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Vet Service Office in County Restored by NYS

By David Propper

The New York State Division for Veterans Affairs in Putnam County was restored last Friday after the state originally discontinued office hours for local veterans in need of services.

An email from the director of NYS division for veteran affairs, Eric Hesse, to the county's Veterans Service Agency director, Karl Rohde, confirmed office hours are back on with a representative starting this week.

The office hours will remain as they were before the state temporarily shut the office down with a service officer available in Putnam Monday and Friday each week.

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney was a critical part in getting the Putnam veterans state office up and running again. In a press release, Maloney said with the

help of County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Rohde, he was able to successfully appeal to Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Maloney called Veterans Service Agency deputy director Art Hanley a short time before the email was sent to Rohde to let him know the office would be saved. Maloney thanked both Cuomo and Odell for being "team players" that worked to protect the veterans agency.

"It really doesn't matter where you live--if you're a veteran you should have somebody right in your community who can go to bat to help get the benefits you've earned," Maloney said.

Odell, who also made noise about losing the office, said she was pleased to see the office hours revived. The Republican had discussed the lost office with Maloney,

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Maloney Discusses Variety of Issues in Cold Spring

By Neal Rentz

Health care, climate change, tax reform and Donald Trump's presidency were among the wide range of issues Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney discussed Sunday with his 18th District

"We have to start to talk to people who don't agree with us," Maloney said.

While Maloney said he enjoys listening to people who share many of his beliefs, such as MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, Americans too often limit themselves



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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney at his town hall meeting at Haldane Elementary School in Cold Spring on Sunday.

Four Mahopac Eagle Scouts Honored



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Troop 371 celebrated last month the achievement of four of its scouts who completed the requirements for advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at Four Brothers to present the award to Mitchell Clark, Robert Kick, Chris Horan and Zachary O'Neill. Each of these scouts earned merit badges in 21 subjects areas, served in leadership positions in the troop, planned, developed and carried out a community service project and actively participated in troop meetings, activities, summer camp and year round camping trips for many years. Each scout pursued different ventures to improve the community. For more on their projects, go to page 18.

constituents at Haldane Elementary School in his residence of Cold Spring

"There's a lot going on in Washington," Maloney told the roughly 30 residents who attended Sunday's event.

The gathering capped a weekend of four "Speak with Sean" town halls held in Maloney's district.

One resident, who only gave her first name of Carol, expressed her fears about the Trump Administration. Since the president's election last fall, she's called the experience a "nightmare." While Maloney said he shared her concerns about many of Trump's policies, "The number one thing is don't lose faith."

Maloney said it was important to listen to different political points of view, which he has been doing in his district. Maloney said he is one of the few members of the House of Representatives who serves a competitive district. Maloney said he was elected even though Trump carried his district in November. In Putnam County, the president defeated Hillary Clinton by more than 20 points, Maloney said.

to media, including social media, which only mirror their personal ideology at the expense of other points of view. Though there are disagreements between members of both major political parties, there is common ground on such issues as the need for more jobs and economic growth, Maloney said.

Another resident, who only gave her first name, Constantina, said legislation to approve a single payer health care system has been approved by the New York State Assembly recently and only needs approval from the state Senate, which has a small GOP majority. Maloney said the legislation has not been approved by the state Senate for years.

Maloney said he opposed the health care changes approved by the House of Representatives and being considered by the Senate. Though Republicans in Washington for years have said they would overturn the Affordable Care Act or "Obamacare," many Americans are realizing how negative the current GOP

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Odell Unveils Transportation Initiative at PV Meeting

By Anna Young

County Executive MaryEllen Odell announced an initiative to improve transportation throughout the county during Putnam Valley's Town Board meeting last Wednesday.

Wanting to provide transit opportunities for veterans, seniors and the disabled, while also appealing to the younger generation, Odell revealed the county's plan to launch a commuter shuttle in January 2018.

"We've talked a lot about mobility being a very important factor in our lives here in Putnam County," Odell said during the

'We've got to keep people moving expeditiously for a whole host of reasons.'
County Executive
MaryEllen Odell

July 19 meeting. "Transportation desires have changed. We've got to keep people moving expeditiously for a whole host of reasons."

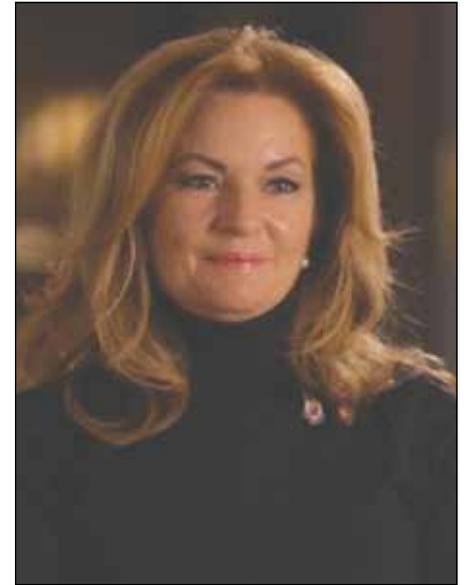
While the county has provided transit options for residents, Odell said several were unaware due to the uninviting nature of the busses. She cited county legislators for gaining federal funding to see this project through.

