposed construction will be built between Club Fit and Jefferson Bowl fronting on Route 6N. This makes an impossible traffic situation worse. Not to mention decimating 19.3 acres of trees, small animals, birds, etc. to instead, give us eleven 2 story buildings to house 150 rental units and 300+ cars and many more children adding to the already burdening school tax. The additional burden of the taxpayer will be increased to include: teachers, police, firefighters, sanitation, EMS, school buses, maintenance, drivers, monitors, insurance, etc. and PENSIONS that will continue for decades. In the end, it is the current 5 member Town Board who finally decides the rezoning change. Some members of the Town Board have

already expressed they are in favor of this proposed development.

The Planning Board and Zoning Boards will hear from developers, but make no mistake, the final decision rests on the shoulders of our ELECTED officials. The Yorktown Town Board were elected to serve us, they can be replaced for not serving the wishes of the electorate (we the voters).

The developers presented their "Alice

in Wonderland" plans for us at a meeting on 6/13 where over 250 local people attended. The majority strongly opposed rezoning this property.

We, the TAXPAYERS of Yorktown, must unite to keep this proposed development from happening and increasing our Town and School taxes. If you think you are paying a lot in taxes now, you'll wish you were paying the present amount if the proposed development is approved and

completed.

Attend Town Board meetings, speak up, support those who speak out and sign petitions. Let your voice be heard, let your vote be heard.

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL, should be our mantra in local matters!

BRIAN SILLIK, JEANNE TROIANO, AND LOUISE DEMARCO

Slater's Roots Will Pay Off for Yorktown

To the Editor:

This letter is to sing the praises of Matt Slater, candidate for Yorktown Town Supervisor.


We first met Matt when he was working with then Yorktown Councilman Terrence Murphy. As secretary of the Jefferson Owners Corp. and a resident of Jefferson Village, we also interacted with Matt as Chief of Staff to Senator Murphy. He was always there making sure things were going well in our community.

Jefferson Village is a 55+, or senior community of 1,000 units. When Senator Murphy came to check on our community during winter storms, or hurricanes like Hurricane Irene, Matt was in the background making sure everything Senator Murphy wanted done for us went accordingly.

To this "elderly" couple, we found Matt to be a sincere and honest person -- and a family man to boot. He has from the start involved his wife and his son in his life. We know he will be a wonderful asset as our Town Supervisor. He has grown up in Yorktown, has family here, and wants to stay here to make Yorktown a great place to live!

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Some Invaders Strangle Our Landscape, Others Eat it Up

Ah, the ways of nature and how we roll with them on our properties can be challenging indeed.

Recently, I read an article on-line warning of nine plants we should never have on our properties because of their invasive nature, literally taking over the landscape. I was reminded that of the nine deadly sinners, I harbored three of them on my last property.

In order of viciousness in bullying their way into the landscape, they were: wisteria, bamboo and trumpet vine.

Wisteria was on the property when I arrived. Bamboo and trumpet vine, I invited in, the first because I thought it was beautiful and the latter to quickly cover an aging stockade fence.

On the same day, I read about how a different kind of predator, white-tailed deer, was removing everything from what is known as the underbrush of our woods and forests, threatening their survival.

On my property, deer relished my hosta, phlox and climbing geranium, as well as the leaves from the lower

reaches of my weeping cherry, leaving naked branches. Even though I sprayed everything the deer like to eat with Bobbex repellent, whose smell is so foul that it repels me as well, I sometimes failed to spray every 30 days during growing season. I would sometimes wake up one morning to find that my plantings had been eaten.

Too bad that these two phenomena, plant and animal, don't somehow cancel each other out, but that's just the way the balance of nature is tampered with.

Half of my 1.5-acre property was wooded and, when Irene and Sandy took down a swath of sugar maples, cherry and ash, almost a quarter-

acre was laid bare. But nature, regenerative as it is, gave me a new, dense thicket of samplings there.

There was one problem: they were all locusts. Deer gobble up maple saplings but eschew those of the locust because they are very thorny. I was aware that, if I want to have my woods repopulated with maple and cherry, I'd have to buy them from a nursery at a stage where they've already grown beyond a deer's

eager reach.

