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104-year-old WWII Veteran Receives Honorary Degree

World War II veteran and Somers resident, Louis Forte, 104, received an honorary high school diploma from Somers High School June 24 during graduation ceremonies. Mr. Forte was a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He never got a high school diploma because he had to drop out of school to support his mother when his father died. **For more local graduation names and photos, see pages 13-16.**

County Receives Go-Ahead to Raise Sales Tax Next Month

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County's sales tax will rise by one percent on August 1, a move that is intended to provide the county with greater fiscal stability in the years ahead.

On Sunday, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the bill passed earlier this year by the state legislature, and on Monday morning the Board of Legislators approved the action in a 12-0 vote. The increase will bring the sales tax to 8 3/8 percent countywide and put it on par with New York City and Putnam County, said County Executive George Latimer.

The increase will also match what shoppers are charged in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and White Plains. Those cities are allowed to change their sales tax rates without state approval.

The new sales tax in the remaining 41 municipalities is expected to provide as

much as \$140 million in extra revenue to Westchester in a full year, Latimer said after the Board of Legislators' vote was taken. As a tradeoff, he pledged to freeze county property taxes for the next two years, have municipalities and school districts share in a portion of the extra revenue and avoid having to sell off the parking lot at the County Center.

"The county needed to stabilize its finances and that's what this is about," Latimer said.

More precise numbers are expected to be made available next Monday when the county executive and local and county elected officials hold a briefing on the impacts of the sales tax increase.

Latimer said that municipalities will share in 20 percent of the extra revenue

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Catalina Wins Cons Primary; Cortlandt Judge Candidates Split

By Rick Pezzullo

Former Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina secured a third major party line on Primary Day last week in his bid to join the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Catalina, looking to win the District 1 seat currently held by Legislator John Testa, who is retiring, easily won the Conservative line as a write-in candidate, besting Yorktown resident George Winsman, 85-31.

The longtime attorney will appear on the Republican, Conservative and Inde-

pendence lines when he squares off against Peekskill Councilman and Democratic nominee Colin Smith on November 5.

"Historically, the Conservative line gives you between 350 and 400 votes, so we thank the Conservative voters for their support," Catalina said.

Meanwhile, the two candidates in Cortlandt who are vying for the town justice seat each scored a victory on Primary Day.

Incumbent Daniel McCarthy, who has served 12 years on the bench, added the Independence line to his chances with a

72-50 triumph over Democratic challenger Maritza Fugaro-Norton. McCarthy also has the Republican and Conservative lines.

"We would like to thank you all for your support, and we look forward to Judge McCarthy's continued success in the upcoming months," McCarthy's campaign team stated on Facebook. "Please remember as we move forward, every vote counts."

Fugaro-Norton, who has resided in Cortlandt for the last 14 years and has been a Court Attorney in the Westchester County Family Court for the last 12 years, also

had reason to celebrate as she captured the Working Families line with a 10-3 victory.

"First and foremost, we want to thank all the Independence and Working Families voters who came out to vote," Fugaro-Norton's campaign team stated on Facebook. "In an election with such a small turnout, this was a perfect example of why every vote counts. This was a tremendous learning experience for us, and we will use it moving ahead to the November general election. The campaign

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each year while school districts will receive 10 percent of the extra revenue. There will be formulas released by next week to show the breakdown for each municipality and district, which will be based on population, he said.

Latimer said there won't be a negative impact on commerce and shoppers because the sales tax is already 8 3/8 percent in most neighboring counties. He also characterized it as a progressive tax. Currently, some of the poorest Westchester communities are paying that sales tax level and now the affluent communities will follow.

"If we deliver as I expect we will on our commitment on property taxes this will be a net benefit to the people of Westchester County," Latimer said.

Last year the county's bond rating was downgraded from AAA to AA1. Then Latimer and the Board of Legislators were forced to close a \$70 million budget gap before the end of the year. Westchester's depleted fund balance had sunk to about \$70 million, down from a high of about \$170 million.

County lawmakers regardless of party affiliation who turned out for the vote supported the plan.

Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said he would have liked to



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer, pictured here in February with supervisors and mayors supporting the 1 percent sales tax hike.

avoid raising the sales tax, but it became necessary to try and replenish the fund balance and avoid one-time injections of revenue through the sale of properties and assets. The sale of the parking lot at the County Center in White Plains for a projected \$23 million can now be avoided, he said.

Kaplowitz said the unwillingness of former county executive Rob Astorino to have a small annual property tax increase put Westchester in a difficult position.

"We're now on a relative basis equal to all the other counties in the metropolitan area and we're able to avoid a huge property tax increase," Kaplowitz said. "That's the only other real option."

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said she was on board with the increase as well because it should help control local property taxes and school taxes.

"The sales tax is also shared with the school districts and the municipalities. It

is important to try to get additional revenue for the schools and the municipalities to keep the taxes lower in both those areas," she said.

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McCarthy, who has lived in Cortlandt since he was five years old, was first elected to the bench in Cortlandt in 2008, succeeding his father, Daniel McCarthy, who served 30 years from 1977 to 2007. He handles a caseload of more than 600 new criminal and civil cases, as well as over 3,000 new traffic matters, each year.

Prior to being elected in Cortlandt, McCarthy served as Acting Village Justice of Buchanan, handling all aspects of the court calendar for approximately four years. He subsequently served for eight years as the Buchanan Village Attorney, ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws.



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Pain Shooting Down One Leg? What you need to know about symptoms and treatment of sciatica...

Q: Do I have sciatica?

A: You probably do if you feel a sudden and severe pain, along with numbness and weakness, radiating from the buttocks down the back of one leg to the foot. The pain can be crippling. It is usually intense when you walk, diminishing when you lie down.

Q: What causes sciatica?

A: The *sciatic nerve* branches from the spine in the lower back through the hips and buttocks and runs down the back of each leg to the foot. Sciatica occurs when this nerve is pinched in the lower back by spinal disc herniation – protruding disc material – or by a larger fragment of disc material. Disc herniation usually occurs during normal activities, such as rising from bed.

Q: Am I at risk for sciatica?

A: Sciatica is common. More than three million Americans are diagnosed with the condition annually.* Apart from the fact that 10 to 15 percent of patients have a family history of back problems, there are no risk factors. No behavior predisposes you to it.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: If you have sciatica and it is not severe, you will typically receive oral steroids (anti-inflammatories) for seven days. Once you're more mobile, you will engage in physical therapy for a period of time and then be re-evaluated. If your symptoms persist, you may receive an injection of steroids at the nerve root to reduce pain. If this regimen fails, physicians will offer surgery. However, if a patient comes in unable to stand – basically bed-bound – we advise surgery sooner. It is important to know that 80 to 90 percent of patients get better without surgery.

Q: What can I expect from surgery for sciatica?

A: This minimally invasive procedure takes under an hour, and consists of removing the disc material pressing on the nerve. Most patients are pain-free following surgery. We have seen patients who arrived unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes, walk out the same day after surgery, completely asymptomatic. Sciatica recurs in ten percent of people, who may suffer recurrent bouts of the condition throughout their life.

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Man Killed in Crash with Car in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

A Verplanck man was killed June 27 on Kings Ferry Road in Cortlandt after he was struck by a car while operating a motorcycle.