With details still being sorted out, Odell said the shuttle would provide about five stops throughout the day and night with service to the Peekskill train station.

"I think it would be prudent to ask the communities input on the locations to assist us and making sure we've hit the hubs where the community most accessible at the ease of parking and access," Odell said. "Keeping Putnam Valley on our radar is very important to



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Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio



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County Executive MaryEllen Odell

us."

Odell also stressed the importance of promoting the shuttle in order to gain the interest of residents in need of transportation, stating how the program won't succeed if the ridership isn't there. She is also working with county officials and a transportation task force to make sure the shuttle is effective for residents.

"Let's put the pedal to the floor and see

where we land with this," Odell added.

Community members had a positive reaction to the county's initiative, including Supervisor Sam Oliverio who shared his support for the project. Oliverio and Odell actually ran against each other for county executive in 2014, with Odell winning easily.

"This is important," Oliverio said. "This is huge."

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Q: What occurs when I have a non-surgical facial procedure?

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plans would be including the proposed Medicaid cuts. The Medicaid program assists many Americans, including those addicted to drugs and children with special needs, he said.

Maloney agreed with some of the speakers' concerns about the importance of dealing with climate change. Maloney said he supported a tax on carbon with the money raised rebated to middle class and poor people. The tax would encourage the use of alternatives to fossil fuels, he said.

While he agreed with the plan to close the Indian Point, those working at the nuclear power plants currently needed to be assisted after they lose their jobs, he said.

Maloney said he wants to see tax reform come up. About \$1.4 trillion is lost through tax breaks and loopholes every year. While some of those, such as the deductibility of local taxes should be kept, Maloney said most loopholes should be

closed and tax rates lowered.

There needs to be major investments in infrastructure, Maloney said. The private sector cannot be expected to fund all infrastructure projects, which have been investments in the future of America, he said. Maloney said he was able to work with his colleagues to make sure some of the \$300 billion infrastructure bill approved by Congress last year will go to

capital projects in New York State.

Russia's involvement in last year's national election needs to continue to be investigated, Maloney said. He praised the work being done by Congressional committees looking into the matter and stressed the country needs to get to the bottom of what Russia did last year.

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a Democrat, during a Memorial Day ceremony in Brewster. She was told by Maloney he would do everything he could to get the state office back in the county.

According to a press release, she thanked Cuomo and Maloney. In an interview, she also noted Rohde and Hanley worked hard to see that the office was reopened.

"Mission number one in Putnam County has and always will be to make sure our veterans and their families are recognized and respected and treated with all of the dignity that they deserve," Odell said.

Rohde, in an interview, said before the office was reopened, the closest location veterans could go for assistance was Castle

Point in Dutchess County, which is a 50-mile round trip that can be difficult for veterans to reach. He thanked Maloney and Cuomo for bringing the office back.

While Rohde and Hanley are certified service officers, the two have other duties so they can't work in that capacity full-time.

One caveat is a new service officer will help Putnam veterans. Instead of Brennan Mahoney, the state will have Edwin Suarez as the new officer. Rohde commended Suarez, but noted Mahoney had an existing repertoire with many veterans from the area.

Rohde cautioned it's an ongoing battle to keep the state office available in county. He said this was the fourth time in four years the state tried to close the office and the county fought back and got it to

remain open.

"I'm expecting maybe next month," Rohde said, perhaps tongue in cheek, about fighting to ensure the office remains in the county.

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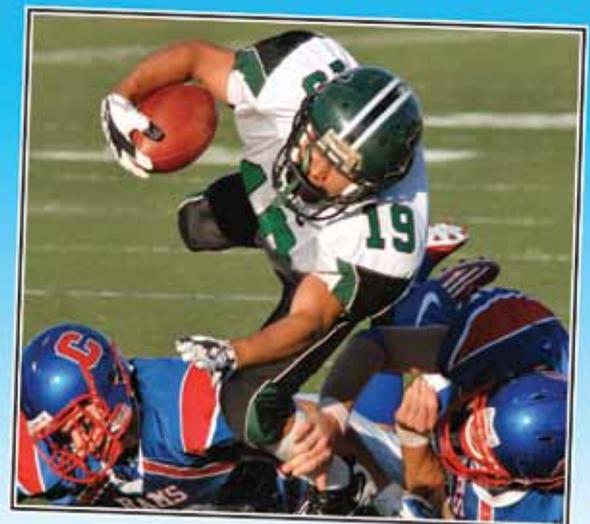
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Mahopac Teachers Union Addresses District Leadership Changes

By David Propper

Following the departure of one Mahopac school system principal and the future exit of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dennis Creedon, the Mahopac Teachers Association (MTA) spoke out about the constant change in leadership the district has faced.