To deal with the deer problem, I fenced in my entire property, excluding the driveway which was then the property's only entry point. To deal with the invasive plants, I had another plan – containment.

When I first moved to that property, I fell in love with draping garlands of wisteria hanging more than 60 feet in the air, hanging from one tree to the other. It was gorgeous. But an arborist warned that all the host trees would soon be dead – and some already were – if I didn't cut the strangling vines off at their core.

Taking his advice, I was actually depressed viewing those hanging, dead vines with all the blossoms gone. I wonder what would have been the harm if the host trees died. I suspect the strength of the thick wisteria vines could have held the trees' carcasses up on their own.

From that point, I continued to allow wisteria to grow on my property, but I pruned the vines before they climbed into the trees. It was the same with my trumpet vines. When I planted the aggressive trumpet vines, I contained them by placing the roots within a large bucket so they didn't take over the property.

Some years ago, when I was visiting

friends in Orange County, Calif., I was taken by the beauty of the bamboo that shielded their pool from their neighbor's property and I made a mental note of wanting to have some of my own.

But I had already heard the stories of how it can invade a property to the point of destroying basement walls and pushing up driveway blacktop. Nevertheless, I chose to plant some on the perimeters of my property, having been assured by my landscaper that it was not the most aggressive variety. But that caution doesn't matter in some communities.

In Malverne, L.I., the town council passed a law making the planting of any bamboo variety a crime punishable by a \$350 a week fine until it is removed or 15 days in jail.

Imagine, while you might find the beauty of an invasive plant arresting, you can be arrested for planting it.

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Wednesday, June 26

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Winery Event: The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, will host a Psychedelics performance today. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.thewineryatstgeorge.com/>. Info: 914-455-4272.

Thursday, June 27

IBM Retirees Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees will hold their summer break luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at Frankie & Augie Z restaurant, 3673 Hill Blvd, Jefferson Valley. Call Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916 to confirm your attendance if you have not yet done so. Note there are no meetings in July and August. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Sept 26.

Sunset Market: The July session of the Jefferson Valley Mall's Sunset Market will be held tonight from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Each date will include vendors, food trucks, beer garden, live music, a kid's fun carnival area and more. The Mall is located at 650 Lee Blvd. in Yorktown. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a vendor, please e-mail EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com or call 914-218-3968.

Acting Classes: The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

Support Connection Book Club: Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: "Book Club for Women with Cancer" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley

Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortland. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Friday, June 28

Reading Game Launch: The Summer Reading Game Launch Party will be held at 2 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. The event will feature free books! crafts and games. For more details contact the library at 914-737-0847 or visit the Frog Blog at www.fieldkids.wordpress.com.

Spotlight Theatre Musical: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Broadway's hilarious musical, will be presented on weekends through June 23 by the Spotlight Theatre, Westchester's community theater, at the Julie Harris Theatre at the Clearview School, 480 Albany Post Rd., Briarcliff Manor. Call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006, the theater box office at 845-526-3461 or visit the theater Web site at www.stpnyc.com.

Peekskill Movie Night: The City of Peekskill Family Movie Nights will present "Mary Poppins Returns" at Riverfront Green Park, 50 Hudson Ave. Admission

is free. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 914-734-7275 or visit www.cityofpeekskill.com.

Saturday, June 29

Health Education Workshop: How to Increase Your Energy, Vitality and Youth While Decreasing Your Need for Medication and Surgery will be discussed from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Somers Library. Saturday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. At this educational workshop presented by Dr. Edward Markowitz of the Advanced Wellness and Injury Center in Danbury, CT, you will learn how to improve the way you feel, look and work. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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THIS IS NOT A PERMIT ~
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation ~
Notice of Complete Application
Date: 06/17/2019 Applicant:
HISTORIC HUDSON VALLEY
639 BEDFORD RD
POCANTICO HILLS, NY 10591-0032

Facility: VAN CORTLANDT MANOR
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CROTON ON HUDSON, NY 10520
Application JD: 3-5522-00352/00002
Permits Applied for: 1 - Section 401 -
Clean Water Act Water Quality Certifi-
cation