According to State Police, Nadia Carterino, 32, of Cortlandt was traveling westbound on Kings Ferry Road in a Grand Cherokee at about 4:30 p.m. when she attempted to make a left-hand turn onto Hunt Road and failed to observe an eastbound 2016 Kawasaki, operated by Matthew Hickey, 30, of Verplanck. Police said Hickey laid the bike down in an attempt to avoid the collision, but was hit by the Cherokee.

Cortlandt EMS and the Montrose Fire Department responded to the scene in an attempt to provide lifesaving care, and transported Hickey to the NY Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital. Hickey was pronounced dead in the emergency room.

Hickey was born November 2, 1988 in Cold Spring, to James P. and Terri Marafioti Hickey. He is survived by his beloved father, James P. Hickey and his wife Mary; loving mother, Terri Marafioti Hickey; "The Love of His Life" Angela Flynn and his cherished sisters, Chelsea Hickey, Kylie Hickey and Bianca DeCrenza. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Edward F. Carter Funeral Home in Montrose. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3 at St. Patrick's Church in Verplanck. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, also in Verplanck.

Police Blotter

State Police

June 26 - State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Erick Grigoroff, 28, formerly of Peekskill, for Assault in

the 1st degree, a class B felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree, a class D felony.

Grigoroff's arrest stems from the 2017 stabbing at Fulgum's Bar on Albany Post Road in Montrose, which left multiple victims seriously injured.

Grigoroff fled New York shortly after, but was recently located by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marshals near Memphis, Tennessee. The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's Office of Special Investigations extradited

Grigoroff to New York, where he is now being held in the Westchester County Jail.

Yorktown Police

June 24 - Harrison Fields, 26, of Putnam Valley, was charged with driving while intoxicated and several traffic infractions after leaving the scene of an accident. A police officer was flagged down by a motorist at about 7:50 p.m. on Barger Street stating his vehicle was struck by

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GOP-Endorsed Town Justice Candidates Win Somers Primaries

by Neal Rentz

Two Somers town justice candidates endorsed by the town's Republican Party defeated their challenger and received the nominations of the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties on June 25.

According to unofficial results from the Westchester County Board of Elections, Town Justices Michael McDermott and Denis Timone defeated Donna Pascucci, who was making her first run for public office.

In the Republican primary, McDermott received 825 votes (45 percent), Timone received 695 votes (38 percent) and Pascucci received 324 votes (18 percent).

In the Conservative primary, McDermott received 35 votes (43 percent), Timone received 24 votes (30 percent) and Pascucci received 22 votes (27 percent).

In the Independence Party primary, McDermott received 48 votes (52 percent),

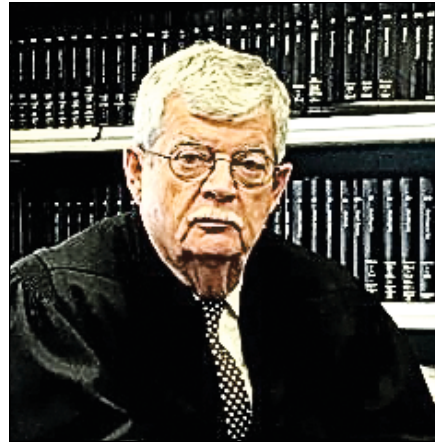


Justice McDermott.

cent), Timone received 29 votes (31 percent) and Pascucci received 16 votes (17 percent).

Last week, McDermott reacted to the primary results on behalf of himself and Timone.

"We are thrilled to be successful on all



Justice Timone

three election lines," McDermott said. "We ran a positive local campaign focusing on our long-term investment in the community and dedication to public service. We are grateful to the many friends and family who spread on Facebook and other social media the details

of our commitment to our town. The people of Somers responded by coming out in large numbers to support us and return us to the bench to continue serving."

Pascucci also responded to the primary results last week.

"I want to wholeheartedly thank my supporters for giving me the inspiration, strength and courage to run an uphill race against the status quo," she said. "Even though I lost, I am proud of how hard my team worked, that we ran a clean campaign and ended up with 18 percent of the vote, which is a good number for a first time candidate up against two entrenched incumbents backed by the political machine. I have learned so much on this journey and have met the most amazing people. I will always be grateful to the people of Somers for giving me the opportunity to run in this race."

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Ossining High Earns Top Award at Genius Olympiad

Ossining High School received the Most Successful School Award at the recent GENIUS Olympiad based on the number of participants and total awards received, marking the first time an American school received this honor.

All 15 OHS juniors who attended the international competition at the State University of New York Oswego took home awards for their science projects. They are in the school's Science Research Program.

"Ossining High School students truly stood out in the science competition," said Valerie Holmes, who co-teaches the program with Angelo Piccirillo. "This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication they have invested in their research efforts."

The ninth annual GENIUS Olympiad took place June 17-22. Students around the world submitted 1,657 projects in regional competitions, with 789 accepted for the finals. The competition, which was founded by SUNY Oswego chemistry chair Fehmi Damkaci, promotes a global understanding of environmental issues and sustainability through science, arts, creative writing, engineering, design and business development.

OHS students Raymond Liu and



Ossining students pose at competition at State University of New York Oswego.

Hammad Hassan won trips to present their research at the Korea Science & Engineering Fair in the fall. They and their classmates earned five gold awards, two bronze awards and two honorable mentions. All medal winners received Kindle tablets.

"It was an incredible weeklong experience and a wonderful way to close out the school year," Ms. Holmes said. "These rising seniors are certainly on the path toward a bright and successful future."

Mr. Piccirillo and Ms. Holmes accepted the Most Successful School Award on behalf of OHS, which included an iPad. Winners in previous years include Jordan (2018), Indonesia (2017) and Slovenia (2016).

"Our students are lucky to have the support of two amazing teachers, Mr. Piccirillo and Ms. Holmes, who always

go above and beyond to educate and encourage our students," Superintendent Raymond Sanchez said.

Earlier this year, the Science Research Program teachers received a grant from

the Candreva Environmental Foundation for the purchase of iButton microchip technology. They used iButton for several of the projects of student who attended the Olympiad.

These are the other student award-winners:

- Gold Award: Hammad Hassan, Alexandra Hoffman, Raymond Liu, Tejas Shah, Fanny Zhang
- Silver Award: Natalia Fel, Federico Grullon, Michelle Lin, Caroline Reed, Justine Valentino, Tej Verma
- Bronze Award: Bryan Goncalves, Lara Tomescu
- Honorable Mention: Colleen Schmid, Sophia Slavin.

PCSB Opens New Branch

Putnam County Savings Bank held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday for its newest branch in the Triangle Shopping Center in Yorktown Heights. Joining in the festivities were members of the Yorktown Chamber

of Commerce, Yorktown councilmen Vishnu Patel and Ed Lachterman, Town Justice Gary Raniolo, State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Town Clerk Diana Quest and other well-wishers.



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Obituaries

Gerald Munson

Gerald A. Munson, a former Croton-on-Hudson fire chief and police officer, died June 28. He was 65.