In a long statement posted online by teachers' union president Thomas McMahon, the MTA suggested several ways the district could retain high-level administrators. McMahon pointed out the district will be looking for its fifth school chief in ten years, and third middle school principal in five years. Additionally, the district named its third high school principal this past spring in three years.

McMahon called the latest upheaval "not surprising."

"In addition to these major changes in administration, members of our board of education, as well as other supervisory personnel, have changed and do change annually," McMahon stated.

The MTA's post put on Facebook has been widely shared and most comments underneath the post have been supportive.

In the strongest part of the statement, McMahon listed several ways the district can keep a stable number of principals and district office leaders going forward. That list includes offering more regionally



MTA president Thomas McMahon

competitive salaries, considering applicants from the area that have a stake in the community, and allowing employees to work without overreach from higher-ups.

"Perhaps in the future, Mahopac will entrust those they hire to be allowed to do their jobs without micro-management. And just perhaps in the future, Mahopac will respect and reward those who have dedicated their professional lives to

'Perhaps in the future, Mahopac will entrust those they hire to be allowed to do their jobs without micro-management.'
- MTA president Thomas McMahon

this community and don't just consider Mahopac a temporary stop on their career path," McMahon said.

Creedon and Mahopac school board president Leslie Mancuco didn't return an email seeking comment on the post. Creedon announced earlier this month he was leaving Mahopac after the 2017-18 school year, finishing up his three-year contract. Middle School principal Vincent DiGrandi left the school recently to take a job in North Salem schools.

While there has been a carousel of administrators in Mahopac, McMahon said about 60 percent of MTA members have worked for the district for at least 16 years. He listed teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, speech therapists,



Superintendent Dr. Dennis Creedon is leaving after next school year.

nurses, psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists and others that have kept the school district stable.

"So, while superintendents, board members and administrators come and go," McMahon said. "MTA members are the unchanging element that makes Mahopac schools unwaveringly successful; after all, what makes an exceptional school district is not those that leave, but rather those that stay."

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Brewster Graduates Heard Using Racial Slur in Online Video

By David Propper

The Brewster community became ensnared in controversy last week when it was discovered students reportedly with Brewster High School roots were seen on a short video using a racial slur.

The video, posted by Baller Alert, showed students from Brewster using the n-word, according to an article in the New York Post. In the seven-second video, chants of the n-word are heard and then at the end of the video, one teen is heard saying "I f—ing hate n—ers."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning, who is African-American, said in a statement she was disappointed to see the racially charged video with former students in it.

"We repudiate the comments made by these individuals in the strongest possible terms. Knowing that these individuals attended a school district where values of equality and respect for all are fostered, it is disappointing to learn about this incident," Henning said. "We know that these attitudes are not reflective of our school district or community. We remain firmly committed to providing an education that celebrates diversity and fosters mutual respect."

Henning added the students in the video graduated this past school year and are no longer under the district's



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Former students of Brewster High School posted a video of themselves using a racial slur.

jurisdiction. A forum to discuss the video and how the community can move forward will be scheduled at a later date, Henning said in an email.

Contacted by The Putnam Examiner, longtime Brewster School Board President Dr. Stephen Jambor referred all questions to the district office.

Social media was abuzz about the online video as many Brewster residents

with or without children in the district weighed in.

One social media poster who has two children in the district said minority students were "hurt and sad and angry" over the video.

Brewster resident Mark Hegenaur, a parent of two in the district, said he believes the school system has done a good job teaching tolerance concerning different races and cultures.

"From seeing what I hear from my kids, I think they're doing a great job," Hegenaur said of the district.

Norma Mora, a community activist, said the video was very sad to watch.

While there has been a history dating back years of ethnic intolerance, Mora said Brewster is becoming a more diverse, inclusive community.

"We have to do a lot of work to try and understand to address each other as a human being, not necessarily as a race, as an ethnic group because we all breathe, we eat, we need shelter, we need love, we need compassion and it's about that," Mora said. "The common ground."

Mahopac Man Sentenced After Sexual Abuse Plea

By David Propper

A Mahopac man that pleaded guilty to sexual abuse will be spending the next six months in prison after he was sentenced on July 12, according to the Putnam County District Attorney's Office.

Daniel Moloney, 30, of East Lake Boulevard, was sentenced by Justice James Rooney to six months in prison, 10 years of sex offender probation, an order of protection and Sex Offender Registration earlier this month. He pleaded guilty to sexual abuse in the first degree earlier this year after he was arrested for sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl in his bedroom.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office received a complaint on Sep. 25, 2016 that the 14-year-old victim was abused by the Moloney. She was interviewed by a district attorney's investigator and sheriff's investigator at the Child Advocacy Center in Brewster. The girl told them Moloney was a family friend who brought her to his bedroom under the false premise that the two were going to watch television, according to the district attorney's office. Once in the bedroom, Moloney assaulted the victim and threatened to use restraining devices if she didn't comply.