1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands
Project is located: in CORTLANDT in
WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Project Description:
The applicant is proposing disturbance
to NYS Freshwater Wetland H-3, Class 1,
associated with drainage improvements
to an existing parking field adjacent to
the Van Cortlandt Manor. Drainage im-
provements will temporarily disturb ap-
proximately 644 SF of the wetland proper,
and approximately 25,500 SF of the reg-
ulated 100 foot adjacent area. Permanent
disturbance includes 0.015 acre within
the regulated wetland, and 0.585 acre of
the 100 foot adjacent area. The proposed
project includes grading, the construction
of a concrete gutter, the replacement of a
culvert pipe, and landscaping.

Availability of Application Documents:
Filed application documents, and Depart-
ment draft permits where applicable, are

available for inspection during normal
business hours at the address of the con-
tact person. To ensure timely service at
the time of inspection, it is recommend-
ed that an appointment be made with the
contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review
(SEQR) Determination
Project is an Unlisted Action and will not
have a significant impact on the environ-
ment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A
coordinated review was not performed.
SEQR read Agency None Designated
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA)

Determination
Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeo-
logical Assessment Form or other infor-
mation has concluded that the proposed
activity will not impact registered, eligible
or inventoried archaeological sites or his-
toric structures.

Coastal Management
This project is located in a Coastal
Management area and is subject to the
Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal
Resources Act.

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be
submitted in writing to the Contact
Person no later than 07/05/2019
or 16 days after the publication date of
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Contract No. TE 2019.01(R) at the
Town Clerk's Office (914-734-1020)
located at Town Hall, 1 Heady Street,
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567, at:
**10:00 am (prevailing time), July 30,
2019**

The Contract Documents may be
obtained at the Town Clerk's Office
noted above starting on June 27,
2019 during regular business hours.
A non-refundable Bid Deposit of
fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required for
each contract picked up at the Town
Clerk's office. Checks should be made
payable to the "Town of Cortlandt".
The Contract Documents may
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beginning on June 27, 2019. Reg-
istration is required to utilize this
system.

Bids must be submitted in the form
prescribed by the Contract Doc-
uments and received by the Town
Clerk of the Town of Cortlandt no
later than 10:00 am at the prevailing
time standard on July 30, 2019. Bids
must be sealed and addressed to the

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shall be designated as:
**"Town Hall Fire Safety Improve-
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A non-mandatory Pre-Bid **Con-
ference is scheduled for 10:00 am,
Wednesday July 17, 2019.**
Laroue Shatzkin
Town Clerk, Town of Cortlandt

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LUONGO, Assessor Dated: June 3, 2019**