He was born May 13, 1954 in Ossining to Elwood and Eleanor (King) Munson. He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia A. (D'Uva) Munson, cherished children John Munson (Maureen), Rebecca Munson Misiti (Greg), and Kristen Zamora (Johnathan), and by his adored grandchildren Ellie, Sophia, J.J., Sean, Emma, and Mackenzie. He is also survived by his sister Janet Neuner and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Elwood Munson, Jr. and sister, JoAnne Ferguson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 2, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Edward F. Carter Funeral Home in Croton-on-Hudson. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation at 8 p.m.

Ward Reynolds

Ward A. Reynolds, a resident of Cortlandt, died peacefully in his home on June 26 after a difficult and courageous battle against mesothelioma. He was 76.

He was born February 10, 1943 in Yonkers, to Delores and Ralph. He

was a steamfitter for 32 years and then became a nurse working at Rosary Hill for 20 years. He dedicated 20 years to the scouts, was a hospice volunteer and a tutor. He enjoyed camping, fishing, golf, and just spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of more than 53 years Carol, children; Steven, Michael, Ward E. (Karen), and Wendy (John); and grandchildren; Hailey, Samantha, Heather, Hannah, John, Jessica.

He was always be remembered as being loving, kind, generous, amazing, intelligent, empathetic, strong, and nurturing.

Gerald Stone

Gerald J. Stone, a longtime resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died June 26. He was 73.

He was born July 6, 1945 and raised by his father James Stone and mother Dora Stone. He is survived by his wife and partner of 20 years Celeste Ursillo Baxter Stone, his friend and stepson Thomas Baxter, and his cousin and half-brother Gabe Clark.

Mr. Stone prided himself on being an excellent worker. He worked for more

than 20 years as a Vehicle Coordinator at Community Living Corporation in Mt. Kisco. He enjoyed gardening and lawn care. He could fix anything and was known as a "Mr. Fix It" around the house. He enjoyed teaching his stepson Tommy about home maintenance including plumbing and electricity. He was a marksman and enjoyed the challenge of target shooting but a lover of animals and would never hurt one. He enjoyed the companionship of his dog Smokey and his cat Pilot.

John Mowatt

John W. Mowatt, a resident Yorktown Heights, died June 24. He was 86.

He was born in New Rochelle on March 23, 1933 to John and Lillian Mowatt. He served honorably for the United States Army. He was a part of the Huguenot Lodge #46. He retired from the New Rochelle Police Department after 20 years in 1976, then went on to work for the Postal Service for 26 years in New Rochelle.

He is survived by his devoted wife Ann M Mowatt, loving daughter, Carol Denis (Joseph) and loving stepdaughters: Patty Moliterno (Carmine) and Kay Bianco (Jerry) and seven cherished

grandchildren: Michael, Christopher, Matthew, Nicky, Anthony, Caroline and Gianna and his daughter-in-law Dee Jaslo. He was predeceased by his stepson Joseph Jaslo and his sister Lillian Carroll.

Elizabeth Manyin

Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Manyin, a resident of Yorktown and member of St. Patrick's Parish who was renowned for her contributions, died June 24. She was 82.

Mrs. Manyin was born in Queens, New York, to Leo and Susan Cote. She graduated from St. John's University with a Master's Degree in Mathematics. In 1962, she married William Manyin. After residing briefly in Mount Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Manyin moved to Yorktown Heights in 1965. She raised three sons and a daughter, and she participated actively in St. Patrick's Parish as a leader of the Prayer Group, an organizer of healing Masses, and the founder of the parish library.

She is survived by her husband, William Manyin; sons Michael of Annapolis, Maryland; Peter of Derwood, Maryland; David of Dumfries, Virginia; and daughter Teresa of Odenton,

YSBA 3rd Annual Small Business Symposium a Success

The Yorktown Small Business Association (YSBA) held their 3rd annual small business symposium at the Yorktown campus of their member, Mercy College, on May 29. In addition to the many members and local businesses in attendance, Yorktown elected officials were present as well as County Executive George Latimer and Bridget Gibbons, the Director of the County Office of Economic Development. Bridget Gibbons stated "This event is another example of the vital role the Yorktown Small Business Association plays for businesses in this part of the County. The workshops are very relevant and useful for business owners and County Executive George Latimer and I are proud to support the YSBA."

The focus of the symposium this year was entrepreneurship with a spotlight on women and minorities in business. Cheryl Sanchez, YSBA Executive Director and the founder of TheNetWorks Organization, spoke at the event about entrepreneurship and some of the unique challenges women face. She said, "Events like this one – focused on entrepreneurs and small businesses – help to provide resources and support for people that already have a business up and running and for people who are just starting to discover entrepreneurship."

Presentations were made on a variety



YSBA Founder/President Bob Giordano addresses attendees at symposium.

of subjects of interest to small businesses. In addition, a series of two-minute elevator pitches gave seven attendees the opportunity to sharpen their messaging and get the word out about who they are and what they do. Following the presentations two workshops were offered to attendees. The first workshop,

"Is Your Business Ready to Accommodate Growth," was facilitated by Scorpio Rogers, Associate Dean and Assistant Professor at Mercy College and Eridania Camacho, Director, Gateway to Entrepreneurship, at Westchester Community College. The second workshop, "Understanding the M/WBE Certification Proc-

ess and Benefits of Certification," was facilitated by Cynthia Marsh-Croll who is the Program Director at Mid-Hudson Women's Enterprise Development Center and Lin Simeti, Program Director of the Rockland Development Corporation Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

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Guest Commentary

Say Yes to Solar — But with a BETTER Solar Law

By Susan Siegel

Yorktown needs a solar law. But a good law. A law that encourages the use of solar energy while

at the same time protects the residential character of our neighborhoods and our environment.

Does this belong in a residential neighborhood?

The proposed solar law that's the subject of a public hearing on July 9 is a start. But the law needs some major changes before being adopted. Here's why:

The Zoning Code already permits homeowners to install solar panels on their roof or in their yards. All they need is a building permit. It's called an "accessory use," like adding a shed or a swimming pool onto your property for your own use; and if the solar system generates more electricity than you need, you can "sell" the surplus to the grid.

But a for-profit company wants to construct two large commercial solar farms on residentially zoned parcels

for the sole purpose of selling all the electricity to the grid. In zoning terms, that's called a "primary" or "principal" use.

And it's because the Zoning Code currently doesn't permit this type of commercial use as a primary or sole use in residential zones that the Town is considering a solar law that would accommodate the needs of the solar company.

If the proposed law is approved without any changes, instead of rezoning land from residential to commercial, the law would allow the Planning Board to approve special permits for commercial ground mounted solar farms on undeveloped residentially zoned parcels between 2-20 acres in size. The solar panels could cover most of the parcel — up to 80% — compared to a maximum permitted lot coverage of only 20% if the parcels were developed for residential use. And the panels could reach a height of 20' where an accessory structure in a residential zone can only be 15'.

Is this your vision for a residential

neighborhood?

A Better Solar Law

A better, more balanced, solar law would limit commercial solar farms to land that has already been disturbed, like agricultural land that is no longer being farmed, and set standards for solar roof panels and solar canopies over parking lots in commercial zones as accessory uses.

Both the Planning Board and the Conservation Board oppose allowing commercial solar farms as primary uses in residential zones. They want to encourage the use of solar, but in appropriate places.