Once a search warrant was executed, restraining devices were found, the district attorney's office said.

Assistant District Attorney Chana Krauss, who is now the chief ADA, refused to plea bargain with Moloney and he ended up pleading guilty as charged and also waived his right to appeal so the

'I want the message to be clear; we will fight tooth and nail to protect our children.' - Putnam DA Bob Tendency

victim didn't need to testify during a trial.

District Attorney Bob Tendency said in a statement the case was investigated and prosecuted "swiftly and effectively" in a joint effort between his office and the sheriff's office.

"I want the message to be clear; we will fight tooth and nail to protect our children," Tendency said. "If you harm a child here in Putnam County, you will be found, prosecuted and held accountable by the most aggressive team."

The victim's mother was in support of agreed plea, according to the district attorney's office. She submitted a statement to Justice Rooney on the day of the sentencing condemning Moloney for his actions.

"Because of your disgusting shameful acts she will never look at life the same and she's just a child whose life barely began," the victim's mother wrote to the court.



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Yorktown Resident Co-Writes Book About War Hero with Local Roots

By David Propper

The life of Dixie Kiefer was one of valor and survival against the odds.

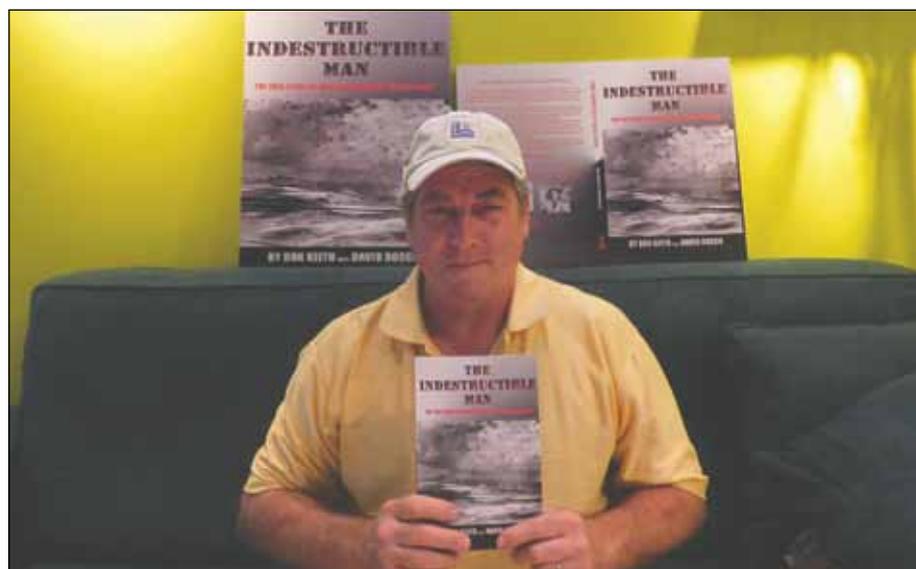
It was so intriguing and inspiring that a local Hudson Valley man knew Commodore Kiefer's story had to be told. A World War II hero, Kiefer might not be a subject in school history textbooks, but his life and then sudden death were compelling enough for Yorktown resident David Rocco to co-write a book about with other co-author Don Keith.

The novel, *The Indestructible Man: The True Story of the World War II Hero "Captain Dixie"* is now available in paperback on Amazon.

Kiefer's death is set in local roots when a Navy transport carrying six men crashed in Mt. Beacon adjacent to Putnam County during peacetime travel. Those fallen service members, as well as two other servicemen that died in a 1935 crash, are dubbed the "Mt. Beacon Eight," including Kiefer, who was 49 when he died.

The book explores the incredible life and service of Kiefer, who was an executive officer, and survived several near deaths experiences while at war. He held a major role in the Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway--two turning points in WWII--and was the last man off the USS Yorktown before she sank at Midway.

After the ship sank, he pushed a life raft with injured sailors to a rescue ship. Then as the captain of the USS Ticonderoga he survived two kamikaze attacks on the



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Yorktown resident David Rocco with this new book, *The Indestructible Man: The True Story of the World War II Hero "Captain Dixie"*.

ship less than an hour apart, overseeing counter-attacks for 12 hours despite being severely injured.

Rocco said Kiefer was a "hands on" officer because he was willing to do the same chores his men did.

"He claims he wasn't an American hero, but he was," Rocco said. "He wasn't just an American hero, he was an incredible leader among men."

Rocco said one aspect of research he found most interesting is that one of the men that died in the plane crash was African-American, which was rare

because full integration in the Navy didn't happen until 1948. Kiefer, ahead of his time, treated all men equally, regardless of race or ethnicity, Rocco said.

