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## Indictment of Former Sheriff's Investigator Tossed

By David Propper

The entire grand jury indictment against former Putnam County Sheriff's Investigator Pat Castaldo was squashed last week, after he was accused of putting a shackled prisoner in a chokehold and beating him.

A move, which heightened tensions between the sheriff's department and Putnam County District Attorney's office, could be over before it even got underway when acting Westchester Justice Robert Neary threw the indictment out, citing a lack of evidence presented by the district attorney's office.

Castaldo, who had been among the highest sheriff officials in the department, was indicted on three charges in February stemming from a July 2014 incident in which he allegedly beat a handcuffed prisoner who went for former sheriff investigator Gerald Schramek's gun at Carmel town hall after the suspect was arraigned on burglary charges.

Rather than re-present to another grand jury, DA Adam Levy and his team are planning on appealing the ruling. In a statement from the DA's office regarding the dismissal, Chief ADA Chana Krauss said, "while this Office continues to hold Judge Neary in the highest regard, we wholly disagree with his decision, and have already filed a notice of appeal."

Nearly threw out charges of filing a false instrument, a felony, and official misconduct and attempted assault, both misdemeanors. Castaldo has been arrested in February over the charges.

"The grand jury was not properly instructed on the standard of proof required to vote on an indictment," part

of Neary's decision stated.

One example, Neary cited was while several Putnam sheriff officers testified to the grand jury how a chokehold was not allowed in the department, no definition of a chokehold was ever presented to jurors.

Neary also stated the memorandum Castaldo filled out, which was connected to the false instrument charge, contained "no false information and provides an accurate description of the events that occurred as depicted in the video played before the Grand Jury and described by other witnesses."

"The memorandum did not describe every action which occurred however it did not paint a false picture and created no possibility that a public servant would act upon fraudulent information," Neary went on to write.

The charge of official misconduct was also tossed because Neary said it was legally insufficient, but did write there was evidence to support an attempted assault charge.

Castaldo's attorney, Andrew Quinn, had previously argued Levy shouldn't be prosecuting the case because Castaldo is a possible witness in Levy's \$5 million defamation lawsuit against Sheriff Don Smith. Smith is also suing Levy for defamation for \$5 million.

Quinn, when contacted Thursday, didn't have much to say except, "The decision speaks for itself."

While the indictment has been tossed for now, the actions by Castaldo and Schramek did cost the county \$35,000 when it previously settled with the

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## Mahopac Mourns Loss of High School Senior

By David Propper and Elena Castriota

The loss of a Mahopac High School rising senior has left the Hamlet of Mahopac grieving after her sudden death last week.

Hannah Mikus was less than a month away from starting her senior year when her life was tragically cut short last week, leaving her family and friends reeling. A wake and funeral service were held last weekend to remember the 17-year-old, who died on Aug. 4 from an unexplained illness.

Mahopac High School senior, Stefani Ferrari, was Mikus' best friend since the age of five.

"I loved her more than I loved myself  
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Hannah Ann Mikus,  
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## PV Residents Continue Debate on Library Vote Plan

By Neal Rentz

Putnam Valley residents packed the library on Aug. 3 to listen to, and discuss, a proposal to give residents the opportunity this fall to approve \$450,000 in funding for the library.

Putnam Valley Library Board of Trustees President Priscilla Keresey provided a lengthy presentation on the proposal at the library during the roughly two hour meeting.

Keresey said the library board is seeking additional funding from the public primarily due to the costs of repairs that resulted from Hurricane Sandy. The storm required \$140,000 worth of repairs, she said. Due to the damage, the town has closed the library's pedestrian bridge and the vehicular bridge is only open to foot traffic, she said. Both bridges will need to be replaced at a cost of \$295,000, she said.

Additional revenue is also needed to update the library's technology and materials, Keresey said.

The town board has provided \$278,307 in funding this year, the same amount as 2014, Keresey said. The library receives funding from a number of other sources, including Putnam County, New York State, grants, fundraising and donations, Keresey said.

The library board is asking residents to sign 354 petitions to get a proposition on the Election Day ballot that would ask the public for \$450,000, which would be \$171,693 more than town government has been providing to the library over the past two years, Keresey said. The public would be voting on a Chapter 414, which under state law allows libraries to put budget requests up to voters. The Chapter

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# Convicted Brewster Rapist Sent Away for 25 Years

By David Propper

A violent rape ended with a 25-year prison sentence for a Brewster man, according to the Putnam County District Attorney's office.

In a press release issued by the DA's office, Victor Cruz Garcia, 43, was convicted of rape in the first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, and endangering the welfare of a child, two felonies and a misdemeanor. The

guilty verdict came on March 13 and he was sentenced by Putnam County Supreme Court Judge James Rooney on July 29.

Cruz Garcia is going away for more than two decades after he raped and sexually assaulted his victim while her five-year-old son watched television in another room, according to the DA's office. When she finally broke free, Cruz Garcia threatened to harm her

and her family if the victim contacted the police.

She was able to call 911, all while Cruz Garcia was throwing bottles and food at a door the victim crouched behind. The Kent Police Department responded right away.

"What this woman and her family endured is unimaginable, and she showed immense bravery in pursuing this case despite serious threats to

herself and her family. She should be commended" District Attorney Adam Levy said. "Her courage, combined with the careful and conscientious work of our law enforcement partners, enabled us to build a solid case, which convinced a jury beyond doubt. All should be thanked for their efforts."

Once Cruz Garcia is released, he will face 20 years of post-release supervision and criminal sex offender registration.

# Tilly Foster Farm Gets \$1.5 Mil. Bond for Further Repairs

By David Propper

In hopes of turning Tilly Foster Farm into a fully operational farm once again, lawmakers signed off on bonding \$1.5 million for building repairs and fixing other parts of the county owned property, during an Aug. 4 meeting of the full Putnam County Legislature.

The county Legislature voted 6-2, with legislators Dini LoBue and Kevin Wright voting against the expenditures. Legislator Bill Gouldman was absent from the meeting.

After Preserve Putnam broke the lease with the county last year, the county has spent \$475,000 from New York City awarded money and then roughly \$150,000 of a \$300,000 bond for other upgrades.

Legislator Joe Castellano said while the

recent expenses attached to Tilly Foster Farm are hefty, they're necessary to get the farm up to code and become viable again. If managed correctly, it could be a "giant benefit to Putnam County."

Castellano noted the alternative to the county keeping the farm workable is having that property become houses and condos, which would flood local school districts with more students and as a result make school district budgets bloated. Residents want to visit the farm and experience everything it has to offer, Castellano said, pointing out how every event held at Tilly Foster has been successful.

In order to get more programs started, like welcoming BOCES, Castellano said the county needs to the money to cover the basic repairs.

"Ten, twelve years down the road, though I don't believe it'll ever turn a profit for us, it'll be a vital property for the people of Putnam County," Castellano said.

Chairman Carl Albano called Tilly Foster one with "great potential" with Legislator Roger Gross chiming in he's excited for the future of the farm once it is fully up and running. Legislator Ginny Nacerino noted the bond would be spread out over decades.

Legislator Dini LoBue, who has been critical of the money poured into the property, spoke against the bond resolution. She called the amount of money bonded "absurd," "staggering," and "ludicrous."

The legislature, LoBue said, doesn't have the details on how the money is

being spent, adding letters to the county executive administration requesting information haven't been returned.

"There was no reason to go in and tear up the place with the exception of the water and the sewer," LoBue argued.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra directly rebutted LoBue's assertions, countering with "I disagree with just about everything Ms. LoBue says because she takes pot shots whenever she can and this administration always answers anything we ask for." LoBue responded by telling Scuccimarra, "You don't know anything."

The two legislators, who argue often, bickered before Albano slammed the gavel to get the meeting back under control.

"We have to make it a viable place," Scuccimarra said. "And everyone in this county enjoys going there."

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#### Q: What causes cervical cancer?

**A:** Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes about 90 percent of all cases. HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that is so common, most people will have it at some point in their lives. Certain strains of HPV can cause changes on a woman's cervix that may result in cervical cancer. Additional risk factors include smoking, extended use of birth control, and having many sexual partners.

#### Q: What are the symptoms of cervical cancer?

**A:** It's important to realize that in most cases, there are no symptoms. Uncommon symptoms include unexplained vaginal bleeding, bleeding after intercourse and abnormal vaginal discharge. Given that the HPV strains that can lead to cervical cancer *are themselves asymptomatic*, it becomes clear why you must be regularly screened for cervical cancer.

#### Q: How often should I have a Pap smear?

**A:** New guidelines recommend women have a Pap smear and HPV test every three years starting at age 21 until age 65, provided you have no risk factors or abnormal Pap smears. This regimen makes it extremely likely the disease will be caught while still in the highly curable pre-cancerous stage. Some women require more frequent screenings.

At each visit, your gynecologist will evaluate all risk factors and determine if you need a Pap smear. Although the recommendations call for getting a Pap smear every three years, annual gynecologist visits are extremely important to your health. Pelvic exams, Pap tests and breast cancer screenings help detect problems at an early and potentially highly treatable stage.

#### Q: What about the HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer?

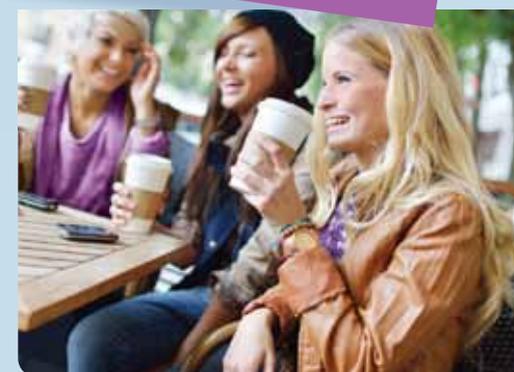
**A:** Two other forms of prevention include the condom and the HPV vaccination, which protects against several strains of HPV known to cause cervical cancer. It does not, however, protect against all strains. I often recommend to my patients that they get the vaccine when they are considering becoming sexually active. Note that the vaccine does *not* replace the need to practice safe sex or to get regular Pap smears.

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# IDA: We Need Money, and Need it Now

By David Propper

Short on cash, the Industrial Development Agency needs money from Putnam County, and according to IDA chairman Richard Ruchala, it needs it now.

After sending a letter to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) informing then the IDA would be seeking county money allotted to the EDC for the rest of this year, Ruchala made that request in front of legislators Wednesday night during an Economic Development Committee meeting.

Right now, the IDA only has \$386 left to spend, according to Ruchala and if the IDA wants to continue to operate efficiently the rest of this year, it needs money urgently. Ruchala has been voicing the need for county funds since September 2014 and pointed out other organizations meant to boost economic development like the EDC and Putnam Tourism received county money.

The IDA is the agency that has the power to offer tax incentives to businesses looking to come to Putnam. It has struggled to make money the last several years because of new state laws enacted that make it difficult to raise funds through bonding.

The county executive administration determines if the money would be allotted to the IDA, according to legislative counsel

Clement Van Ross. The county Legislature could send a letter to County Executive MaryEllen Odell voicing support for the IDA to receive funds, which it decided to do Wednesday night.

While legislators threw around giving the IDA between \$10,000-\$15,000, Ruchala said the IDA needs at least \$40,000 to take care of unfunded mandates passed down by New York State and other imperative work in order to keep the IDA functioning until the end of the year.

The IDA should also be included in the next year's budget, in order to hire a CEO, other possible staff and promote itself more, Ruchala said.