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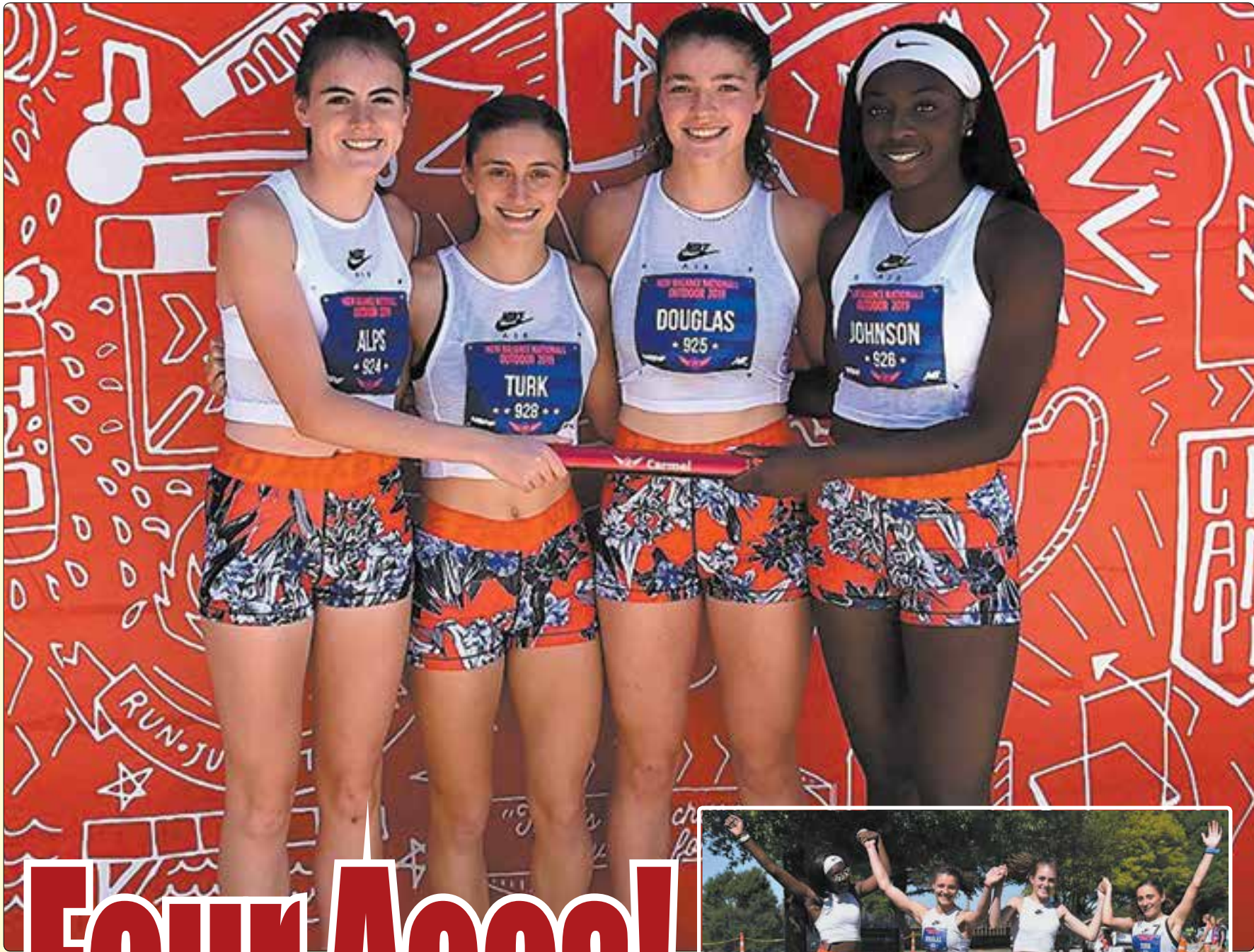
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Sports

Renegades Notebook

Renegades Win 4 of Last 5, Take 2 of 3 from Ironbirds

By JOSH CARAY

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY—Rightfielder Hill Alexander collected three hits as the Hudson Valley Renegades defeated the Aberdeen Ironbirds, 5-1, Sunday evening in front of 4,907 fans from Dutchess Stadium. The victory gave the Renegades (5-5) the rubbergame over the Ironbirds (5-5) and was Hudson Valley's second consecutive series win. Aberdeen started the scoring in the second inning when first-baseman Alex Murphy blasted a solo-homerun down the leftfield line to put the Ironbirds on the board. It was Murphy's first homerun of the season.

The Renegades, though, would come back with two runs in the bottom-half. Alexander doubled to right while shortstop Nick Sogard reached on a fielder's choice to put runners at the corners with two away. With leftfielder Pedro Diaz at the plate, Sogard was caught in a run down between first and second on a pickoff attempt. Ironbirds pitcher Leonardo Rodriguez failed to cover first in the rundown, which allowed Sogard to scamper back safely while Alexander raced home to tie the game. After Diaz was hit with a pitch to put Sogard at second, third baseman Luis Arcendo

lined a single to bring him in and give the Renegades the lead.

Things stayed that way until the sixth when Hudson Valley scored three more times to put the game away. A single, walk and hitbatsman loaded the bases with two out. Designated hitter Greg Jones drew a four-pitch bases-loaded walk to force in a run, before Alexander came up next and grounded a two-run single into center to make the score 5-1.