Rocco also found it remarkable that when Kiefer was awarded the Silver Star Medal for valor, the Secretary of the Navy at the time called him "the indestructible man"--the eventual title of the book--because of his ability to live through dire circumstances.

Rocco, who wanted to be in the Navy, but was turned down because of poor hearing and eyesight and bad knees (he's

had three knee replacements), did the bulk of the research, hunkering down to find every detail and story about Kiefer's life. He would send that information to Keith, who did the writing. The two men have never met in person or even spoken on the phone, but through countless emails they were able to put a book together in six months. Keith is a best-selling author who accepts story ideas for new novels and was gravitated toward a figure like Kiefer.

Rocco called it gratifying to see his years of research finally turn into a book. He would love to see the book become a movie one day, a push he and his co-author will make. The man Rocco would like to see play Kiefer because of their numerous similarities: Kevin James.

He hopes the other seven men that were killed in the 1935 and 1945 crashes are also recognized.

"I'm just honored because I feel like I was put here for a purpose. I'm passionate, I persevere, I don't take no for an answer," Rocco said. "These are stories people need to know."

Rocco, a retired New York City Housing Authority worker and local activist, will speak Saturday, July 29 at 5 p.m. inside the Putnam History Museum about the Mt. Beacon Eight and Kiefer. Admission is \$5 for the general public and is free for Putnam Historical Society members. Please RSVP on Eventbrite, or call 845-265-4010.

Residents Unleash Frustrations Over Bus Depot in Verplanck

By Rick Pezzullo

Frustrated residents continued to plea with the Cortlandt Planning Board not to okay plans for a bus depot in Verplanck that has been operating for more than three years in their residential neighborhood without required approvals.

During the 9th public hearing on the project on July 5, homeowners who reside in the vicinity of 301 6th Street took turns lambasting Montauk Student Transport, its employees and town officials for not looking out for their best interests by subjecting them to noise, speeding vehicles, trash and other annoyances that have disrupted their quality of life.

"This operation adversely affects our hamlet. Why is this operation allowed in a residential zone?" said Bernie Vaughey, a more than 60-year resident of Verplanck. "Residents you represent are being exposed to unacceptable noise."

AKRF Consulting, which was hired by the town but is being paid by Montauk, reported noise levels on 6th Street were in the acceptable range but levels on Broadway already exceeded the satisfactory threshold.

"Maybe our voices are not being heard. Everyone should come and sit at our hours for five hours. I feel like you think

we're making all of this up," Kim O'Brien remarked. "This business should not be here. It's a free-for-all. This is becoming a stressful place to live. It is wearing us all down."

Montauk originally submitted plans to the town in March 2015, and then resubmitted plans five months later, for approval for 92 parking spaces for full and van-size buses and 95 spaces for passenger vehicles, along with use of an existing 4,200-square-foot garage facility, on almost five acres. A stop work order was issued by the town's Code Enforcement Office in 2014 for enlarging a parking lot, but that was resolved.

A stipulation was then apparently reached with town officials after Montauk paid a \$10,000 civil penalty in June 2015 for a violation notice allowing Montauk to operate while pursuing Planning Board approval, with one of the conditions being that property taxes were paid in full.

Wayne Spector, an attorney representing more than a dozen Verplanck residents who has called on Cortlandt officials to immediately shut down a bus depot that has been operating for two years without approval, contended the "stand-still" agreement the town has with Montauk should be ripped up.

"The continued use of this site is an insult to all these people," Spector said. "This use has changed the quality of life on their residential neighborhood. It's hard to imagine a more inappropriate use on this property. These (buses) are traveling noise makers."

Montauk Student Transport currently services the Putnam Valley and Peekskill school districts. A representative for Montauk said 30 buses from Putnam Valley would be on site during the

summer, while 61 buses from Peekskill would be parked on the property during the school year.

Planning Board member James Creighton noted Cortlandt's Master Plan recommended not having any parking near the Hudson River, although a bus depot is a permitted use in the town's Zoning Code.

The Planning Board decided to adjourn the public hearing once again to its next meeting on August 1.

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Business of the Week

Pearle Vision Brewster

By David Propper

Of the five possible senses, a person's eyesight is perhaps the most important.

At Pearle Vision, owner Gene Gold and his staff know that and work to ensure every client is taken care of properly.

Pearle Vision in Brewster has been open for 14 years and Gold has another location in Poughkeepsie. The eyeglass store is a one-stop shop for all things related to eye care. The store provides a wide net of glasses including sportswear and sunglasses, contact lenses, and medical professionals that help manage eye disease.