"We need to be funded correctly so we can be the IDA that we should be," Ruchala said.

During a somewhat tense exchange, Ruchala said the EDC "hasn't done anything this year regarding anything" and that he has "been doing much of their work" along with the rest of the IDA board. By pulling the money assigned to the EDC and giving it to the IDA, the county budget would not be impacted for the rest of this fiscal year.

IDA board member and Putnam County Chambers of Commerce president Bill Nulk said the IDA "requires and deserves funding as an agency of the county."

No one from the EDC was at the meeting, though the legislature didn't

invite anyone from the corporation whose board chairman Jeff Kellogg. The EDC has been without a president since Meghan Taylor left for a better job at the state level. Ruchala said a letter written from the EDC expressed it doesn't believe it's a good idea to send money targeted for their operations to the IDA because it needs money for the president it eventually plans on hiring. Ruchala claims that hire is imminent.

Included in the 2015 budget was a proposed \$75,000 loan the county would give the IDA, but it was never completed because of certain clauses in the contract. Ruchala said his entire board was against the loan contract, and would have led to members resigning if it were accepted.

Legislator Roger Gross asserted the contract sets the IDA up to fail and should be reconstructed in order for the IDA to get money. Ruchala noted he would take the loan, as long as the county didn't expect it to be paid back.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said she understood the IDA's financial plight, but didn't think the county could expend any funds to the IDA until next year when the new fiscal year starts. As budget season begins, Scuccimarra suggested putting the IDA's request in the discussion, noting the county can't just "willy-nilly, allocate funds right now."

Legislator Dini LoBue said while the



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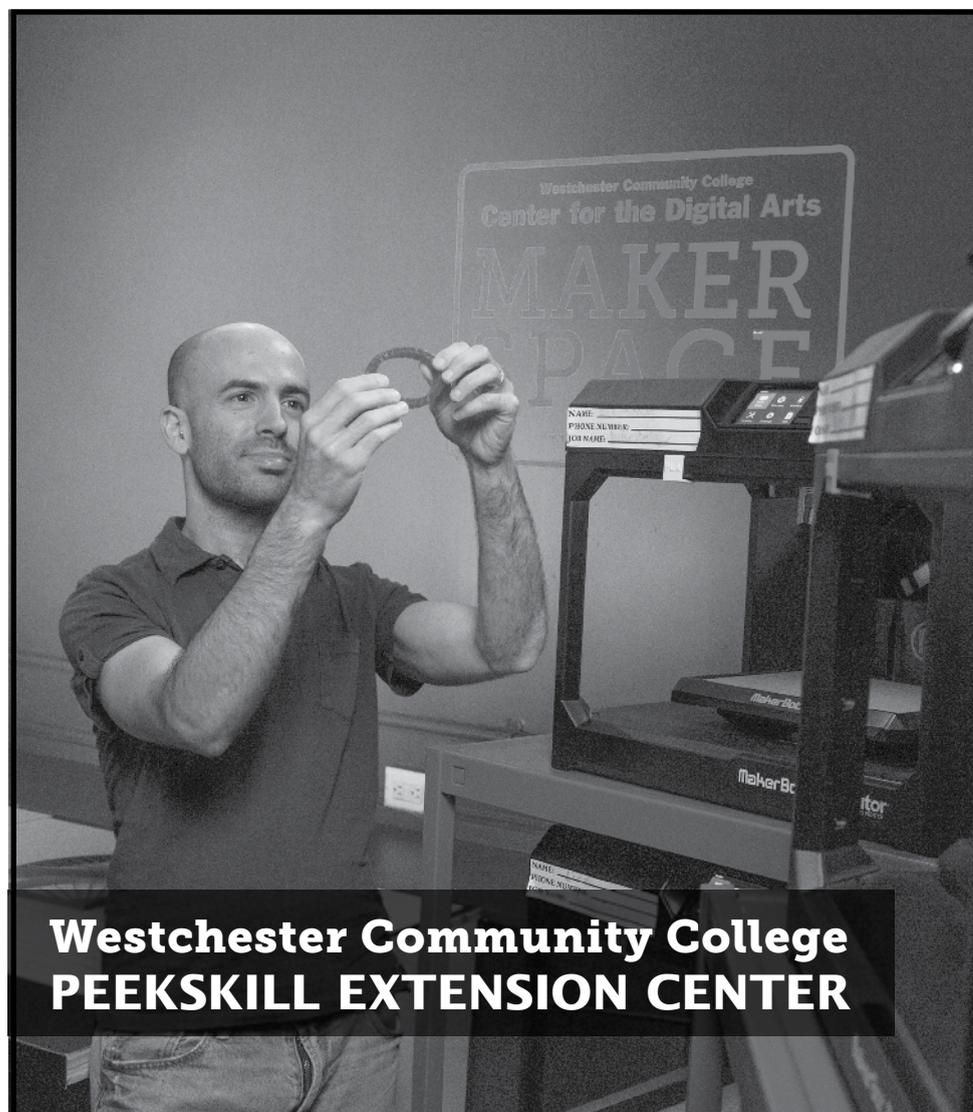
IDA chairman Richard Ruchala at last week's meeting.

EDC gets county money without any requirements, the proposed loan the IDA was offered was with "strings attached," noting it was "hypocritical."

After Scuccimarra argued the county has never funded the IDA, LoBue said the EDC and IDA used to work in-sync and share services.

"And it didn't work," Scuccimarra said, with LoBue responding, "Explain to me how it didn't work, elaborate, you made a statement, now back it up with facts because you know nothing as usual."

"Whether you want to debate whether the EDC is relevant or not, the matter is you cannot attract economic development to the county without incentives," LoBue said. "The only agency that offers incentives is the IDA."



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# Trolley From Cold Spring to Beacon Gets Underway

By David Propper

Traveling from Cold Spring to Beacon just got a lot easier, with the announcement of a new weekend trolley service that will bring out-of-town visitors to not one, but two Hudson Valley destinations.

A press conference held Thursday morning outside the Cold Spring train station welcomed the new route that, according to county and local officials, could bring more tourism and out-of-region dollars to both Putnam and Dutchess counties. County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna and a few Dutchess officials, including its county executive, Marc Molinaro, introduced the green trolley shuttle meant to connect the two counties.

The trolley ride started last Saturday and Sunday and will run until December. The first trolley arrives at 8 a.m. and last one is pegged for 6 p.m. both days. The route will start at the bandstand in Cold Spring, travel up Main Street to Route 9D and conclusively arrive at Mount Beacon. Riders will be charged two dollars and

seniors and children only one dollar per ride.

County officials applauded the initiative and expressed excitement for the potential it would offer both Putnam and Dutchess.

Scuccimarra emphasized the importance of using mass transit, noting it's "only the beginning of what we can do."

Tamagna, a former legislator, said the collaboration began when a discussion of improving safety on Route 9D was explored. With cars going well above the speed limit and a large volume of vehicles there at peak times, mixed with pedestrians walking on the side of the road, Tamagna started to look into other options with Dutchess County Transportation Manager Cynthia Ruiz.

Working with the New York State Department of Transportation, it took nearly a year to get the approval for a Putnam-owned vehicle to operate in an adjoining county. Tamagna noted teamwork between two counties and two local municipalities is rare. A question Tamagna knows would be posed is why would Putnam spend money to operate



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Putnam County's Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna speaks at last week's trolley announcement as other county officials look on.

in another county?

His answer to that is it could boost regional economic development, local residents can also use the trolley service to go north, and mass transit would hopefully make the Route 9D highway safer.

By marketing regionally, particularly to residents in New York City, by offering

both Cold Spring and Beacon, it can become even more of an attraction to both municipalities as Tamagna wants to double ridership.

"There's a great opportunity to showcase the villages, the towns, the natural resources in between and all the liked tourist destination we have between the two communities," Tamagna said.



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Tamagna and his Dutchess transportation counterpart, Cynthia Ruiz, snip the ribbon in front of Mount Beacon to usher in the new route.

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# Mahopac Mourns Loss of High School Senior

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and when I heard she died, I felt my heart shatter into what seemed like a million pieces. Without Hannah the days won't seem as bright and the nights will seem even darker," she said, "Without her a piece of me will always be missing, but I will never let her be forgotten."

Always a supportive friend, Mikus encouraged Ferrari and her other friends to be the best they could be, she explained, likening Mikus to a diamond in a coalmine.

Mikus initially suffered a seizure Monday and was rushed to Putnam Hospital Center and then transferred to Westchester Medical Center, where she died, according to her father, Ken Mikus, in a News 12 interview. Two weeks prior, Mikus went to a nearby walk-in clinic for a urinary tract

*'Without Hannah the days won't seem as bright and the nights will seem even darker.'- friend Stefani Ferrari*

infection and was put on Benadryl, but her condition worsened, according to the news report.

"The outpouring of concern, love, support has changed my view on things," Ken Mikus said in the interview.

According to her obituary, Hannah Ann Mikus was a talented and creative student who flourished in countless extra curricular activities. Going through the Mahopac school system, Mikus was always known to be a "pleasure to have in class" by her teachers and enjoyed reading, writing, and sketching.

The multi-sport athlete was part of Mahopac Sports Association cheerleading, soccer, lacrosse and basketball, even being part of two basketball teams in 7th and 8th grade that won championships, according to her obituary. Growing up she participated in the Brownies and Girl Scouts, and marched in the 2005 Memorial Parade as a poppy girl for the American Legion Post 1080, Junior Auxiliary.

Mikus, an only child, is survived by her parents, Joan and Ken, and her grandmother, Mena, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her parents want to set up a scholarship in her name for a deserving Mahopac student and encouraged mourners to donate to it rather than send flowers.

A GoFundMe page was set up for the scholarship in Mikus' name and in less than a week, it has raised nearly \$21,000, within reach of its \$25,000 goal. More than 200 people have

donated with gifts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000.

The page was started by Art Rosenberg, who knows Hannah's mother Joan through work. When colleagues found out about Hannah's death, many discussed a way to possibly help the Mikus family get through this unbearable time. He said the fundraising page can be used at the Mikus family's discretion and was "overwhelmed, in a good way" at the amount of money raised so far.

When Joan would talk about Hannah, Rosenberg said what stuck out to everybody was she and Ken's "incredible commitment to Hannah. She was the love and joy of their life."

"There are sometimes in life where there are no words like the loss of a child," Rosenberg, a father of three, said. "The loss of a child is unimaginable so it's very painful to watch someone you care so much about have to go through such a great tragedy."

# Indictment of Former Sheriff's Investigator Tossed

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allegedly beaten prisoner, Kenneth Defreitas, who was set to sue the county for civil rights violation.

Defreitas did go for Schramek's gun, but once he was subdued by the two

senior sheriff investigators, Defreitas claimed he was lying face down when Castaldo kicked and hit him, at one point lifting him to his feet and striking him in the kidney. The incident was caught by Carmel town hall video camera.



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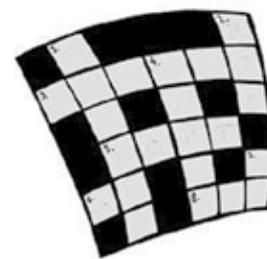


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# PV Residents Continue Debate on Library Vote Plan

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414 would not change the library's charter and would pay for only a portion of its annual funding, she said.

If the Chapter 414 is OK'd, town residents would pay \$450,000 annually unless the library board puts up a future ballot initiative that would either increase or decrease property owners' contribution, Keresey noted.