A better, more balanced, solar law should work with, not conflict with, the town's other environmental protection laws, like the proposed Tree and Woodland Preservation Law, also the subject of a public hearing on July 9. It doesn't make environmental sense to cut down thousands of trees in order to generate a minimal amount of electricity.

Trees and woodlands provide many

valuable functions, including retaining stormwater runoff, preventing erosion, providing shade, a habitat for wildlife and climate control, plus adding to the visual character of a neighborhood. We should be preserving our trees, not cutting them down.

Make Your Voice Heard

That's what public hearings are all about. Hearings are your chance to let the members of the Town Board know you support solar energy, but not if it means destroying our residential neighborhoods and cutting down thousands of trees. Let them know you want a better solar law.

If you can't attend the July 9 hearing, send emails to the members of the Town Board. Their addresses are on the town's web site, www.yorktownny.org/townboard.

Susan Siegel is a member of Advocates for a Better Yorktown (ABY), a grassroots advocacy committee.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Voters for Support in Primary

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the voters who took the time to vote in last week's primary. We in District 1 face all of the same important county issues everyone else does, but we have district-specific issues that have not been addressed by the County Board for years.

Those issues include improvements to Routes 6 and 202, the economic justice issues of Northern Westchester being the virtual 'dumping ground' for Westchester's problems such as sanitary waste, solid waste and homelessness. This primary showed the voters know these issues weigh heavily on their

minds. They put aside the nonsense and listened to me discuss these issues openly and honestly. The voters want county legislators who deal with COUNTY problems. Virtually every voter I spoke to agree with me that Westchester should not have its own immigration policy or its own 'interpretation' of the US

Constitution. For me, I shall dedicate myself to fixing the problems in District 1 first and then doing what's RIGHT for all of Westchester! I look forward to meeting EVERY single voter in District 1 and listening and hearing your concerns.

Thank you.

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New Law is a Reward for Illegal Behavior

To the Editor:

RE: Headline: "Lawmakers Approve Law to Restore Right to Obtain a License."

This should actually read, "Lawmakers pass bad law to pad the coffers of the State." All it seems is that some lawmakers only see the dollar sign. All they see is the projected income of \$83.9 million in government revenues plus the \$6.4 million in recurring revenue. Just what do you think that these illegal aliens cost the taxpayers each year? New York it is about \$25,000 per person. The estimate of illegal aliens in New York is over 750,000 as of 2016.

This law is an open invitation to those breaking our laws to continue to do so and to others that maybe thinking of doing it. Javier Valdes says that this is a historic victory for all the immigrants all across New York State. He also mentions

the words, respect and dignity in the same statement. I would like to know just what respect did these illegal Aliens have for the laws of our land? Does he think that disrespect of the law is either dignified or respectful?

This law is just a reward for illegal behavior. We will never stop the illegal invasion of our country by rewarding it with, free education, medical, food stamps and housing, etc. We can't even handle the welfare of those soldiers that fought for our country. Many of who are homeless and living and dying on the streets. It is time to stop this madness. We as a country can't afford it. Just remember that old adage, charity begins at home. It is time to adjust OUR priorities.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS T MCVETTY,

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Maple Hill Family Dentistry Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

White Plains resident Dr. Matt Guarino explained recently that the dental practice on Maple Hill Street in Yorktown has been in operation since 1967 and has on occasion changed ownership.

In May 2018, Guarino took ownership of Maple Hill Family Dentistry, replacing Mahopac resident Dr. Michael Schwartz, who retired.

Guarino explained he wanted to own the Yorktown practice because it is in a suburban location, similar to the area near Boston where he grew up. Yorktown is “a nice community” and “a good place to raise a family,” he said.

“I saw this practice and it seemed like a very well-run practice and it had a good clientele with a lot of patients,” Guarino said. “It just kind of fit everything I was looking for.” Most patients stayed with him when he took over the practice, Guarino noted.

Guarino became a dentist in 2016. “I always liked science growing up,” he recalled. “I like using my hands. I like health care, helping people, running my own business was always a passion. It just kind of collected a bunch of different



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Dr. Matt Guarino of White Plains is the owner of Maple Hill Family Dentistry in Yorktown.

interests that I have that kind of made it all fit.”

“We are a family practice. We treat from kids to the geriatric and everywhere in between,” Guarino said.

Guarino said his practice offers “the whole gamut” of services, including oral surgery, implant placements, root canals, fillings, crowns and cleanings. “We prefer to keep everyone under one roof

so they don’t have to bounce between different offices,” he said.

Guarino said he has made upgrades during his first year of ownership of the practice. “We’ve invested in the latest in technology,” he said. “I really believe in giving patients the most pain-free, quickest treatment we can.”

Guarino explained how he works with patients afraid of going to a dentist. “It’s

just normalizing their fear, knowing that it’s very normal to feel this way,” he said. “Building a trust is a way to get them to kind of forget where they are for the time that they are here.”

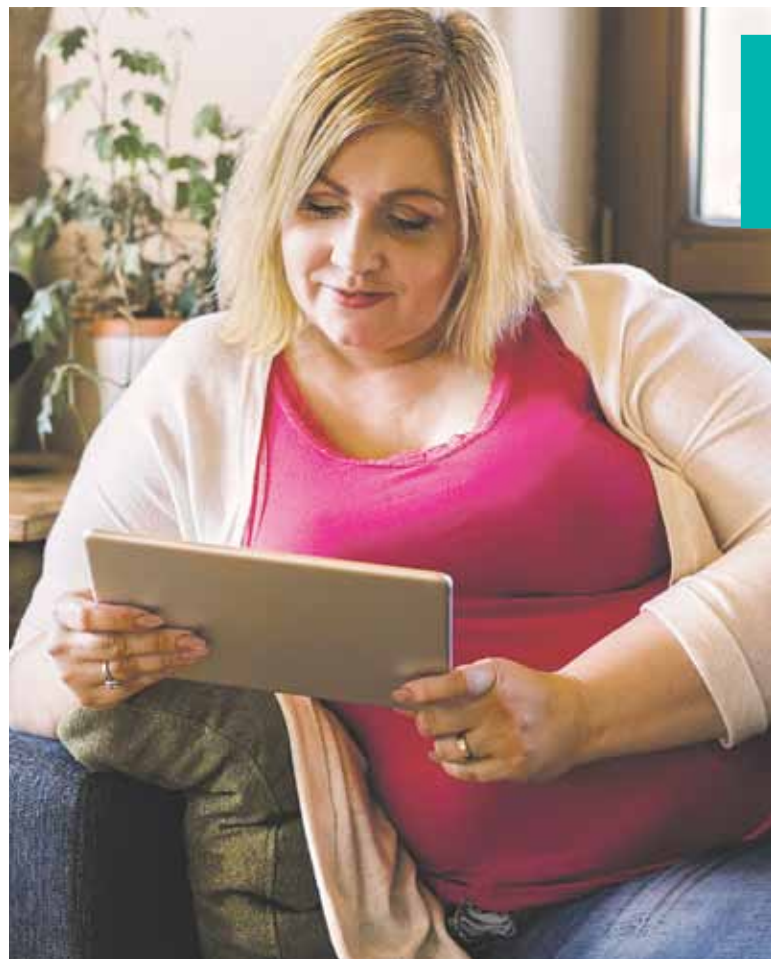
He said he emphasizes having patients treated as scheduled. “I strictly enforce the no-wait policy,” he said. “I want the office to be comfortable. I want to office to be a good experience.”