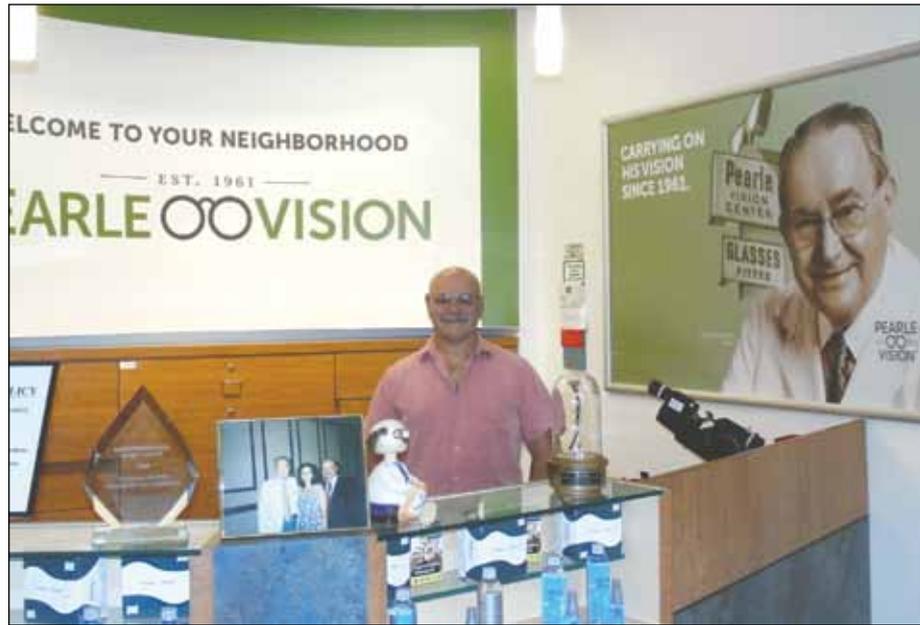
Walk-ins are welcomed, but appointments are suggested so patients don't need to wait around. The store has two optometrists on staff for patients.

Gold was in a partnership with an optometrist in Stamford, Ct. for 18 years and then decided he wanted to pursue his own business. He would drive up and down Interstate 84 looking for locations when he finally landed on Brewster. With businesses cropping up in the immediate area off the highway, he decided Independence Way would have the best place for busy foot traffic and he was right. He called it the "perfect location."

"I'm glad I went out on my own, it's been a very rewarding experience taking care of everybody in the community," Gold said. "And participating in the community."

As owner, Gold said he's responsible for managing the general managers in each location, looking after financials, and finding the best products for customers. The team in place includes the general manager, two technicians that assist the optometrists and two sales people that are highly trained to help those with their eye care. He's grateful for his great staff.

The Fairfield resident spends most days in Brewster, but will go up to Dutchess County once a week. He's active in the Brewster community as a member of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



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Pearle Vision of Brewster owner Gene Gold inside his store.

Gold argued that people looking for eye care don't need to go to an ophthalmologist because an optometrist can do almost the same treatments, except cut the eye for surgery. They can treat different eye diseases, including glaucoma, dry eye, inflammation of the lids, and of course figuring what eyeglasses an individual

needs.

"People have been much more accepting of what the optometrist does and only through educating the patient through what we do here will that spread out into the public," Gold said.

Right now, big, bold and colorful are the trends in eyeglass style Gold is noticing,

'It's been a very rewarding experience taking care of everybody in the community.'-
Pearle Vision owner
Gene Gold

especially with younger customers. Plastic frames are also more popular than metal frames, he noted. While he admittedly doesn't know what starts a trend, like any fashion line everything seems to be recycled, he said, with the 1970s style making a comeback.

Gold said he tries to replicate his branch to the philosophy of Pearle Vision's founder Dr. Stanley Pearle who stressed to take care of the people, give them great service and they'll always return.

"Come to a place where you can get service, get trusted eye care." Gold said.

Pearle Vision is located at 111 Independence Way Suite B in Brewster and its phone number is 845-278-7800.

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Letters to the Editor

Town of Kent Expresses Gratitude to Fireworks Sponsors

As Supervisor of the Town of Kent I would personally like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful individuals, families and businesses that contributed to this year's spectacular Town of Kent fireworks display over Lake Carmel on July 8. Without the participation of the following and the assistance of Putnam County Theater in the Barn, this magnificent fireworks display would never have happened.

The generosity of these donors and all of those who reached into their pockets and put money in the collection jars

around Town made this terrific show with its awesome finale possible!

I also want to thank Ed Durkee and Arts on the Lake, as always, for designing, printing and distributing the posters and flyers for the event. Thank you all!

Maureen Fleming
Town of Kent Supervisor

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Langley Will Return Sheriff's Office to Effective Law Enforcement

I wanted to take a moment to tell readers why I'll be voting proudly for Robert Langley this November.

Robert Langley has more experience with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department than any other candidate. From Day One he'll be able to direct, manage and improve the Sheriff's Department. Because he's served in the

Department for over 20 years, Langley will know where to save money and how to manage the large budget properly.

Langley has integrity in spades. We won't have to worry about Mr. Langley targeting personal enemies. Sheriff Smith's poor judgment and personal vendetta has already cost taxpayers \$125,000 to date. Unfortunately, there may be a much,

much bigger settlement when the Hossu case is settled. County taxpayers should not foot the bill for their Sheriff's willful and unethical behavior.