Keresey said for town residents who live in a home assessed at \$300,000 the library would be seeking \$8.34 next year; those homeowners are paying \$5.15 this year through their town taxes. Homeowners living in houses assessed at \$400,000 would pay \$11.12 in 2015; they are paying \$6.87 for the town's contribution to the facility this year, she said.

Keresey said there were several reasons for the library board not seeking to become a special library district or a school district library, including the need for state legislation for either option and if the library changed its status from a non-

profit to a for-profit corporation, library employees would become civil service worker entitled to full benefits.

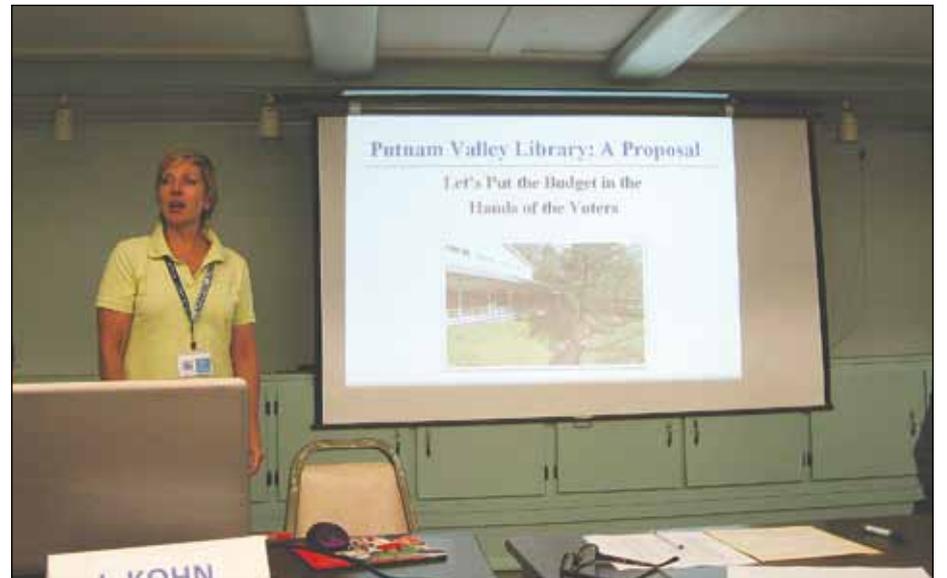
Contrary to rumors in town, the library does not have over \$4 million in a fund and library trustees are not paid, Keresey said.

The library has been seeking increases in the town's contribution, but the town board has not provided what the library has been seeking in an effort to meet the state-mandated property tax cap, Keresey said. Last year, the town exceeded the state tax cap.

Town residents should have the say on the library contribution, Keresey said. "It's really true democracy," she said.

Several residents had their say at last week's meeting, with opinions split on the proposal. Resident Patty Villanova said she opposed the library proposal. She said most residents did not need services provided by the library. "We can get these services elsewhere," she said.

Villanova said the amount of taxpayer



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam Valley Library Board of Trustees President Priscilla Keresey discussed a proposal to allow voters to approve library funding during a meeting on Aug. 3.

dollars sought by the library was excessive and would be a burden on residents. The town board is responsible for spending residents' taxes, she said.

The library provides a variety of services to residents, Keresey responded. "I'm at the library all the time," Keresey replied.

Resident Tony Bondi asked what would happen if the proposed \$450,000 proposition was approved, but a future

referendum at a higher figure was subsequently defeated by voters. "What is currently in place" would be spent by the library, Keresey replied.

One of the proposition's supporters to speak last week was Sam Oliverio, the Democratic candidate for town supervisor. "I like what I'm hearing," he said. The library is valuable to the community and needs the extra funds, he said.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Open Letter to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney

On behalf of many of your constituents, we are not pleased with your performance this year. When you were running for office, you reached out to us with town hall meetings and some newsletters to inform us of the happenings of Washington.

Now, we are concerned about the future of our country. You are silent about the Iranian nuclear agreement. We would like to know where you stand. Are you going to vote your conscience or be political and stand with your party?

Americans are being lied to by

Congress and this administration. Because of this agreement, your children and grandchildren will live in fear of nuclear war.

My generation lived under the threat of an atomic explosion so we know what fear is like. Iran has stated with certainty they will wipe Israel off the map. Also, our country is not far behind. Where is our loyalty to our friends? Just remember the Jewish people are God's chosen people and he will protect them. Where is our loyalty?

We are disgusted with both Democrats and Republicans. You people in Congress and this administration don't have a backbone to stand up for our country. Why are we negotiating with an enemy that is out to destroy us?

God has always blessed this land. Our only hope is that we choose the right person for the Oval Office who will hopefully turn this country around. May our land always prevail.

Marie Zarcone  
Town of Putnam Valley

### Lou Cardillo Donates To Mahopac Touchdown Club

Mahopac resident Lou Cardillo presented the Mahopac Touchdown Club with a \$1,500 donation for the organization to purchase stadium seat cushions for this year's football season.

Lou Cardillo presented the ceremonial check at the Mahopac Football's 2015 Car Show & Street Fair on Saturday afternoon at Mahopac High School. The day featured classic and custom cars, music, and activities for kids as well as a NFL punt, pass and kick competition.

The funds are being used to purchase a total of 300 navy blue and yellow stadium seat cushions that will feature Cardillo's and the Touchdown Club's logos. The cushions will be on sale at each home game for \$10 each. Profits from sales will go directly to the Mahopac Football program.

The Mahopac Touchdown Club is an independently funded school affiliated organization of parents, alumni, and friends

to support and enhance the Mahopac High School football program through volunteer assistance and fundraising programs, while promoting the highest standards of spirit and sportsmanship.

Membership for the Touchdown Club is open to all players and cheerleaders grade 9 through 12. The club provides funds to purchase needed items for the football program not covered by the school budget.

Lou Cardillo is the broker/owner of Keller Williams Realty Partners & the award winning Lou Cardillo Home Selling Team located in Yorktown Heights, NY. He has been in the Real Estate business for over 18 years and has successfully marketed, sold and closed over 500 homes and since 2006 has consecutively ranked the #1 Real Estate Team in Keller Williams Realty Partners. For more information about Lou, please visit his website: cardillorealestate.com.

## Obituaries

### Robert B. Nichols

Robert B. Nichols of Stony Creek, formerly of Carmel, died on August 1st, at Glens Falls Hospital at the age of 69. Mr. Nichols was born on May 8, 1946 to Charles E. and Grace (Davidson) Nichols in Mahopac. He graduated from Carmel High School in 1965. He proudly served his Country with the US Navy during the Vietnam Era and was a member of the crew on the USS Richard E Krauss DD 849 during the Gemini space capsule pick up in 1965. Mr. Nichols was the proud Owner and Operator of Nichols Hardware Store in Carmel. He was an active member of the Carmel Fire Department and served as Chief. He was also a member of the NRA. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing all of his life. Mr. Nichols is survived by his two loving sons, R. Bruce Nichols of Myrtle Beach SC, and Brian J. Nichols and his wife Kathy of Holmes, His three sisters, Penny Irons of Acworth, GA, Laurie Greenberg of Kingston, and Beth Anne Ellis, of Saugerties. Also Robert is survived by his life friend and loving mother to his sons, Patricia (Bubenicek) Nichols of NC., and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

### Grace T. Fleming

Grace T. Fleming of Mahopac, died

peacefully on Sunday August 2, at the age of 89. She was born in the Bronx on June 18 1926, the daughter of Frank and Frances Pellettieri Ferreri. On April 25, 1948 she married James Fleming at St. Dominic's Church in the Bronx. James passed away of January 7, 1997. She is survived by her daughters, Katherine O'Brien of Coram, NY, Joan Scott-Monck of Bethel, CT, Christine Crimmins of Montrose, NY, Mary Fleming of Hillsboro, OR and Susan Citarella of Mahopac, her son Joseph of Marietta, GA, her sister, Sr. Marian Francis Ferreri of White Plains, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Her sister, Mary Ann Ferreri and her grandson 1st Lt. Scott Joseph Fleming (USMC) died earlier.

### "Baldi" William Villanova

"Baldi" William Villanova died peacefully at Somers Manor Nursing Home on Aug 3. His wife of 73 years, Catherine was by his side. His children James, William Jr., Louis and Anna Marie are grateful and blessed to have such a devoted and caring father who cooked many, many meals for them. He went on to be with the Lord in peaceful knowledge that he had 12 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren. "Grandpa" was a WWII Veteran & Entrepreneur. "Uncle Baldi" owned a candy store in the Bronx. "Dad" owned a luncheonette in Mahopac and a dry cleaner in Peekskill. "Bill" owned the Laundry

room in Mahopac and was a real estate agent for Ken Lauro Assoc. He enjoyed watching the Yankees, hitting the casinos, being with his family, watching his grand kids play ball and praying for everyone. He was grateful to know, and very aware, that Jesus had him in His arms and loved him very much.

### Anna Gagliardi

Anna Gagliardi died August 6, at the age of 94. Mrs Gagliardi was born June 30, 1921 in Peekskill, New York to Mary (Esposito) and Fred Lalli. On June 21, 1947 she married Nicholas Gagliardi in Peekskill. Nicholas pre deceased her in 1978. She is survived by her loving daughter Donnalynn (Stephen) Mitura, her beloved sister Dorothy Bagli, her adoring grand-daughter Nicole (James) Curran and great grand-daughter Emma. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home for their wonderful care of Anna and her family. Visitation was held Monday August 10 at Cargain Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday August 11, 10 a.m. at St James the Apostle Church, Carmel, NY. Interment to follow at Bethel Cemetery, Croton on Hudson. In lieu of flowers Donation are asked to be made in Anna's memory to The Alzheimer's Association 2900 Westchester Ave. Ste. 306 Purchase, NY 10577.

Business  
of the Week

## Mathnasium Yorktown Heights

By Neal Rentz

You can limber up in variety of ways in a gymnasium.

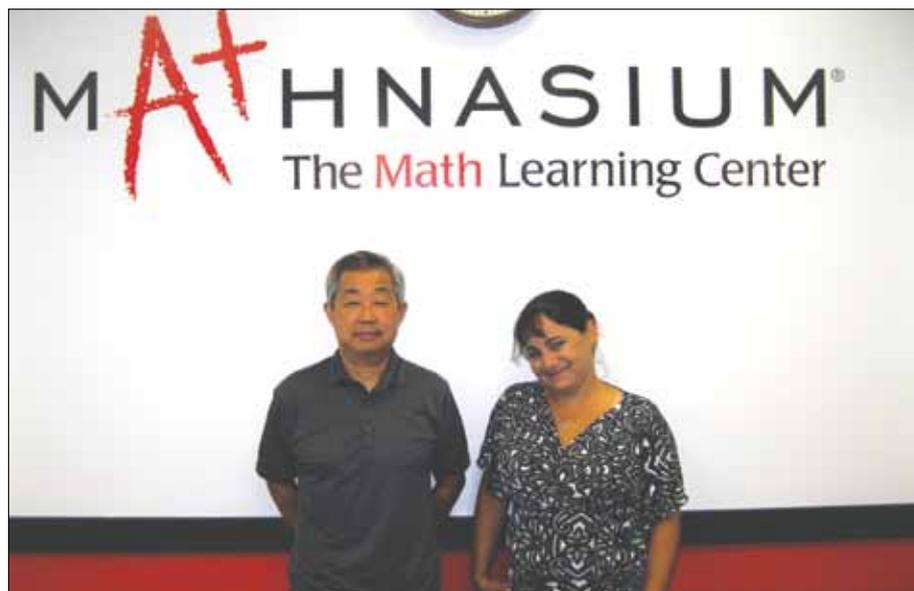
At Mathnasium, students have the opportunity to shape up their math skills.