That was enough for Hudson Valley's pitchers as starter Edison Gonzalez and relievers Joe LaSorsa and Hector Figueroa combined to strike out 11 Ironbirds. LaSorsa (1-0) got the win as the Katonah, N.Y. native and Iona Prep grad fired three innings of shutout ball on one hit. Gonzalez went the first four innings and struck out eight. The loss fell to Aberdeen's Rodriguez (0-1) who allowed two runs on four hits over five frames. The right-hander also struck out seven. The Renegades registered seven hits amongst three players. Alexander led the way by going 3-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Sogard finished 2-4 with a double and two runs. Arcendo, meanwhile, went 2-4 with two singles, a stolen base and an RBI. Aberdeen collected six hits. Murphy



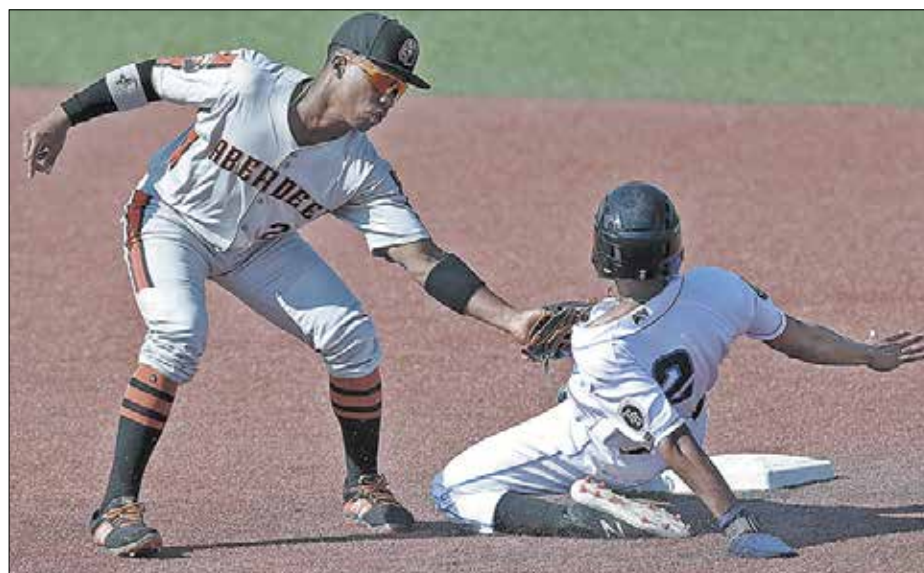
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Renegades right fielder Hill Alexander had three hits and drove in a pair of runs in 5-1 win over Ironbirds Sunday.

M-Hoops AAU Cops 2022 Spring Hoops Title



M-Hoops (2022) 9th grade AAU basketball team recently won the Brewster Sports Center spring league championship on Saturday. Following up winning the regular season league title. M-Hoops advanced to the playoffs and capped things off against the AAU program Mash Up with a 70-52 victory in the finals. M-Hoops was led by freshman shooting guard Patrick McMahon with 22 points and F Colum Ranaghan chipped in with 13. Stephen Firrincieli (5), Anthony DeMatteo (6), Jack Moore (8) Ryan Reilly (7), Adam Montalvo (8) and Craig Perri (6) all scored clutch points. M-Hoops is coached by Dan Callahan, Tom McMahon, and Keith Ranaghan. "Tom and Keith are both excellent basketball minds but also fantastic teachers of the game," Callahan said. "Every practice and every game is like a classroom session on basketball. Even Hall of Fame high school coach Lou Panzanaro came and ran a practice for us. The boys love basketball and we wanted them to have a fun experience. If it's not fun why are we doing it? This was all about setting up some time to work on player development. Working on all the fundamental skills and then competing against high-level competition. It was never about winning or losing but hoping to have each player reach their maximum potential. We hope to see the fruits of their labor next basketball season." M-Hoops, in their inaugural season, entered multiple tournaments on the AAU circuit this past spring season. A local town team, made up of nine freshman from Mahopac high school, M-Hoops hoops took on national elite AAU powers NY Lightning Nike EYBL, Queens Defender and many others. M-Hoops made it to the finals of the Gotham City Showdown in May earning an invite to the Zero Gravity National Tournament in Boston.