Finally, I couldn't care less what party the candidate for Sheriff belongs or belonged to. For this position, it's far more important to vote for integrity, experience and vision. Robert Langley has all

three and will return Putnam Sheriff's Department to effective law enforcement we can all respect.

Patricia Bolgosano
Lake Carmel

Tips to Prevent Heat-Related Illness During Summer

When the temperatures soar this summer, stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed. Anyone at any time, even those who are physically fit, can suffer heat-related illness in extreme temperatures.

"Residents should be careful and take precautions during a hot spell lasting a few days. Watch out for your family, friends and neighbors too. Infants, young children and the elderly especially can have problems in hot weather," states County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

"Heat or sun stroke is the most dangerous type of heat-related illness and causes several hundred deaths in the United States each year," says Michael Nesheiwat, M.D., Interim Commissioner of Health. "Heat stroke occurs when a person's body temperature goes over 104 degrees Fahrenheit. If you think someone has heat stroke, call 911."

Another heat-related problem is heat exhaustion. Signs of this include cold, pale, clammy skin, dizziness, fainting, nausea, muscle cramps or headache. "If someone faints and passes out, call 911 immediately and move the person to a cooler location—out of the sun or into air-conditioning. Apply cool water with a cloth to the back of their neck or forehead. Give sips of water every 15 minutes for one hour," Dr. Nesheiwat advises.

Heat cramps or painful spasms in the legs and abdomen can also occur, but are less severe. If a person is on a low-

sodium diet or has heart problems, seek medical attention right away. Otherwise, drink sips of water every 15 minutes for one hour. If cramps don't go away, seek medical care.

To ensure a safe summer, take these steps to stay cool in hot weather:

- Drink plenty of fluid. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink. Water is best because it replenishes your body's natural fluids. Avoid alcohol and very sugary drinks, which dehydrate the body.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. Wear a wide-brimmed hat or use an umbrella. Use a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher as sunburn affects your body's ability to

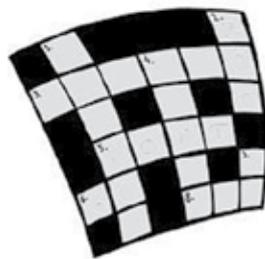
cool down.

- Avoid hot and heavy meals –they add heat to your body.
- Try to schedule outdoor activity in the early morning and evening hours when it is coolest.
- Stay indoors in a cool or air-conditioned place.
- Never leave a person or pet in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are cracked open and you only expect it to be a short period of time.

During extreme heat events, cooling centers are open for Putnam residents as well. For a list of local cooling shelters and phone numbers to call to check hours of operation, visit the NYS Department of Health website at <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/>

weather/cooling/. For more information on heat-related illness during prolonged periods of extreme temperatures, call the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390.

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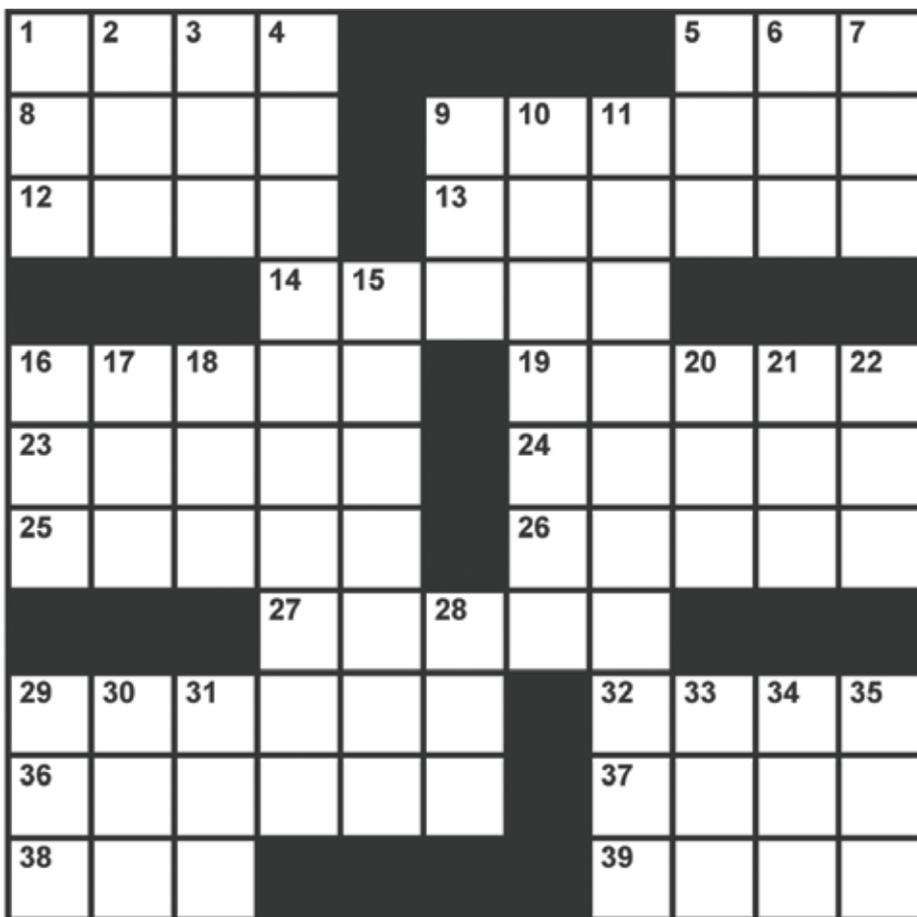
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1. Untidy one
5. Figure for a C.P.A., abbr.
8. Back
9. In Carmel, where to find a table setting that is as good to eat as it is to look at, ___ Arrangements
12. Data
13. Sketching tool
14. Goes with oohed
16. Carmel health club that's worth its weight, in itself
19. Elton John's medium
23. Dull
24. Curves
25. Glower
26. Spooks
27. ___ lunch, 2 words
29. Heat prefix
32. Indian garment
36. Like pine scent, perhaps
37. Bleating animals
38. Control
39. Art type