Brewster resident Kaz Tanahashi opened Mathnasium of Yorktown Heights in March to help students struggling with math. He was joined in the business by Peekskill resident Marina Zale, who is center director and an instructor.

Tanahashi said he chose the Triangle Shopping Center for his new business because it is located in the center of northern Westchester. Mathnasium is a national franchise chain, he noted. His students come from northern Westchester, from such communities as Yorktown, Chappaqua, Pleasantville, Croton-on-Hudson and Peekskill.

Mathnasium provide assistance for students in grades one through 12 in math only. Monthly programs are offered during the school year and currently, summer programs are being provided. During the summer, parents can choose to bring their children when they desire, but classes meet twice a week, Tanahashi said.

Mathnasium offers lessons "building the framework of learning," Tanahashi said. Rather than just memorization, students



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Mathnasium of Yorktown Heights opened in March. Shown above are center owner Kaz Tanahashi and center director and instructor Marina Zale.

at the facility learn math concepts, he said.

"The first thing is to figure out why exactly they're struggling," Zale explained. "Each student comes in with a different problem. Some may just feel like they just don't get it anymore so they've given up. Others are really trying but they don't have

the basics, the foundations, the number sense that they really need."

Other students have "a mental block" when it comes to math, Zale said.

One-on-one teaching and small group classes are offered at Mathnasium with ratios of either three students to one

teacher or four students per teacher.

"When they come in we assess what they need" by analyzing strengths and weaknesses, Tanahashi said. "Based on that assessment we create a learning plan."

Zale is a veteran tutor and teaching assistant who has taught pre-school through college level students. While she is the primary educator at the Yorktown facility, Zale has several other responsibilities. "I do pretty much everything," she said. "I help with marketing. I help with answering parent questions. I interact with students, help run events."

Tanahashi, who was born in Tokyo, Japan and moved to the United States more than 30 years ago, does not teach. He previously provided strategic plans for corporations.

Tanahashi said he had a specific goal for his new business. "I'd really like to expand because this is a franchise," he said, noting he would like to open additional centers as satellites for his Yorktown establishment.

*Mathnasium of Yorktown Heights is located at 94 Triangle Center in the Triangle Shopping Center. For more information, call 914-302-7950, visit [mathnasium.com](http://mathnasium.com) or send an e-mail to [yorktownheights@mathnasium.com](mailto:yorktownheights@mathnasium.com).*

## Pataki Touts Successes as NY Governor in GOP Presidential Debate

By Rick Pezullo

Putnam County resident and former Peekskill Mayor George Pataki touted his record as a three-term governor of New York during his appearance Thursday night in the undercard debate of scrambling Republican presidential candidates in Cleveland.

Pataki, 69, whose poll numbers among the 17 GOP hopefuls did not qualify him for the "main event" top 10 debate with the likes of celebrity developer Donald Trump and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, said he considered a presidential run in 2012 but decided the timing wasn't right.

"I was ready to lead but I wasn't ready to run," the lanky resident of Garrison said. "We need someone who has not been a career politician. We need to solve problems. We need to rebuild our military to stand up to radical Islam. We need to grow the economy. We need to end crony capitalism in Washington. We need new leadership. I will be that new leader."

Pataki grew up on a family farm in Peekskill. He was elected mayor of Peekskill in 1981, before being elected as a state Assemblyman, state Senator and Governor, where he served three four-year terms, leaving office in 2006.

In May, several hundred people jammed into the Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill where President Abraham

Lincoln stopped to make a brief historic speech in 1861 on his way to Washington D.C. to hear Pataki, who has never lost an election, proclaim why he should be taken seriously.

"Wherever I am, wherever I go, this is home. This is where my values were formed. This is where my heart is. I know the greatness of this country. We have to take this country back," he said at the time.

Pataki, who is currently Of Counsel with Chadbourne & Parke LLP, and president of his own small business, Pataki-Cahill Group, that works in energy, infrastructure, and clean-tech, said Thursday night he was able to "deliver in the blue state of New York" by being able to work with Republicans and Democrats.

"In New York I brought people together. I can do it regardless of what the makeup of Congress is. I did that in New York State," Pataki said. "I worked with a Democratic legislature to put in more sweeping reforms ever."

Pataki said he reduced the number of residents on welfare by more than one million as governor and stressed his leadership following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center.

"I think we are at the greatest risk of another attack since then (9/11)," Pataki said when questioned about ISIS and



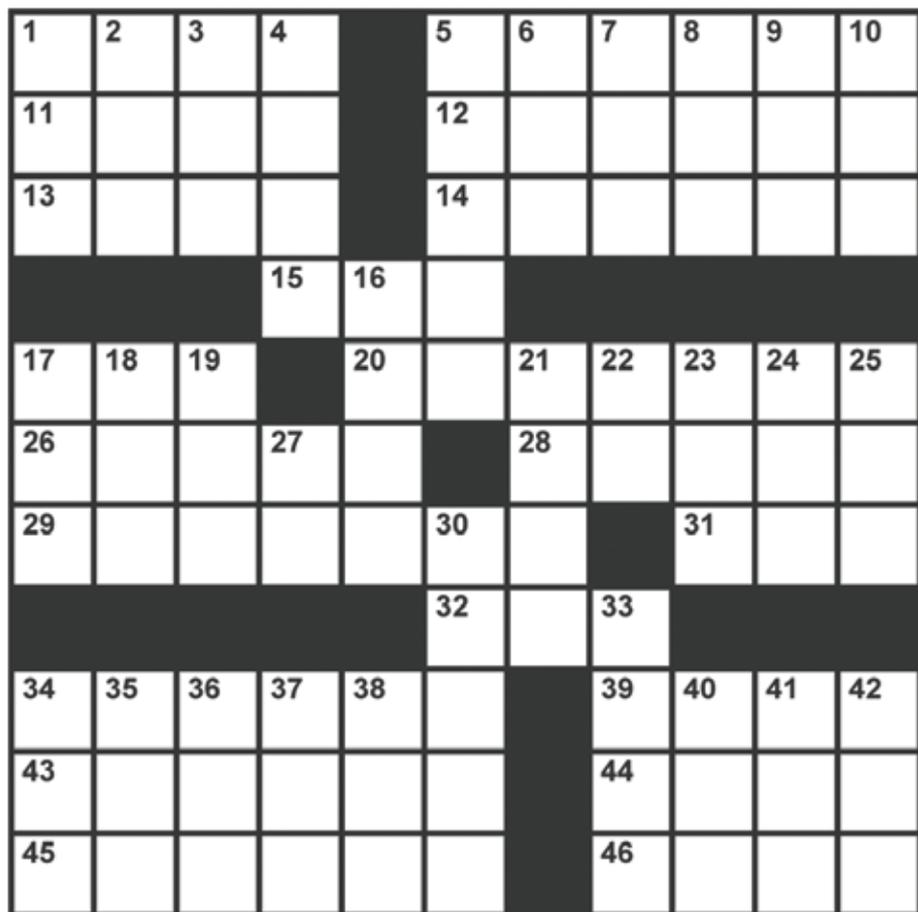
Long shot presidential candidate George Pataki did a few pushups to get himself ready for Thursday's undercard debate, according to a campaign photo from his Twitter account.

Islamic extremists. "We need to stop their ability to attack us and then get out. I would not place one American's life in jeopardy if it's not necessary but to destroy ISIS it is necessary."

On other issues, Pataki, who is the lone pro-choice Republican candidate seeking

the party's nomination, said he would defund Planned Parenthood and support legislation that would outlaw abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. He also said he would revoke all of President Obama's executive orders, as he did when he ousted Governor Mario Cuomo.

# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 15

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**Across**

- 1 Dorothy would have her dog spruced up by this mobile groomer
- 5 Alex Trebek's birthplace
- 11 Nabisco favorite
- 12 Source
- 13 Blubber
- 14 Highest degree
- 15 Slacken
- 17 Federal agency
- 20 When your fireplace needs cleaning you call Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

- 26 Open-air lobbies
- 28 Hose hue
- 29 Fancy drink
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ pourri?
- 32 "Home of the brave"
- 34 Certain switch
- 39 Country dance
- 43 Oodles
- 44 Early buffalo hunters
- 45 Living room piece
- 46 Aura

**Down**

- 1 Truck type
- 2 Copper source
- 3 Golf spot
- 4 Klutz's cry
- 5 Discreet attention-getter
- 6 Paintings and sculpture
- 7 Pick-up-sticks game
- 8 Gone by days
- 9 Insult, in slang
- 10 Tamandua meal
- 16 Type of palm
- 17 School of whales

- 18 Student's welfare organization
- 19 Hart Trophy winner, 1970-72
- 21 Wading bird
- 22 Second word of a flower to remember
- 23 Little taste
- 24 Self-esteem
- 25 In addition
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_ takes all kinds...
- 30 Care for
- 33 It's big in St. Louis
- 34 John \_\_\_\_\_ Passos
- 35 Hotel amenity often near the elevator
- 36 Ran into
- 37 Welcome site
- 38 Opposite of WSW
- 40 Period for historians
- 41 Slippery creature
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## Carmel Resident Recognized as 'Rising Star' in Westchester

Forty of Westchester County's up-and-coming business leaders recently received the 2015 "Rising Star" Award from The Business Council of Westchester. Among them is the smart and driven Jill Ortiz of Diamond Properties. An MBA expert in corporate finance analytics, financial reporting and accounting, Jill is more than just an impressive resume.

The desire to contribute, to lead, to be someone great has fueled Jill into her profession and helped her excel quickly. By the age of 33, Jill Ortiz rose to the top and became Vice President of Finance and Accounting at Diamond Properties, leading the company to be one of the first to achieve the Westchester Green Business Certification. Her strategic business planning through brand development, financial analysis, and systems enhancement have proved essential to Diamond Properties' success, and earned Jill a spot next to other top professionals.

The "Forty under Forty" event honored individuals in Westchester who are some of the finest young talents from various backgrounds. Although the selection process was competitive, Jill stood out from the pool of candidates as a true star. Winners were selected based on professional and/or entrepreneurial accomplishments, demonstrated leadership qualities and professional and/



Left to right: Josh Miller, Xeleum Lighting; Mark Blandford, Diamond Properties; Jay Ortiz, New York Life Insurance; Jill Ortiz, Diamond Properties; Liz Volpe, Diamond Properties; Ron Roth, Diamond Properties; Zach McMahon, Diamond Properties.

or business affiliations.

"My main objective has been to always be true to myself, do what feels right and march to the beat of my own drummer," said Jill Ortiz, Vice President of Finance and Accounting at Diamond Properties. "I have found that as long as you bring uniqueness, ingenuity, and tenacity to the table, the sky is the limit!"

The winners received their Rising Star award during a ceremony at 800 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook. The program is modeled after the national business recognition program "Forty

under Forty" and Rising Stars is specifically designed to recognize individuals under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership, foresight and a vision for the future of Westchester County.