Greg Jones, the first-round pick of the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2019 MLB, is nabbed stealing in 5-1 win over Ironbirds Sunday.

singled in addition to his solo-homer while going 2-4. Centerfielder Johnny Rizer also finished 2-4 with a couple of singles.

Hudson Valley was off Monday before embarking on a six-game road-trip starting with the first of a three-game series Tuesday against the first-place Staten Island Yankees (5-4). First-pitch is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Righty Daiveyon Whittle (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will pitch for the

Renegades against fellow-righty Nick Green (0-2, 2.08 ERA) of the Yankees.

The Renegades return home on Monday, July 1st when they open a three-game series against the Brooklyn Cyclones (4-5), the NY Mets' Class A affiliate. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online at hvrenegades.com, in person at the Dutchess Stadium ticket window, or by calling the ticket office at 845-838-0094.

Sports

Augusta Out as Mahopac AD; Lynch Done as Hen Hud Grid Coach



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So, within a span of one hour last Friday afternoon, I put the symptoms of both ehrlichiosis and babesiosis aside to break a couple of heavy-hitting stories, including the resignation of both Mahopac High Athletic Director John Augusta and Hen Hud football Coach Mike Lynch.

Burnt to a crisp and dizzy as a drunkard after just 15 minutes in the sun (a side effect of the prescribed drugs for the tick-born illnesses), I tapped out a pair of surprising tweets; though one could see the Augusta thing coming for miles when he left for a brief stint as interim principal, only to return to the athletic department a year later.

Let's start there: Augusta took over for former longtime Mahopac AD/Coach Frank Miele about a decade ago, and he could never quite fill those shoes. But who could fill the shoes of a five-time sectional champion legend like Miele, who built a Mahopac baseball dynasty? Miele, who took over for longtime A.D. Gerry Keevens just after the turn of the century, was the last bastion at Mahopac, the only thing keeping the distance between the intersecting parallels of coaches, players and vicarious parents, whom he kept at bay better than most.

The Keevens to Miele transition was as smooth as the baby's proverbial bottom, seamless. Miele's passing of the torch to Augusta seemed doomed from the start. Miele bled blue and gold for more than 30 years, and when self-deputized parents came to him with, "I have an issue I'd like to discuss," it was dealt with in a stern, old-school, don't-let-the-door-hit-you-in-the-\$\$\$ manner. When Miele retired, Mahopac parents bashed the door down and bum-rushed Augusta, who came over from Walter Panas, was the furthest thing from Miele and struggled initially with support from a former administration, or so I'm told. It wasn't exactly a recipe for success. All things athletic turned on the dime and Mahopac, truth be told, was no longer the Mahopac people grew up on, which is not to say anything negative, just facts. Things soon morphed into something nobody saw coming.

Like President Jimmy Carter did, Augusta presided over stormy times, including the whole Mahopac/Mt. Vernon debacle at the County Center (no need to drudge up the particulars). Truly a nice guy by all accounts, Augusta seemed besieged by the 'New Mahopac'.

The district got another black eye when racial issues resurfaced against rival Carmel in yet another basketball setting, and yet again during a recent



Mahopac A.D. John Augusta resigned last week and the search for his replacement is ongoing.

JV boys' lax game with New Rochelle this past spring. Whether the two most recent allegations were true or not, they ended up on Augusta's desk, which was already teeming with internal issues; most notably the football program and its controversial 2017 transition from former Coach Mark Langella to current Coach Dominick DeMatteo. As acting principal at that time, Augusta was not in the actual crosshairs of the football situation, but he did deal with the bungled fallout upon his return.

So, yeah, the deck was stacked against Augusta, but, in my opinion, it just never seemed like the right fit for him or for Mahopac, which hasn't been the perennial, broad-brush powerhouse it was in the 90s and early- to mid-2000's.

It's been time for a change atop the Mahopac athletic department for quite some time, so the big question now is, who takes over for Augusta? Who inherits this once-proud franchise? Who rebrands Mahopac as the sports force it once was? Who dives into Friday Night Lights from the deep end? Who gets into the nitty-gritty with the Mahopac Sports Association to develop and enhance grassroots athletics across the board? Who, I ask the current Mahopac BOE and Superintendent Anthony DiCarlo, makes Mahopac Great Again?