Guarino said most of his patients come from Yorktown and such surrounding areas, including Somers, Peekskill and Mahopac.

“I like promoting our office,” Guarino said. “I believe we have the best office in town.”

Guarino said he receives much gratification from his work, especially from helping a patient who has not gone to a dentist for several years. “They have a whole new perspective,” he said. “It really changes their life in a lot of ways.”

Maple Hill Family Dentistry is located at 2000 Maple Hill St., #201, in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-241-5889, send an e-mail to yorktowndentist@gmail.com or visit <https://www.maplehilldentistry.com/>.



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Mohegan Lake Day Celebration 2019 July 13

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Check MLID's FaceBook Page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/MoheganLakeImprovement-District/>

You can win a drawing!

As you go from beach to beach, you can pick up a "passport" and stamp it to show you've been at that beach. A draw-



Youngsters and adults can learn about wildlife during Mohegan Lake festivities.

ing from among the cards with the most stamps will be done at 7 PM at Mohegan Colony Beach!

9:00-10:15 Kids' Fishing Derby

Bring the kids to fish in the lake! Equipment provided.

Mohegan Beach Park - 3338 Lake-shore Drive

10:30-11:30 Hike Rock Hill Park

Hike and learn about the local bird life with Dr. Felicity Arengo, Associate Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the Museum of Natural History. Wear suitable hiking shoes, and don't forget your bug spray.

Rock Hill Park: Meet at the entrance kiosk, corner of Cabot and Horton

12:00-1:30 Boat Races, Art on the Lake, Traditional Thai Dance

Bring your boat and join in the fun! Take a look at works created by our talented resident community, and enjoy the performance of traditional Thai dance.

Lake Mohegan Park - 3250 Lakefront Avenue

2:00-3:30 Wildlife Presentation, Games for Kids

Learn about wildlife with natural-ist Rick Lee of the Nature Awareness School, followed by games for the kids.

Mohegan Highlands - 3365 Mohegan Avenue

3:45-4:45 State of the Lake Q&A

Hear the latest news about Lake Mohegan, steps MLID is taking to improve water quality, and how you can help.

Amazon Beach Park - 1620 Wenonah Trail

Community Night

6:00 Games including a Molky demonstration and light snacks

7:00 Beach Passport Drawing, Open mic, Karaoke and Storytelling

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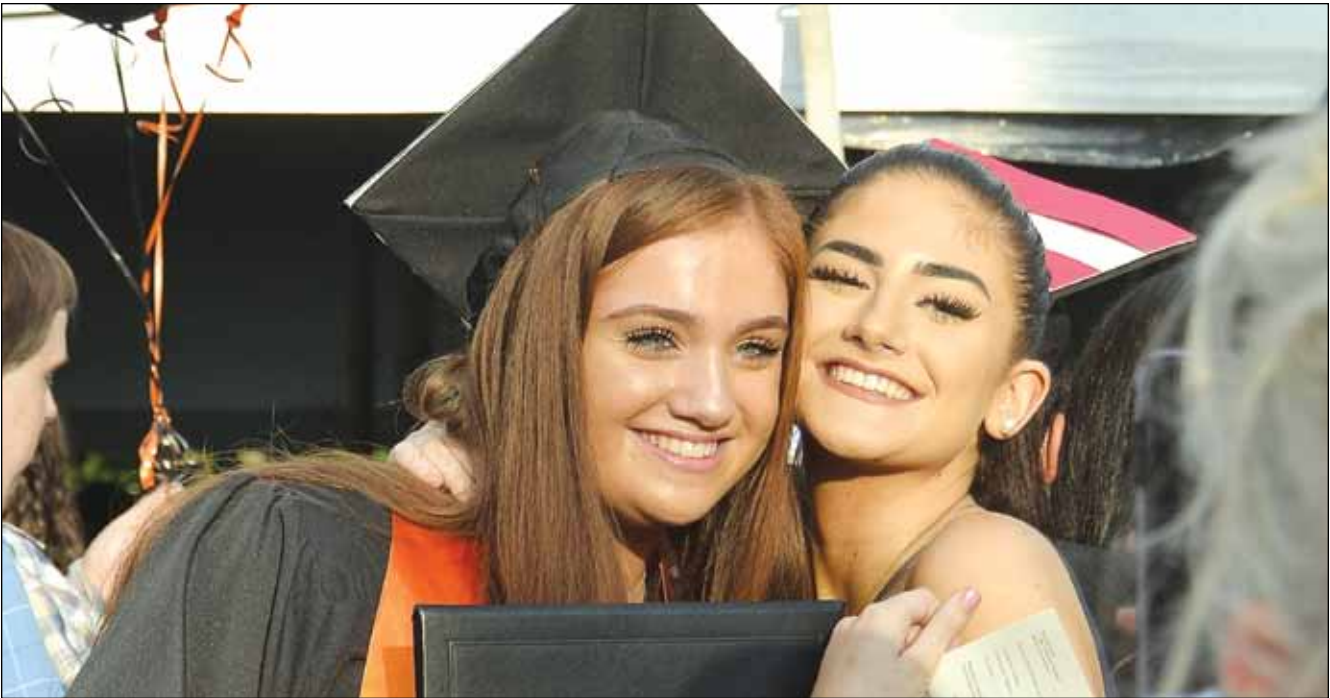


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Allergic or Intolerant to Wine? There's a Ray of Hope for You

I've previously written columns on sensitivities to white or red wines. I've also written a column fostering the production of wines without the intervention of those produced in science labs. I've even written a column on the medicinal benefits of red wine.

In my internet travels I've come upon a research project conducted in Canada that ties all three of these topics together.

It would seem perfectly logical that wines produced naturally, without the use of chemicals in the vineyard or the winery, are intrinsically better for our health. And certainly, naturally produced red wines, containing health-enhancing resveratrol compounds, are intrinsically better than white wines.

But what of those unfortunate friends and relatives who are allergic to wine, whether red or white (or both)? Are they doomed to deprived lives if they abstain? Must they lead tortured lives if they flout their physiological aversions to wine?

It would seem so.

The ranks of these poor souls demonstrating an allergy or intolerance to wine are numerous. To clarify, the immune system of a certain percentage of us creates allergic reactions when wine

is consumed. For certain others, it is our digestive system, histamines or sulfites that create an intolerance to wine, interfering with the manner in which alcohol is processed by our bodies.

Symptoms may include headaches, asthma-like breathing, sinus congestion, nausea or skin flushing – or any combination of these debilitating conditions. To be deprived of the ethereal sensory pleasures and the corporal health benefits of a glass of wine qualifies as cruel and unusual punishment.

Scientific and anecdotal evidence have ascribed these wine-related symptoms to various causes, but no declarative, definitive conclusions have been reached that cover the full spectrum of symptoms. Throughout my years of investigation, I've not found a common denominator that accounts for the widespread allergies that afflict so many wannabe wine consumers. At one point I felt that natural, unadulterated wines would alleviate the negative reactions suffered by so many. Unfortunately, these unadulterated wines contribute to allergic reactions as often as mainstream wines.