As a busy wife, mother of two boys (ages two and four), entrepreneur, and career woman at Diamond Properties, The Carmel resident successfully maintains a healthy work-life balance, and hopes to help other women and working moms do the same. A

true "superwoman" who didn't lose sight of what is important in life, Jill is a prime example of a hard working professional who gives back to others by helping them achieve their personal and professional goals.

**About Diamond Properties:**

Diamond Properties is commercial real estate business located in Mount Kisco, New York that focuses on the acquisition of commercial properties with potential for substantial improvement through hands-on property management, market repositioning, and capital upgrades. Since

Diamond Properties was founded in 1993, they've acquired 58 properties, including office, warehouse, retail, residential, and land in 5 states, and they currently own 44 of those properties, totaling in excess of 3,700,000 square feet. They continue to pursue an intense capital improvement and leasing program that, when combined with quality-driven customer service, has enabled them to deliver consistently high tenant satisfaction and lease renewal rates. For more information about Diamond Properties, visit their website at <http://www.diamondproperties.com>. For information on current space availabilities, call Mark Blandford at 914-773-6242 or email [mblan@dpmgt.com](mailto:mblan@dpmgt.com).

**About The Business Council of Westchester**

The county's largest and most influential business membership organization, The Business Council of Westchester is committed to helping businesses market, learn, advocate and grow. In addition, The Business Council of Westchester is actively involved in reviewing federal, state and county legislation and regulations in order to assess the potential impact on the business community and to influence the outcomes through advocacy when the business community's interests may be affected. It also acts as an information resource for the business community and government leaders at all levels.

# Back To School

## Tips to Boost your Family's Energy for Back-to-School Season

It's time to gear up for a new school year. That means buying supplies and clothes, coordinating schedules and adjusting to new routines.

All the preparations can leave you feeling drained, but with the proper fuel you can ensure your family has the energy needed to ace each day.

### Meal Plan

Kick off the year by creating a meal plan, which will help you stay organized, maintain a good diet and avoid repeat trips to the store. To simplify shopping and preparation, put together a list of favorite meals and snacks; then group according to common ingredients. Use a dry erase calendar, spreadsheet or online template to plot out menus one week at a time. Then, draft a grocery list and stick to it. This will help you pass up the chips and cookies for more energy-boosting

options.

When you arrive home, immediately wash and prep produce for the week to make it that much easier to make nutritious meals all week long.

### Start the Day Off Right

Wholesome breakfasts provide a pick-me-up in the morning and throughout the day. Squeeze some oranges for fresh juice and a vitamin C boost. You can make a pitcher each weekend to last several days. Serve with homemade granola bars for a satisfying start to the day.

Smoothies are another easy breakfast. Whip up personalized flavors for each family member using the pre-set Smoothie and Power Blends programs on a Vitamix S50. This personal blender's 20-ounce container becomes a good travel cup for school or work. Freeze a variety of individual servings of fruit and vegetable

combinations into zip-top bags, blend with yogurt, milk or juice, and head out the door. Or use the machine's 40-ounce container to make larger batches for the family to enjoy together. A nourishing smoothie provides the fuel necessary for a productive start to the day.

### Mid-Day Motivation

Prep power-packed lunches for school and work by including protein, fruits and vegetables in an assortment of tastes and textures. You can use a premium blender to quickly prepare all kinds of dips and nut butters. Try homemade hummus with cucumber slices and carrot sticks and a side of strawberries and grapes. Or create fun finger foods, such as a peanut butter and apple wrap, or ants on a log – almond butter and raisins on a celery stick.

Remember to stay hydrated. Water is fuel, and even mild dehydration can slow

down body systems, resulting in fatigue. Carry a large container of water to drink throughout the day.

### Dinner Delight

Continue beneficial eating habits at dinner. Add extra vegetables to your menu with a squash cheese sauce for a new take on whole wheat macaroni and cheese. Or bake a wholesome pizza using fresh pesto or a white bean purée as the sauce.

Instead of hitting the couch after dinner, complement healthful eating by taking a walk with your family. Exercise provides a natural endorphin boost, giving you extra motivation to maintain healthy habits.

With a little planning, a busy schedule won't be an excuse for bad habits.

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## Mental Tricks Students Can Use to Help Boost Grades

Maintaining strong grades in every subject can be tough on even the brightest of the bunch. This is especially true these days, as students routinely are taking on more extracurricular activities and part-time jobs while enrolled in school.

Students looking to grasp complicated class material – and still have time left at

the end of the day – can stand to benefit from tried-and-true systems for learning, say experts.

"Every student from a young age should learn speed reading, speed math and mnemonics," said Harry Edelson, venture capitalist, managing director of Edelson Technology Partners and author

of the new book, "Positivity: How to be Happier, Healthier, Smarter, and More Prosperous."

Edelson, the son of an illiterate Russian immigrant, attributes his triumph over childhood poverty and success in the classroom and business world, to the adoption of key mental tricks and a positive attitude. In "Positivity," he delves into how others may follow suit. Here he shares a few insights.

### Speed Reading

Speed reading allows a reader to take in written material much more quickly than traditional reading. While those wishing to improve their speed reading skills once had to attend seminars or enroll in a course, now lessons are widely offered online. Free software, as well as apps available for download to your phone, can offer training in this useful art.

### Speed Math

Like speed reading, speed math can help students finish their homework faster and with more precision. Additionally, learning this skill offers students a deeper understanding of mathematical

operations. A range of books on the subject, as well as online tutorials, can supplement classroom learning.

### Mnemonics

So much of school testing involves the need for recall and recitation, especially as schools nationwide adopt Common Core Standards. Mnemonics are a classic and effective method of memorization and information retention. Depending on the material, students can turn to existing mnemonic devices or create their own.

### Positive Thinking

"I consider myself to be very lucky. I have been happy all my life even though I started out as poor as a child could be," said Edelson, who says positivity can lend itself to success. "Take control of your senses, determine to be happy and develop a frame of mind that will make you and all those around you happy."

For an edge this semester, don't reinvent the wheel. Consider first the academic techniques and personal philosophies that have worked so well for others.

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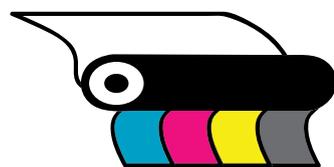


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# Putnam County Exec. Odell's mother, Muriel Hicks, dies at 76

Muriel Edith (nee Helwig) Hicks, the mother of Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, died at the age of 76, surrounded by her family at Putnam Hospital Center on Tuesday, night, Aug. 4. She was a Somers resident, who was formerly of Carmel and a Yonkers native.

"My mother was an amazing woman who will always be with us," said Odell. "My sisters and I are the women we are today because of the love that she showed us and the values she instilled in us. My siblings and I are a reflection of our parents. My brother Brian is a family man who respects women, as does our dad. She taught all of us the importance of family, faith, integrity and hard work. My mother took her role in the family very seriously. She taught us not to let the past dictate the future; if you want something you have to go out there and get it."

Muriel Edith Helwig was born on Aug. 27, 1938 in Yonkers, to the late Henry Jr. and Mary (O'Neil) Helwig. She was the oldest of three children.

On Nov. 8, 1959, Muriel Helwig married Ronald F. Hicks at the Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Yonkers.

As a child, she attended The School of Our Lady of the Rosary and graduated high school from Sacred Heart High School in 1956.

Prior to becoming a mother, Mrs. Hicks worked in the business office of New York



A photo of Muriel Hicks with her husband, children and a couple of her grandchildren. Pictured in the back row from left to right: Brian Hicks, Hope Odell, Michelle Hicks, Laura Hicks, MaryEllen Odell, David Odell Jr. In the front row from left to right: Muriel Hicks and Ronald Hicks.

Telephone Company in Yonkers.

In 1963, Ronald and Muriel Hicks moved to Putnam County with their two daughters MaryEllen and Michelle. In their Carmel home they added two more children to the family, Laura and Brian.

While Ronald Hicks worked at Consolidated Edison, Muriel's main focus was on raising their children.

"My mother was in charge of raising four kids and keeping the house in order," said Odell. "It was her job and she was devoted to it. My mother had a very low

tolerance and had high expectations. She taught us to have a thick skin so we could take care of ourselves, but to also have a big heart so we can take care of others."

Once she returned to the workforce, Mrs. Hicks was a unit secretary at Putnam Hospital Center.

A devout Catholic she was a parishioner at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel for over 50 years.

"The family is very grateful for the compassion and support of our pastor, Fr. Sorgie," said Odell. "The family would

also like to acknowledge His Eminence Cardinal Dolan for his visits and hours of 'chats' they shared. We are eternally grateful; he gave her so much peace."

In addition to her husband Ronald of 56 years, Mrs. Hicks is survived by her children, MaryEllen (David) Odell of Carmel, Michelle Hicks (Ralph) of Carmel, Laura Hicks (Gary Prato) of Croton Falls and Brian (Stacey) Hicks of Pound Ridge; grandchildren, Hope, David, Connor, Aidan and Logan; as well as her brothers Michael Helwig and Gerald Helwig.

Visitation were held at Cargain Funeral Home on Sunday, Aug. 9 and a Christian Mass was celebrated on Monday, Aug. 10 at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel.

"The family extends a special thank you to the Mount Kisco Medical Infusion Center and the wonderful staff who cared for our mother during her treatments," said Odell. "And of course a very special thank you goes to all those at Putnam Hospital Center and Putnam Hospital Center Hospice Care. Our mother was in the very best hands with all her friends and colleagues."

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd # 300, Tarrytown, NY 10591 or Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

## An Anecdotal Discussion of Capitalism and the Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

Much has been written about the one-percenters in America as the polarization of wealth in our nation continues to get wider. However, this division of wealth is not a recent phenomenon. The one-percenters have dominated America's social, financial and economic landscape ever since the days of the Founding Fathers.

As the United States evolved from an agrarian economy to an industrial nation, this polarization continued. As the Robber Barons wielded their clout from the late 19th century through the early 20th century, distinct demographic classes arose, creating opportunities for many at the lower end of the spectrum to become entrepreneurs - all under the thumb of big business.

After World War II, a clearly defined middle class arose and the American Dream was born, affording millions of Americans the opportunity to create their own wealth through business ownership. The entrepreneurs of the late 20th century succeeded as no generation

before them.

Today, it seems a new billionaire is created every month, as social media and the internet-of-things create unique opportunities.

This history of wealth creation has permeated many industries as our country emerged as a world economic and political power. From coal mining, to the building of massive production plants, to the pervasiveness of financial instruments, to the never imagined applications of sophisticated technology, the United States remains the dominant economic force in the world.

One industry where this evolution has had fits and starts, rather than meteoric rises, is the wine industry. Most likely because there is a lack of structural mass as well as an historically influential temperance subculture, individual wineries and their owners have not garnered the interest of the wealthy, nor enjoyed the successes of other products.

Certainly there are many wealthy patrons of winemaking, but these interests are typically avocational rather than vocational.

Unlike the behemoths created by the entrepreneurial likes of John D.

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Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Larry Page, wine companies in the 21st century are monolithic corporate machines, sans warm flesh. Many popular wineries lack the capital

and/or scale to compete with the corporate aggregators that control the wine industry.

So it was with interest that I noted the finances of two winemaking operations in recent weeks. Although I have been focusing on the consolidation within the United States wine industry that has taken place over the last 10 years, the polarization within the industry seems to be growing at an accelerated pace.