Initially, my thought is he/she better bleed blue and gold and have some legit old-school values in them, so I wonder if the powers that be can woo current North Salem Principal Vince DiGrandi, the once-beloved Mahopac Middle School principal, back to town, but that might cost some mad bank. Or, perhaps luring Miele back on board would be something to strongly consider, to see if he can slip back in to his old shoes and right the ship. That's just me thinking outside the box, though, and I know I'm not the only one.



Former Hen Hud Football Coach Mike Lynch.

Either way, the search is on to restore the #MahopacWay, and the athletic future of an entire Class AA district is at stake while an interim A.D. is named in July (with any luck it'll be Miele), and the BOE ramps up the process to name a full-time replacement by next February...

Just like it is at Hendrick

Hudson for a new football coach after Lynch shockingly resigned last week. You can bet your last dollar Lynch didn't go out on his own terms, but there is a disclosure agreement in place prohibiting all parties from talking. Make no mistake, though: This was a forced resignation, which has taken the Section 1 coaching fraternity and Sailor Nation by surprise.

The ol' ball coach, who inherited a sub-par program, went 34-37 over eight years, which may appear sub-par on the surface. The fact is, Lynch made Hen Hud football relevant after years of substandard performance. That's not to say Hen Hud didn't play hard or die trying under the former regime, but Lynch brought the program into the future, installing a spread attack and an open, trustful mindset that allowed his players to flourish, especially

in 2017 when then-QB Nick Cunningham left Hen Hud with 19 school records to his credit. Lynch, and the lower-level coaches, integrated the new, up-tempo system on the modified and junior varsity where the results were fruitful. Under Lynch, opposing players and coaches knew they had better strap it up, as the Sailors were no longer a gimme.

While Hen Hud administrations remain mum, social media had its say. @BasedDarkness said: *Coach Lynch was great person he took a team that could barely wipe their own @\$\$es and turned it completely around idc what anyone says he's done great things for Hen Hud football.*

@mkmattkenney said: *Can't speak for anyone else's opinion. Personally though, I'm lucky to have played for Coach Lynch. Last played in '15 on a forgettable team, as a forgettable player. Talked often with him about his dad, an Army vet who served in Vietnam.*

And this from his own fraternity member, @ByramFootball: *For the record, Coach Lynch is one of the classiest guys I have met in Education, let alone football. He has helped me out tremendously over the last 3 years and created a championship culture at HH while doing it the right way.*

@stevellaker25 said: *Unfortunately it's the Hen Hud players and community that will suffer by this decision.*

@stevenbell50 called it #karma. So, I reckon there was a minority faction happy to see him go, but finding a suitable replacement with the start of the season little more than a month away won't be an easy task for Hen Hud Athletic Director Tommy Baker.

"Coach Lynch will not be returning and the search for his replacement has begun," a tight-lipped Baker said.

Well, yeah, that part we get. In the meantime, there's an on-line petition circulating for Lynch's reinstatement, but that stuff usually never amounts to a hill of beans once an administration makes its declaration.

Direct Rays

Angels Outlast Dodgers for MSA Pony League Title

Members of the grade 5-6 Mahopac Sports Association Angels team pose with their Pony League championship trophies after they defeated a gritty Dodgers team, 9-8, in an eight-inning, back-and-forth thriller that wasn't decided until Vincent Margiotta's walk-off double last Saturday night at the Jimmy McDonough Memorial Crane Field Complex.



'Pac Da House!



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Becker Honored as Mahopac Descends Upon the 'Dutch'

Members of the Mahopac community, MSA baseball players and others from around the region were included in the pre-game parade/ceremony at Dutchess Stadium that featured Mahopac junior-to-be Shannon Becker, who was asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch to honor her "Perfect-Perfect Game" last May when she faced 21 batters in an 8-0 win over Carmel and struck out every single batter. Prior to the fireworks show at the end of the game, the Hudson Valley Renegades used timely pitching and deft base-running to earn a 5-4 win over the Aberdeen Ironbirds in front of 4,418 fans last Friday evening at 'The Dutch'. It was the Renegades first home win of the season, and the team's third in a row.

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