Now researchers at the University of British Columbia have discovered a com-

pound in natural yeast that may be the baseline culprit accountable for many wine allergies or intolerances.

Naturally occurring neurotoxins in common yeasts are created as a byproduct of the fermentation process. Classified as bioamines, these compounds exist in various strains of natural and cultured yeasts. These yeasts are utilized by many winemakers to stabilize fermenting wines and to soften the high acidity present in many wines.

Having previously identified this culprit, the researchers now offer a solution. After 16 years of testing, they claim to have developed a genetically modified (GMO) form of yeast that eliminates bioamines. They have obtained approvals from several governmental agencies – including the FDA in the United States – to market this modified yeast commercially.

That's it: A solution that will instantly transform wannabe wine consumers into enthusiastic wine lovers. Ah, not so fast, future wine snobs. Although this is a groundbreaking development, many regulatory bodies – the European Union, in particular – have strict laws banning the use of GMOs and are unlikely to change their position in the foreseeable future. Many consumers are not comfortable with altering yeast genetics either, espe-

cially those espousing natural wines.

What's a consumer to do? Although there may be a solution, only time and further research will determine the viability of new, natural strains of bioamine-free yeasts. In the meantime, I offer several work-arounds that may be helpful for those prone to negative reactions to wine.

1. Rosé wines are lower in offending yeast microbes than red wine. Experiment with a bottle.

2. The red grape that has the highest levels of bioamines is Pinot Noir; abstain if possible.

3. As wine ages, bioamines tend to dissipate in the barrel or bottle; drink aged wines whenever possible.

Modern science has a knack for finding solutions to age-old dilemmas. I look forward to the day when I can raise a glass of wine to anyone and everyone.

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Musings on Home Ownership and Real Estate

This week I reprise some musings based on both practical and absurd observations made from past columns.

The common complaint of noise from neighbors. No man is an island, but there were a couple of occasions, especially when I lived in an apartment building that was not well insulated for sound, when I wished I were. Noise is the biggest complaint we have about neighbors. According to a survey by Trulia, 67 percent of us like our neighbors. Should that leave us to assume that the other 33 percent of us don't like them for some reason?

Why has the great American front porch disappeared? Blame the advent of television and computers that keep people inside. The society that created the need to socialize with neighbors and passersby on the street has vanished. Those who still build front porches are expressing a longing for the way things used to be. Understandable in today's fast-paced world.

If you have a front porch, paint the ceiling blue. The theory here is that the

insects are fooled into thinking the blue paint is actually the sky where they can't nest. In the old south, folks believed the sky color warded off evil spirits. In any event, blue is a calming color, so using it to paint a ceiling in any area intended for relaxation makes sense. You can simply enjoy that rocking chair or chaise lounge and not give a second thought to any nasty spirits lurking.

He's boiling, she's freezing. Men have more insulating muscle than women, so sometimes people living in the same household have a hard time agreeing on a room temperature. To the rescue are the home heating/air conditioning systems with several zones. But what about in a shared bedroom? An electric blanket with two controls is the answer.

St. Joseph strikes again. I've told several stories about the lore and techniques attached to burying a St. Joseph statue on the property of a home seeking a buyer. My favorite is about a homeowner who tried several underground locations and positions for the statue, but none worked. Frustrated, he

threw the statue in the trash, only to learn a week later that the town dump had been sold.

Will we all return to dust? Did you know that household dust is composed mostly of our own flaking skin? If we are uncomfortable when our house is dusty, is that being uncomfortable in our own skin?

Why is there an elongated toilet? The design of the elongated toilet bowl surely was designed to accommodate the male anatomy. Trading up from a circular bowl to an elongated one is for a guy like going from jockeys to boxer shorts.

Not to belabor the point about the toilet, but... While we would all agree that it's the gentlemanly thing for guys to return the toilet seat to the down position, most times the practice requires reminders. However, we should all engage in the practice of also lowering the lid before we flush to prevent the spray of bacteria.

A bathroom practice I've never understood. I've always wondered about the idea of placing a basket of magazines or even books on the tank or next to the toilet. It seems to me that anyone who has to sit long enough to read waiting for that final stage of peristalsis to take place should be thinking about visiting a gastroenterologist.

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

A mattress tale. My wife tells a cute story about mattresses. When she took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress and the salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee, her mother said, "At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee. Can I get a better price for that?"

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



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Wednesday, July 3

A Roof For A Veteran: Attention all veterans. Miracle Home Improvements and Gas Roofing are partnering to replace the roof of one lucky winner. Send a letter with a brief summary on why you need a new roof. You must live in Westchester or Putnam. The winner will be chosen on Sept. 3. Submit a photo and summary by e-mail (miraclehome1@verizon.net) or through the regular mail at Miracle Home Improvements, 2010 Albany Post R., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. If you can't visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days.

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

Thursday, July 4

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues--led by Wendy Segal--is held on Thursdays at 10:30

a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein---is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)--led by Rabbi Sternstein--is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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.

Peekskill Independence Day: The City of Peekskill Independence Day Celebration, specializing in hard-driving R&B, soul and funk from the 60s and 70s, will be held at 7 p.m. at Riverfront Green Park, 50 Hudson Ave. Admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or foldable chairs for seating. For more information contact the City of Peekskill Parks and Recreation Department at 914-734-7275 or visitwww.cityofpeekskill.com.

Friday, July 5

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 am to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Summer: The Summer is a time for us to relax and kick back

Every Friday evening over the summer, Temple Beth Am will create a relaxed atmosphere that is engaging and enjoyable with services at 7 p.m. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

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

Saturday, July 6

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

Bagels and Bible: All are invited to study the Bible with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner at 9 a.m. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how the Bible is a mirror into our lives. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

Somers Shabbat Services: Hebrew Congregation of Somers will hold a Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m., followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion. Kiddush luncheon will be served. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. E-mail info@hebrew-congregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 or more information.