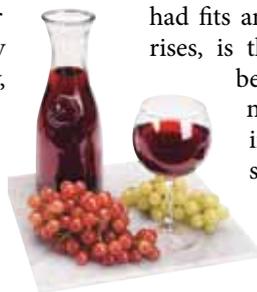
Joe Wagner built a fledgling wine operation into a major force in just a few short years. Last month he sold his Meiomis brand to Constellations Brands, further solidifying their position in the top three wine companies in the United States. Ironically, the astounding \$315 million his brand fetched was just that - a brand name. Meiomis owns no prized vineyards, purchasing their grapes instead. Does this sound like a stereotypical 21st century asset-challenged company? Or just another case of a promising entrepreneur selling out to the rising tide of centralized capitalism?

andro Boscaini is the head of Masi

Agricola, a famous Italian producer of an eponymous Amarone wine. Seeing an opportunity in today's heady equity markets, last week he seized the opportunity for an initial public offering of his company's stock. As the sixth generation progenitor of his family's business, he decided to monetize a portion of the family's wealth, presumably to continue to grow the tradition and quality of Masi wines. The valuation? Over \$160 million. The ownership percentage retained by the Masi family, 80 percent. The funds raised for the benefit of the family's shareholders, over \$32 million. Here is an example of the optimization of a brand name, and the retention of the entrepreneurial spirit and control of the founding family.

Corporate behemoths and wealthy entrepreneurs. They exist in all industries. A few hearty wine souls are pursuing divergent paths to attain their financial dream; capitalism continues to thrive through it all.

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# What's Trending in Exterior House Colors? Certainly Not White!

The caller was interested in an historic Sears-Roebuck Catalogue house I have listed in North White Plains, but he wanted to make sure that it was not "purple" as he said it appeared to him online. "If it's purple, I'm not interested," he said. "Because to me, purple means 'death.'"

"It's a very nice blue-grey, and not purple, I can assure you," I affirmed.

"It sure looks purple in the photograph," he persisted.

This is not going to be a phone call based on objectivity, I thought, so why not go along with it and give the guy the kind of playful discourse he was obviously seeking. I continued the discussion by pointing out that some people consider purple the color of royalty, and I told him about a celebrated house in my hometown of Yorktown painted totally in shades of purple, which is owned by a retired couple who are very lively indeed.

For years I've wanted to get the inside



By Bill Primavera

story about the place, but the owners have always declined my request, saying they prefer enjoying their distinctive taste in private.

Again I thought of exterior colors for houses when I noted online a survey done by Sears Weatherbeater Paints that surprisingly revealed that 40 percent of those polled prefer white as an exterior house color. What? How could that be, I pondered, unless the survey were conducted in 1890. Either that, or it was skewed toward the Deep South or the West Coast. Certainly, around here, that couldn't be the case.

I confirmed my hunch with Miracle Home Improvements in Croton-on-Hudson, which specializes in siding with vinyl and fiber cement products. Owner Mary Sniffen told me: "The most popular exterior colors trending for siding now are the deeper browns like a shade called Timber Bark and the grey blues. Very rarely has anyone asked for white. In fact, I can remember only one case in recent memory where white was chosen."

The same goes for house painting. I called my painter Joe Pascarelli who estimates that he's painted 25 house exteriors over the past year and not a single

homeowner has asked for white. "There are two colors from Benjamin Moore I've been recommending lately that my clients really like," he said. "A lighter color called Brandy Cream is a sort of tan and a deeper color is Charcoal Slate, which I combine with a white trim called Chantilly Lace. It makes a terrific combination."

The strongest impression this year for outdoor painting overall seems to be blue, chosen in a recent survey by House Beautiful as the favorite color of 29 percent of those polled by the magazine.

Interestingly, 77 percent of the magazine's readers say that they are now painting, have just finished painting or are planning to paint something in the next six months. This makes sense considering that a paint job is the best fixer-upper project for the least amount of money.

The "gurus" of real estate like me recommend thinking one way about exterior house paint if you plan to "stay put" and another way if you plan to market your home for sale. If you want to make a bold statement with a rich, deep color like red or plum, which might be quite daring if you're in an Arts and Crafts or Victorian house, it is fine to express your individuality to your heart's content. But such a strong statement can thwart your chances at attracting a buyer who may be put off with so personalized a statement.

It is recommended that your color

choice be more neutral when it's time to paint for resale with lighter tones of tan, clay, cream, gray or beige, with shades of white best used on the trim. You can incorporate a splash of color by painting the door a contrasting, deeper tone, like red or deep blue.

Some years ago, I made a proclamation that every front door should be painted red for its feng shui benefits, even going so far as to recommend a particular color, Benjamin Moore Burgundy. Since then, I've received the most flattering feedback from readers who have followed my advice. And many times when I am called to list a house and find that its front door has been painted red, I know that I've found a true believer like me.

For more information about vinyl or fiber cement siding, ask for Mary Sniffen at Miracle Home Improvement at 914-271-9119. For information about house painting, call Joe Pascarelli at 914-330-3889.

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# Croquet Champ Instructs AotL, Sedgewood Club Beginners

Croquet, a traditional backyard sport that has been played for more than 140 years, is receiving some notoriety in the Town of Kent as Sedgewood Club resident Mike Gibbons offers lessons in Nine Wicket Croquet to approximately a dozen enthusiasts. The students are comprised of Sedgewood Club residents and members of the recently formed Arts on the Lake Croquet Team. The group met on a practice green behind the driving range of the Sedgewood Club's golf course. The lesson was one of a series of tutorials Gibbons is planning to hold this summer.

For those who may think that croquet, the lawn game where players smack wooden mallets against colorful wooden balls and through a series of nine narrow wickets, is a gentle sport, think again. The team playing strategies introduced by Gibbons during this lesson were eye-opening. While croquet is often recalled as a genteel Victorian era pastime of the wealthy, it is truly no game for the weak-hearted or introverted. Actually, it's rather cut-throat. Polite for sure, but cut-throat.

A search into the history of the playing of croquet turns up some very interesting and amusing stories.

In Hollywood, in its day, croquet played a major role in the lives of movie studio moguls and actors. In his article, "The Wicket Men of Hollywood" written in 1956, author James Murray quoted Daryl Zanuck, then the 20th Century-Fox production chief, and - who knew? - a "fierce and dedicated player."

When Zanuck was having lunch with several croquet buddies, one happened to mention that he had played the game "as a kid." That set Zanuck into a tirade about the manner of play as Zanuck perceived it.



PHOTO BY JEFF LANGLOIS

Mike Gibbons and Cynthia Gibbons co-chair the Croquet Hall of Fame Gala in Palm Beach, Florida.

"It's not the same game," he shouted. "It's an absolutely different game. That's just the trouble. It's a different game and everybody thinks it's a kid's game or an old ladies' game, or some damn thing!"

According to Murray, croquet seems to have become a popular game in the East in the mid 1920's. Among its avid enthusiasts of the game once described as played with "high wickets and hot tempers" was Averell Harriman, the 52nd governor of New York.

Gibbons and his wife, Cynthia, who spend their winters in Florida, were introduced to the game of croquet by an elderly Sedgewood Club resident years ago. Gibbons admitted he had never played croquet while growing up in the



PHOTO BY M. COLLINS

Mike Gibbons, left, instructs croquet students recently at the Sedgewood Club in Kent. From left to right are Arts on the Lake President Bob Bradley, and Sedgewood Club residents Heather McRay and Beth Schmidt.

Bronx, but said Cynthia had played the game occasionally as a child growing up in St. Louis. Each became fascinated with the genteel looking sport.

"Cynthia and I decided to sign up for croquet lessons in Palm Beach about 35 years ago," Gibbons said. "After that we were hooked. We then started entering croquet tournaments which were held in beautiful venues such as Napa, Scottsdale, Greenwich, Southampton, and Newport and often in Palm Beach, Florida," he said.

Over the next several decades, the couple not only played in and won many major croquet tournaments. Gibbons was even elected to the sport's Hall of Fame.

"I was inducted into the US Croquet

Hall of Fame in 1999 at the Meadow Club in Southampton, L.I. and was the United States Senior Champion two years ago," Gibbons, the former executive vice-president and general manager of the Fashion Group of Estee Lauder said.

While still active players, the couple has devoted much of their time to serving on boards and co-chairing croquet fundraising events.

"Cynthia and I co-chair the Croquet Hall of Fame Gala and Induction each year in Palm Beach. I serve as the Executive VP of the National Croquet Center in Palm Beach and Cynthia has served on the Board for many years. Cynthia was also the Chairman of the Croquet Gallery and Archives in Palm Beach."

No lolling idly on the beach for this busy couple.

What plan do the Gibbons have for croquet in Putnam?

"We are now coaching both the Sedgewood Club members and the AOTL croquet players. We hope to have the Gypsy Trail croquet players compete against us eventually. And our goal is to have Sedgewood host the Putnam County croquet championships eventually," he said.

But back to the summer program of lessons where the rules for team play are being taught. While nary an unsociable word was uttered by Gibbons or any of his students, hard core strategies for advancing one's team were definitely, if not politely, explored.

"Right now, I want my students to learn how to use their opponents' balls to advance their own team before destroying the opponent. But I will be teaching them when to send their opponent to the far boundary line," Gibbons said with a smile.

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Paul D'Errico Celebrated his new State Farm office recently with a ribbon cutting attended by friends and family. Two of D'Errico's employees are Michael Cavallero and Taylor Williams and his family consists of wife Francine, and sons Nicholas, Vincent and Anthony.

# Nimham Powwow Benefits Wounded in 15th Annual Festival

This year marks the 15th anniversary of Putnam County's popular annual Native American festival known as the Daniel Nimham Intertribal Pow Wow. Named after the Wappinger Chief who led his warriors in the service of the American Revolution, The Nimham Mountain Singers of Kent Lakes, founded the Nimham Pow Wow 15 years ago to create awareness and appreciation for the original inhabitants of the Hudson Valley and New York State. The proud Wappinger Indians lived throughout Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties in eastern New York State. Fighting alongside the Patriots, they helped push the British out of Boston, fought at Monmouth and other important Revolutionary War battles and were instrumental in helping the colonials win their war of independence. Father and son, Daniel and Abraham Nimham, along with 40 Wappinger and Stockbridge Indians lost their lives at the battle of Cortlandt's Ridge in the Bronx during an ambush in August of 1778.

Three years ago The Wappinger Memorial was completed with donations from the public attending the Nimham Pow Wows and stands as the only permanent monument in the Hudson Valley to honor Native Americans and their veterans.



Every year the Daniel Nimham Intertribal Pow Wow is a veterans memorial community event for the whole family, with portions of the proceeds having gone to Tower of Hope, which provides trained service dogs for veterans, and the Wounded Warrior Project, which supports wounded veterans and their families through programming. This year the Nimham Pow Wow organizers have chosen Semper Fi Odyssey to also receive benefits from the Pow Wow.

Semper Fi Odyssey, founded and run by Major General Tom Jones USMC (Ret.), is the U.S.' only holistic transition process for the wounded Marines, Sailors and Soldiers who are nearing discharge from the Wounded Warrior Regiments, both east and west coast. ([http://www.outdoorodyssey.org/?page\\_id=1056](http://www.outdoorodyssey.org/?page_id=1056)) Located in Boswell, Pennsylvania, and gaining traction nationwide as a phenomenal program, Semper Fi Odyssey has teamed with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center on a ground breaking program known as TEAM TBI, which holds enormous positive ramifications for our warriors suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), as well as for injuries sustained in sports and in vehicular accidents. Gil Tarbox, an Army veteran and a co-founder of the Daniel Nimham Intertribal Pow Wow, learned first-hand from one of Semper Fi Odyssey's USMC veteran volunteer Team Leaders, John Folchetti USMC (Lt. Col, Ret.) living in Putnam County, about the transformative program with over 1200 wounded, injured, or ill active duty and veteran service members having attended 45 of the Semper Fi Odyssey transition program's week-long conferences since 2008. Semper Fi Odyssey is a six-day, holistic transition-assistance event with a curriculum designed to get participants ready for life after military service while preparing them for success. The veteran Team Leaders, many of whom have walked in the same shoes as the participants, are carefully screened volunteer business professionals who have successfully transitioned out of the military and into the civilian workplace. As well as classroom time, there are team cohesion building activities that include outdoor climbing, zip lines, yoga, and other forms of physical exercise. Due to the generosity of Semper Fi Fund donors, and partners and volunteers, the Semper Fi Odyssey program is provided at no expense to the participants: our transitioning, active duty injured service members and veterans. Accordingly, Semper Fi Odyssey is a collaborative effort to give back to our men and women who have honorably worn the uniform. Semper

Fi Odyssey is the only program of its kind in the nation and the Pow Wow organizers are proud to be able to bring attention to and to support Semper Fi Odyssey. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Semper Fi Odyssey booth at the Pow Wow to learn more, speak to volunteers in the program, and get your raffle ticket chance on a basket of goodies.

The 15th Annual Daniel Nimham Intertribal Pow-Wow Grand Entry begins each day at noon; the Park gates open at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Drum performances include the Host Drum - Nimham Mountain Singers, Red Storm Drum & Dance Troupe from Staten Island, Pretty Elk Singers from NE Pennsylvania, Northern Light from New England, and Voices of the Grove from upstate NY. There will be Native American drumming, social and specialty dancing, storytelling in the teepee, food vendors, arts & crafts vendors, pony rides on Sunday, and both days have Skyhunters in Flight birds of prey show, a bouncy castle, and Grammy nominated award winning flutist, Joseph Firecrow, and more. 100.7 WHUD DJ Mike Bennett will be at the Pow Wow Saturday Aug. 15 from noon - 2 p.m. with a raffle for dinner and a show for two to Westchester's Broadway Theater. A hand-drum competition will be held Saturday night at 7 p.m. with the public welcome to attend, with Pow Wow festivities closing Sunday Aug. 16th at 5 p.m. Sponsors include the I Love NY, New York State Council on the Arts, Putnam Arts Council, and H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment. All donations are welcome: portions of net proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) and local Brewster, veteran-led Semper Fi Odyssey ([http://www.outdoorodyssey.org/?page\\_id=1056](http://www.outdoorodyssey.org/?page_id=1056)). A \$20 donation at the Pow Wow and Park entry gate enables the giver to receive a thankyou gift. Admission and Parking are free.

For more information, visit [www.nimham.com](http://www.nimham.com) or call Gil Tarbox at 845-225-8154.

# Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at [nikki@theexaminernews.com](mailto:nikki@theexaminernews.com)

**Volunteers Wanted:** If you like to cook, if you are organized, or if you just like to work with others, Putnam CAP can use your help. CAP is seeking volunteers to assist with the Soup Kitchen, the Food Pantry and general office tasks. Volunteers should be willing to commit to a regular schedule in order that these ongoing programs can run uninterrupted. No experience necessary, just a willingness to work for the benefit of others. Call Mary at the CAP office at 845-278-8021 ext.

**Art on Display:**

**The Vision of One, The Power of Two, Champions of Millions.** August 29 through November 8, 2015. The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center

**Monday August 24**

**How to spot and protect yourself from a psychopath.** The Kent Public Library will be hosting a presentation by a member of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy on Monday, August 24th from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. entitled "How to spot and protect yourself from a psychopath". A member of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy will recount her experiences and lessons learned from living with two psychopaths. Her presentation is intended to equip you with some tools to help spot a psychopath – the most dangerous personality disorder known. Her work has been featured in libraries and curriculums of major universities in the United States and abroad. Most recently, her work was accepted into the collection of the Leninka Library, Russia's Library of Congress, to help psychiatrists, researchers and lay people better understand the impact of

psychopaths in everyday life. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

**Saturday, September 12**

**Defensive Driving at Kent Library.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at Kent Public Library at 17 Sybil's Crossing in Kent Lakes. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. The cost is \$40, with a portion benefiting the library. Registration is required at [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or call 845-225-8585.

**Auditions**

**Spotlight Arts** will be holding open auditions for the Rick Abbot comedy, Play On! Auditions will take place on Monday, August 17th & Tuesday, August 18th from 7-9pm at the Studio Around the Corner 67 Main Street, Brewster. A one-minute comedic monologue should be prepared and memorized for the audition. If cast, \$150 tuition fee is required to participate in this educational program.. Rehearsals are Wednesday s from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with performances October 16th & 17th. Students, ages 11 – 18, should schedule their audition appointment online at [www.SpotlightArtsInc.com](http://www.SpotlightArtsInc.com).

**Ongoing:**

**Nature's Jewels Exhibit** at the Kent Library An exhibit of nature photography by Susan Bores, entitled "Nature's Jewels", will be on display from

July 1 to July 30 at the Kent Public Library. The exhibition, sponsored by the Friends of the Kent Public Library, brings together images taken from nature that inspire, resemble, or are inherently jewels. Marge's Knitting Circle" will be offered July 22 and Aug. 26, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at Support Connection, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights.

**Cancer Support Available:**

**Support Connection, Inc.,** a not-for profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, offers a wide range of free support groups women with breast and ovarian cancer. Groups focus on topics pertaining to living with cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment. They are offered in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess, and by toll-free teleconference. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org). Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Save the Date:**

**Eat Smart Restaurant Week** returns from September 27th – October 11th. Enjoy delicious and healthy meals that are low in calories, fat, and salt at participating restaurants during the two-week period. Over 40 local food establishments are planning to participate, according to the Putnam County Department of Health, which partners with the eateries. For more information and the list of participating restaurants visit <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/lhp/esrw/>.

**Wednesday, August 12**

**Mahopac Public Library** will host a 6-hour Defensive Driving Class: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Led by Jack Coxen, this Defensive Driving Insurance Reduction class consists of a series of films and discussion about driving attitudes and behaviors. It is designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Completion of the class may result in a 10% liability insurance discount to the principal operator, as well as a maximum of four points off the driver's violation record. The cost is \$45 per person, and \$35 for seniors 65+. Register in advance with course fee at the Information Desk at Mahopac Public Library. For further information call Mahopac Library at 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**Our Town: Patterson During the 50s & 60s:** Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson: "Our Town: Patterson During the 50s & 60s. 7 p.m. The Patterson Historical Society takes you back in time to Patterson in the 1950s & 60s at the viewing and discussion of Our Town, a film capturing the town's history and people during that era. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome if space allows. To register or for more information, visit us online at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program.

**Saturday, August 15**

**15th Annual Nimham Pow Wow in Carmel:** noon– 5 p.m. Putam Co. Veterans Mem. Park, 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. Native American foods, Arts & crafts vendors, story telling in the Tee Pee, Birds of prey, Pony rides, bouncy house, Hand drum competition Sat. night, Public welcome. Host Drum Nimham Mountain Singers, Cohost Drum Red Storm drum and dance troupe, Honoring our Veterans. Website [www.nimham.com](http://www.nimham.com).

**Fab 4 Beatles Music Festival in Danbury:** noon – 8 p.m. Ives Concert Park, 43 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury, C.T Danbury Fields Forever Beatles Music Festival featuring 10 bands, art, crafts, vendors and non-stop music. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Beatles' historic Shea Stadium concert (August 15 1965). Fun for all ages. Website [www.fab4musicfestival.com](http://www.fab4musicfestival.com) Contact E-mail [liverpooltours@aol.com](mailto:liverpooltours@aol.com)

**Sunday, August 16**  
**Music:** 4 p.m. John Abercrombie, guitar and Marc Copland, piano. Originals and standard jazz repertoire. Admission is free, contributions are welcome. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY (845) 265-5537.

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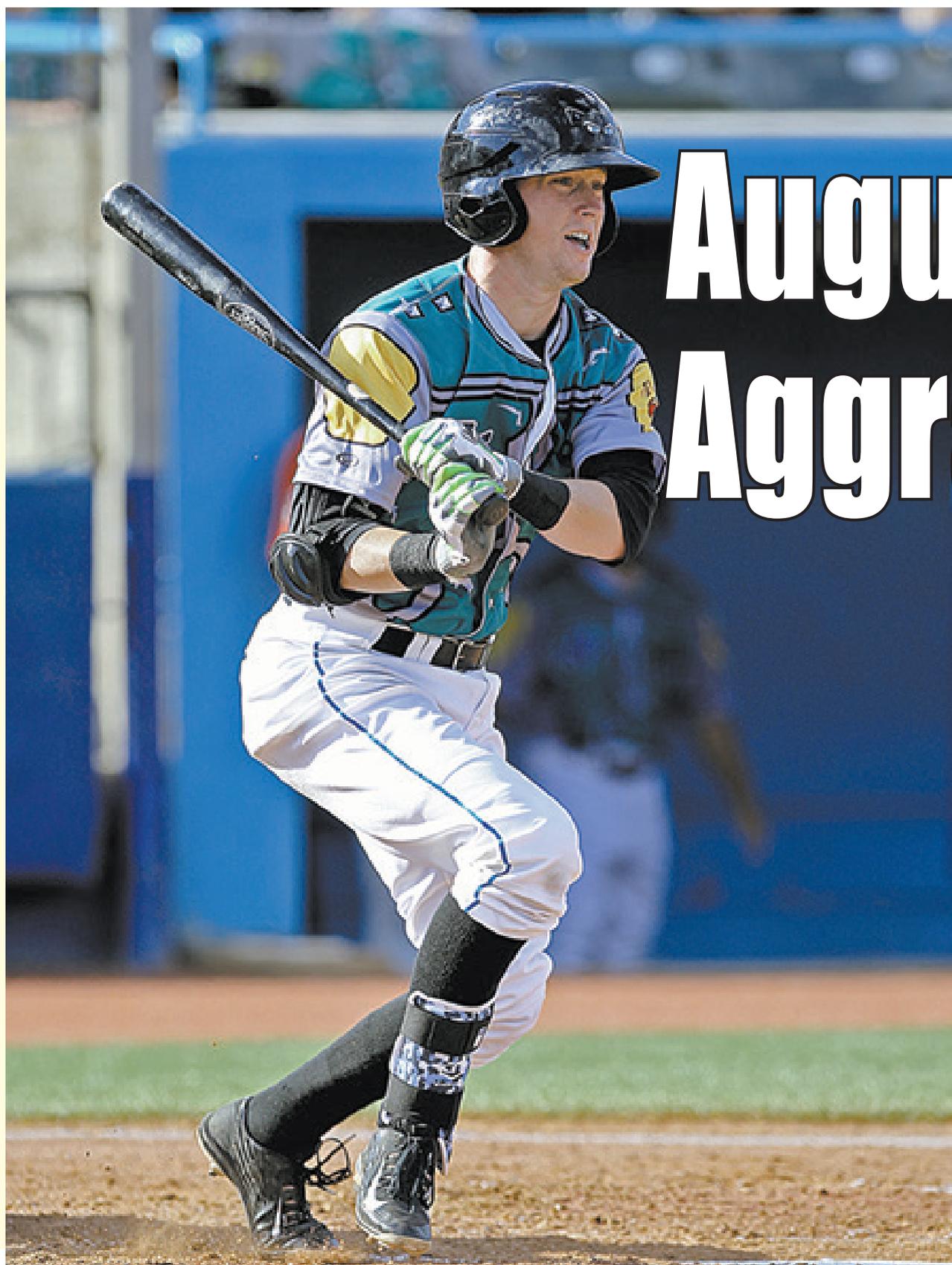
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# August Aggravation

August hasn't been kind to the slumping Hudson Valley Renegades, losing 7 of 9 games so far the month. The struggles continued last weekend when the 'Gades lost three straight games. One bright spot though, was Jake Cronenworth who had five hits over his past three games. See inside sports for more.