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

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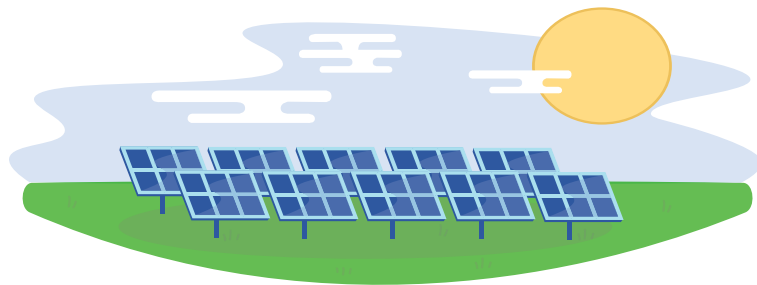
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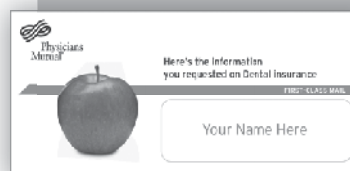
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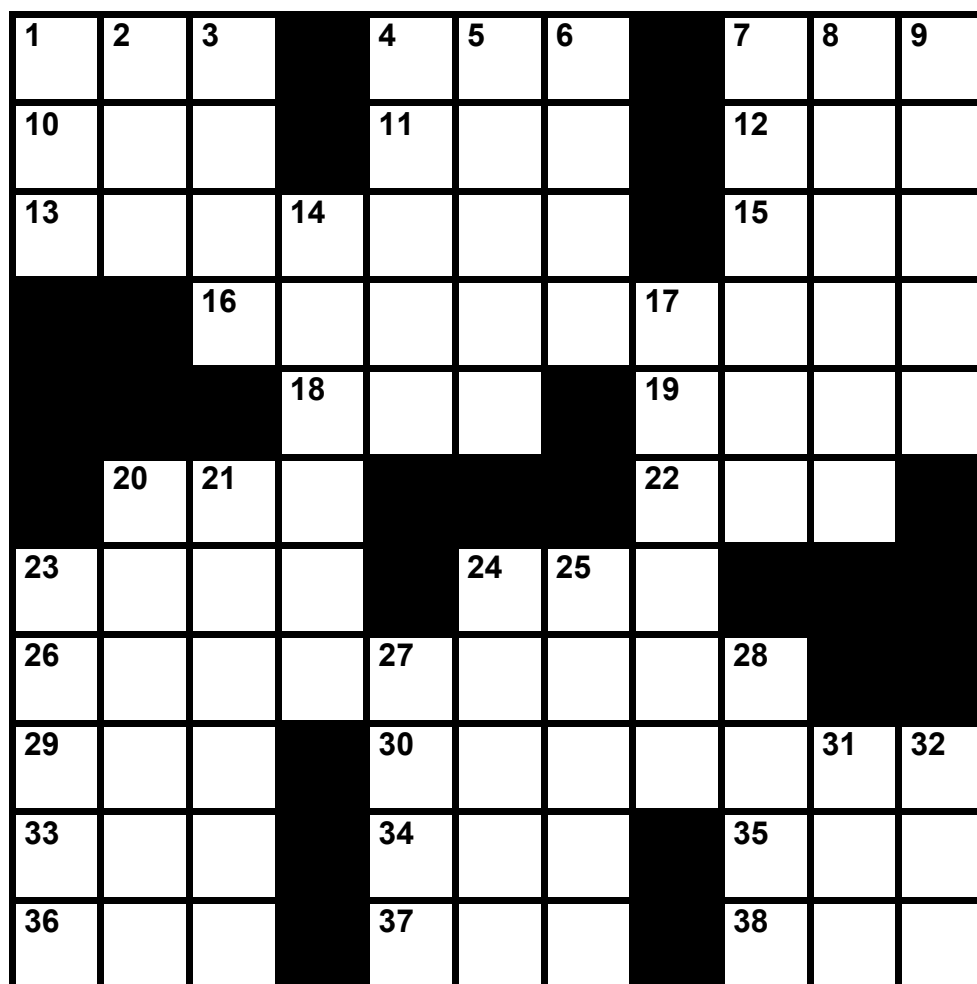


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1. Fire remnant
4. Software program, briefly
7. Nuke
10. Opus ____
11. Not paleo-
12. Immigrant's course, abbr.
13. Ten-sided figure
15. Good works ad
16. Goliath slayer
18. Opener
19. Fictional Jane
20. Vegetable that rolls
22. Computer monitor, abbr.
23. Handel oratorio
24. Feedbag morsel
26. 7. National cemetery location or Ossining carpenter, _____
- Woodworking
29. GI with stripes
30. Fragrant
33. B.A., e.g.
34. Col.'s superior
35. Sign, the contract
36. Rocky creator
37. "The loneliest number," in

- a Three Dog Night song
38. Sign of summer
- Down
1. Recipe instruction
 2. Observe
 3. Bar sounds
 4. Actress Harmon
 5. State flower of Indiana
 6. Ping-____
 7. A soft, gentle breeze or Mahopac farm
 8. Pigeonhole
 9. An umpire is behind it
 14. Acid neutralizer
 17. Zone
 20. FedEx delivery
 21. Speech of praise
 23. Smooths
 24. Nash who wrote humorous verse
 25. Make up for mistakes
 27. Scrubbed, as a mission
 28. Finger tip
 31. Vane direction
 32. Ref's decision



(Solution to this puzzle on page 24)

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(Solution for puzzle on page 23)

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June 27 - Zachary Blechner, 19, of Buchanan was charged with menacing and an unidentified 16-year-old male from Cortlandt was charged with attempted assault following a reported dispute on Commerce Street. Investigation revealed the dispute between the victim

and the two defendants was over a cell phone. The victim alleged during the incident Blechner displayed a knife and the 16-year-old punched him.


June 30 - Vito Anzano, 30, of Putnam Valley, was charged with two counts of robbery following a report of a domestic incidence on Campbell Road. Investigation revealed Anzano allegedly forcibly stole the victim's handbag and vehicle, causing her to sustain cuts on her elbow and pain in her wrist.



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Yorktown Bandits Swipe 5-0 Win over 13-U Putnam Valley

Putnam Valley 3B Angel Munoz (L) can't get the tag down on Yorktown's Ryan Saviano in the host PV Wild's 5-0 loss to the Bandits last Sunday in 13-U Greater Hudson Valley League Baseball action at Union Field where PV salvaged a split on the day by defeating the Somers Silverbacks, 7-6, in the nightcap... see Baseball Notebook

Sports

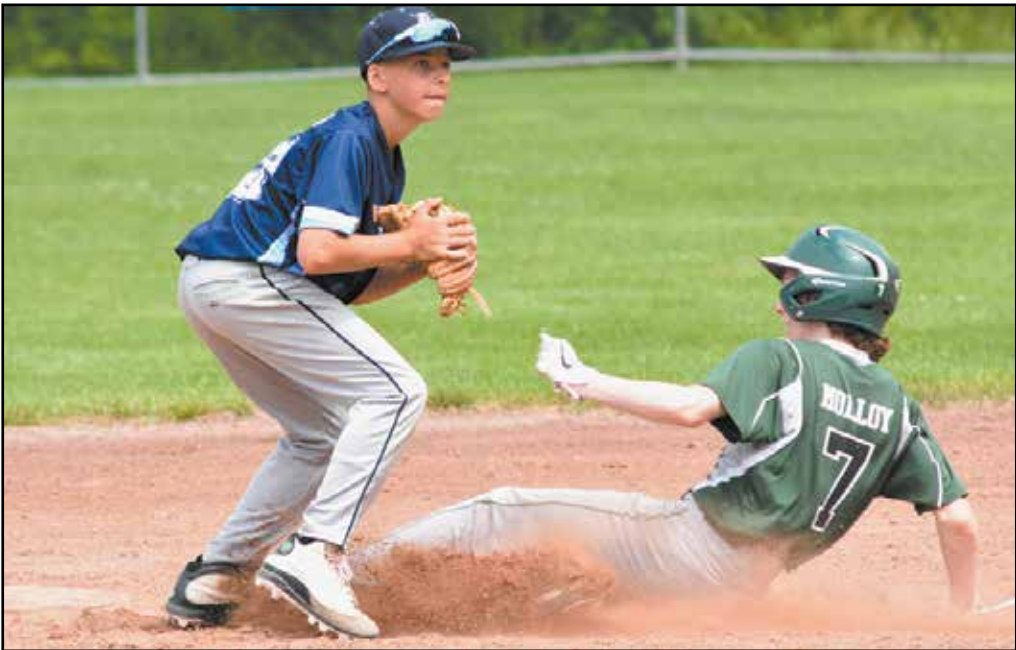
Baseball Notebook



Putnam Valley Wild OF Chris Borasi connects in 5-0 loss to visiting Yorktown Bandits Sunday at Union Field.