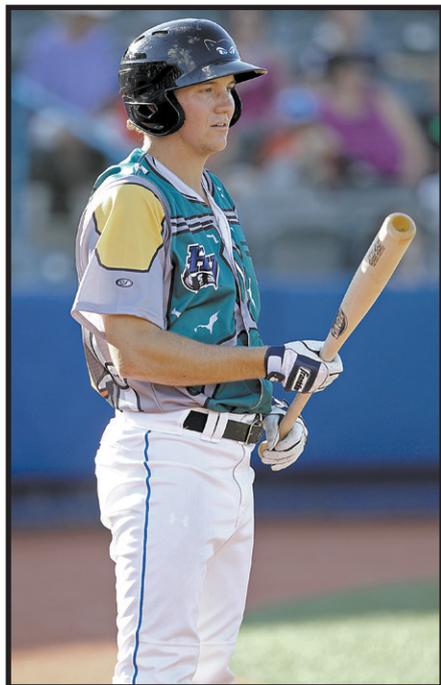
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## Sports

# Renegades Squander an Early Lead and Lose to Staten Island

By Monica D'Ippolito

An impressive outing on the mound by Hudson Valley Renegades starter Benton Moss was wasted after the 'Gades' bullpen surrendered a four-run advantage just before the seventh-inning stretch at Dutchess Stadium on Friday evening.



A 9-16 home record has left Michael Russell and his Renegades teammates with something to ponder.

The visiting Staten Island Yankees erupted for four runs in the seventh against Justin McCalvin, who had just taken over for Moss, and went on to defeat the Renegades 6-4 in front of a crowd of 5119. A two-out, two-run triple by Junior Valera brought home the tying and go-ahead runs and helped send slumping



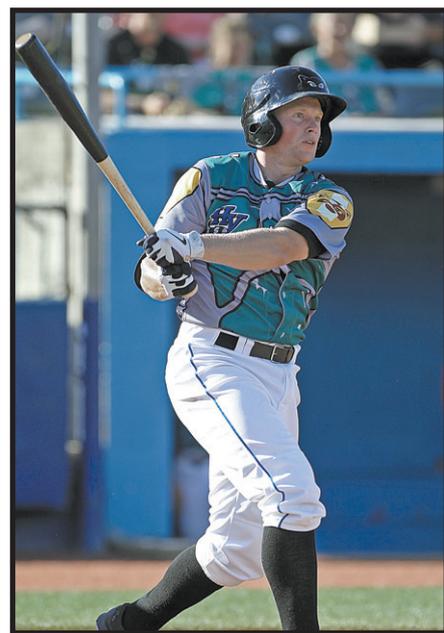
The Renegades' Danny De La Calle runs toward third base in Sunday's 3-2 loss to Aberdeen.

Hudson Valley to another disappointing loss.

The Yankees' big inning began with leadoff batter Jhalen Jackson striking out swinging, but reaching first when catcher Josh Rapacz couldn't handle the pitch in the dirt. One out later, Zack Zehner drew a base on balls and Brandon Wagner followed with an RBI single to center. Another hit to center scored Zehner, moving Staten Island to within 4-3.

McCalvin then yielded a single up the middle by Jeff Hendrix, but the Renegades maintained their lead as center fielder Angel Moreno gunned down Wagner, at the plate. Valero then delivered his big triple, giving Staten Island a lead it held the rest of the evening.

"He (McCalvin) gets a strikeout and our catcher misses it and they get a guy



Alex Schmidt of the Renegades sends a pitch down the line in right field.

on base," said Hudson Valley manager Tim Parenton, looking back on the fateful seventh inning. "Then they hit a ground ball and it just gets by our second basemen, glove side, which could have been a double play to get us out of the inning. Then they put the ball in play and hit it. That's what happens."

McCalvin's night was done after the inning, and his stat line read four hits against, four runs given up, with one walk and a strikeout in the blown save.

"Well, it was his turn," Parenton said when asked about his decision to bring in McCalvin to start the seventh inning. "We have a rotation we use for our bullpen. Whoever has the most rest goes next. He had the most rest and he was up tonight."

Cristopher Crisostomo started the eighth inning for the Renegades and gave up a pair of hits, including a run-scoring single to Zehner that gave Staten Island



Leadoff hitter Jake Cronenworth had two hits Sunday and now tops the Renegades with a .318 batting average.

some insurance.

Before the last three innings began, the Renegades had been dominating Staten Island. Moss tossed six innings, using 66 pitches — 52 of which were strikes — and yielded just one run and three hits, while striking out eight batters.

"He had all three working tonight, his fastball, curveball and changeup," Parenton said of Moss. "He did a good job through six innings. When he hit his pitch count, we had to take him out. We have a set plan, given to us to the Tampa Bay Rays, and that's how it works for us."

The Hudson Valley offense started off hitting well, getting all eight of its hits within the first six innings. With the game scoreless in the bottom of the third, the Renegades got a one-out single to right from Josh Rapacz. Michael Russell bounced into a force out, then moved to third base on a single by Matt Dacey. Manny Sanchez soon knocked in the game's first run as he caromed an infield hit off of pitcher Derek Callahan.

The Renegades struck for three more runs an inning later after Montes led off by reaching on an error. One out later, he scored on a triple off the bat of Moreno. The 'Gades then got back-to-back RBI doubles from Oscar Sanay and Rapacz to stretch their lead to 4-0.

Staten Island finally got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth as

Wagner, who finished the evening 4-for-4, belted a one-out triple and came home on a sacrifice fly to center field by Alexander. After the game-changing seventh inning when they took the lead, the Yankees' bullpen shut down the Hudson Valley offense, retiring the last 14 Renegades batters.

"Their pitchers had a lot to do with that," Parenton conceded about the hitless streak that followed the sixth inning. "They made a pitching change and the two pitchers that they brought in (James Reeves and Josh Roeder) are two good guys for them. We tried to put the ball in play. We hit some balls right at them and that's what happens."

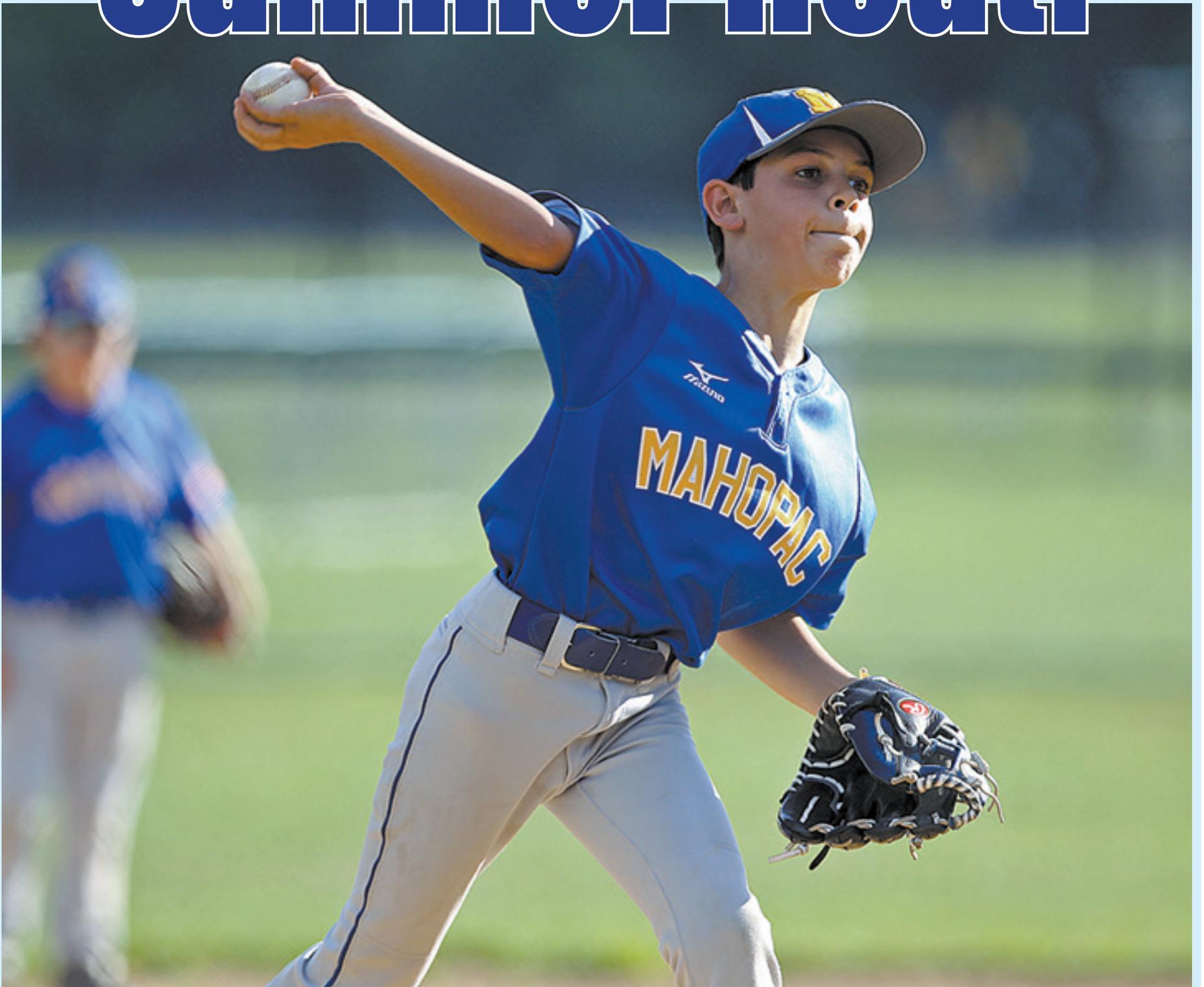
**EXTRA INNINGS:** The Renegades are now 22-26 after concluding their week with a road loss to Staten Island on Saturday and a home loss to the Aberdeen IronBirds Sunday afternoon. They 'Gades have slipped from first to last place in the New York-Penn League's McNamara Division by dropping seven of their last 10 games. They are 13-10 this season on the road, but just 9-16 at Dutchess Stadium.



The Renegades' Michael Velasquez pitches in Sunday's 3-2 loss to Aberdeen at Dutchess Stadium.

Leadoff batter Jake Cronenworth had a pair of hits in Sunday's 3-2 loss to Aberdeen and now paces the team with a .318 batting average. Montes had a two-run double in the sixth inning for the 'Gades, but their rally fell short. Hudson Valley concludes its three-game home series with the IronBirds tonight (Tuesday) at 7:05. The only other Renegades home game this week is Saturday night against the Brooklyn Cyclones, also at 7:05.

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