Yorktown's Calvin Molloy was a pesky son-of-a-gun in Bandits' 5-0 win over host Put Valley Sunday.



Put Valley 2B Mike Mortarano awaits throw as Yorktown's Calvin Molloy swipes the bag in Wild's 5-0 loss to Bandits Sunday.



Yorktown Bandits 13U Club Swipes 5-0 Win over Putnam Valley



Yorktown P Cameron Baker fired a gem in Bandits' 5-0 13-U win over host Putnam Valley Sunday at Union Field.



Yorktown IF Calvin Molloy slaps tag on Put Valley's Alex DiGiannantonio in Bandits' 5-0 win over Wild Sunday.



Put Valley SS Tommy Tan awaits throw at 2B as Yorktown's Ryan Saviano swipes bag in Wild's 5-0 loss to Bandits Sunday.



Yorktown bandit Mike Butironi tracks a shot in 5-0 win over Putnam Valley last Sunday.

Sports

A.D. Needed, Busy July on Tap for Mahopac BOE



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

The Mahopac Board of Education has quite a July in store for itself from a sports perspective. One would suspect that the BOE will be approving an interim Athletic Director in the days ahead, and the sensible solution would appear to be Frank Miele, the former Mahopac AD who still has his finger on the pulse of the athletic community. The 1967 Mahopac grad still maintains an above-average fastball and has never stopped bleeding blue and gold. He seems like an instant fix to an athletic department in desperate need of an overhaul. I wouldn't waste another moment, folks: Give the man a new hat and let him rebrand the #MahopacWay, which has gotten somewhat off course under recently-resigned A.D. John Augusta.

The next order of business would be naming a boys' varsity basketball coach to replace Matt Simone, who recently stepped aside to pursue a P.E./Coaching career at Dover High School after five years on the Indian sideline. This should be even simpler than naming Miele atop the athletic department.

Tom McMahon is an eighth-grade ELA teacher at Mahopac, is the president of the Mahopac Teacher's Association, has lived the better part of his life in Mahopac and has forgotten more about basketball than most of us will ever know. Previously, he had a brief stint as the head coach at Mahopac and has remained the front man for the St. John's CYO program while affirming himself as one of Section 1's premier basketball referees over the past decade. He knows the game inside and out, works in the district, runs the church program and is beloved by the current group of varsity and junior varsity prospects, including his own sons, so what's the holdup?

As it is, summer leagues are in full bloom and the Mahopac program hasn't a single adult involved with its basketball program, so there isn't time to drag your feet, folks. Give McMahon the keys to your basketball kingdom and allow him to rebuild a program that needs a year or two before it finds itself competing for a league title, let alone a Final 4 berth...

You can't change one's fandom overnight, which, oftentimes, means you've pledged your allegiance for life;

much like I'm stuck with the NY Mets, despite having grown up in the Bronx the first nine years of my life. At the tender age of six, I watched the Mets win one of two World Series titles they would win, which pretty much defined me as a Mets fan for life. One delirious season, which I barely remember as a first-grader in St. John's, has set me up for baseball misery for much of my entire existence. I probably should have bailed on the Mets when they traded future Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan for a washed-up Jim Fregosi in 1971, seeing how that disastrous trade with the Angels is essentially a microcosm for Mets' baseball, which keeps finding new ways to lose and revisits rock bottom each and every year.

Mets closer Edwin Diaz was on the fast track toward a perennial All-Star career as a Mariner, only to be traded to the Mets last winter and go by way of Robbie Alomar, Carlos Baerga, George Foster, Mo Vaughn, Jason Bay, Vince Coleman, Luis Castillo, Bobby Bonilla (who just got another million dollar check from the Mets Monday), Robinson Cano and other former greats who tanked instantly upon becoming a NY Met...

Did I mention the hopelessness of being a NY Knicks fan, too? Similarly, it was the Walt 'Clyde' Frazier/Willis Reed-led Knicks that suckered me in during the wee '70s. The only thing worse than being a died-in-the-wool Knickerbocker fan is being a Mets/Knicks/Jets fan. Luckily, I back Big Blue and had a sliver of sanity that steered me clear of Gang Green.

Culture starts at the top, though, and NY Knicks owner James Dolan has seemingly created a bottom-feeder culture that can't lure any of the big-time free agents to Madison Square Garden, and when you utterly fail in every attempt to do so, you simply can't compete in today's NBA. If Dolan can't score big with NBA free agents, which seems evident, it might be time to put the For Sale sign up because the NY Knicks' basketball program has become a veritable punching bag...

And yet Dolan, who also owns the majority of the NY Rangers, can land Artemi Panarin, the most sought after target on the NHL free agent market this offseason, Monday afternoon, after being skunked Sunday. In essence, it's the Rangers who have had the off-season the Knicks were supposed to. Just 92 days till we drop the puck, but who's counting? #LGR!

Heavenly Performance by Angels Wins the Day; Crowned Division Champs

The youth baseball Angels of the Mahopac Sports Association captured the championship for the third and fourth grade age Colt division on Sunday, June 23, in a 6-3 triumph against the Orioles.

The Angels finished in third-place out of six teams with a record of 6-3-1 during the regular season but surged in the playoffs. They beat the second-place Astros in the semi-final playoff game, allowing the squad to advance to the championship matchup.

Aiden Kugler led the charge for the Angels in the championship at Crane Road Field, going 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. Not only did Kugler perform at the plate but he also delivered on the mound. Up 6-3 in the top of the fifth, the Angels handed the ball off to Kugler in relief. He pitched the final two frames, striking out six Orioles to seal the victory.

"The coaches taught these boys that although baseball is just game they would learn life lessons this season, lessons they can carry throughout their lives: hard work, sportsmanship, teamwork and dedication toward a cause," observed Angels Coach John Kugler. "The boys played hard and had fun all season from start to finish and we are so proud of what they accomplished as a team. They truly deserved this championship."

As for the Orioles, Coach Johnny Long said he was proud of his team's first-place finish during the regular season despite



Angel team members are Devan Barber, Billy Camperlengo, Donald DiCarlo, Philip Gillcrist, Aiden Kugler, Mason Kugler, Patrick Lowery, Gianni Madera, Antonio Martinez, Cole Orofino, Braydon Stern, Jack Thompson and Peyton Wines. Coaches are John Kugler, Anthony Martinez, Mike Madera and Ben Wines.

the disappointing loss in the decisive game.

"Great season, all the kids on the team worked really hard in practice and in the games," the coach said. "They never

questioned when Coach Melissa Zeiler, Coach Scott Rothmann or myself asked them to do something. Finishing in first-place for the regular season was exciting and the kids were ecstatic. Obviously,

we fell a little short in the championship game and we were all a little disappointed but I asked everyone to hold their head up high and be proud of what we were able to accomplish from start to finish."



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