Down

1. Mr., in Mumbai
2. Spy novelist, Deighton
3. Clodhopper
4. Dungeons & Dragons weapon
5. 'The Bachelor' airer
6. 1,051, to the Romans
7. Rolodex abbr.

9. N.T. book
10. Most inscrutable
11. Unwilling
15. Places of safety
16. Position locator
17. Nasty warrior in "The Lord of the Rings"
18. W.C.
20. "___ was going to . . ." - 2 words
21. Formerly called
22. Old spy grp.
28. Transformers, e.g.
29. Late lunch hour
30. "___ do you do?"
31. Many, many years
33. Leave speechless
34. Button on a camcorder
35. Uniform: Prefix

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Maria Makaj named to the 2017 REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents in New York

Maria Makaj, Real Estate Salesperson of Houlihan Lawrence was named one of America's most productive sales associates as a part of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents, the newly issued ranking report produced by REAL Trends and sponsored by Zillow Group. She is now a member of the "America's Best Real Estate Agents," and ranked number 84 for the state of New York.

REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents ranks over 12,600 residential real estate professionals solely based on their excellence in real estate sales during calendar year 2016. "This group of highly successful real estate sales agents represents less than 1 percent of all real estate practitioners in the United States," says Steve Murray, publisher of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents and president of REAL Trends.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales volume in 2016. The individuals ranked in America's Best Real Estate Agents had an average of 73 transaction sides and an average sales volume of almost \$37 million.

"The average residential real estate



agent in the United States closed 8.6 transactions in 2016 and had less than \$1.3 million in sales," said Murray. "To say that Maria Makaj is an exceptional sales professional is an understatement. To attain this level of sales is truly outstanding."

Makaj is a full-time real estate professional who has been exclusively engaged in the real estate industry



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throughout Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties for more than 13 years. She is a consistent top producer, whose professionalism and personal attention to detail have earned her several awards and public recognition.

"I am humbled and honored to be ranked among the country's top residential real estate agents," said Makaj. "It represents the time and effort that I put into each customer that I serve and how much work it takes to build a

successful real estate career. The level of sales it takes to qualify makes it a truly a special recognition. Thank you to all my wonderful clients for making this honor possible and entrusting me into making your dream come true"

Call or text Maria at 845-661-9288 or mmakaj@houlihanlawrence.com.
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Obituaries

Catherine Eva Zacks

Catherine (Cathy) Eva Zacks died peacefully on July 12. Cathy was a long time Mahopac and Sarasota, Florida resident and most recently Naples, Florida resident. She was an avid snow skier and tennis player who always loved to make others laugh with her many jokes. She touched so many lives as a mother to many, dear friend and was devoted to her family. Cathy was born on November 15, 1929, in the Bronx to George C. and Mildred Presti. She was predeceased by her parents and brother George J. Presti. On July 9, 1954 Cathy married Leo Zacks, the love of her life. They shared their passion for traveling and the love of their home on Lake Mahopac. She loved opening her Lake Mahopac home to both friends and family. They ate well and played hard. Leo predeceased Cathy on March 25, 1998. Cathy worked many years at the family business, Zacks Dental Lab in Peekskill. Throughout her life Cathy was a very caring person starting as an avid volunteer at a young age as a Candy Striper. She continued volunteering when she moved to Mahopac for the Putnam Community Hospital Ladies Auxiliary for many years where she also served as president and chairman of the Putnam Hospital Fair. Cathy spent endless hours at the Eagle Eye Thrift Shop most recently volunteering at the Resurrection House in Sarasota, FL. Cathy is survived by her two loving sons: Robert and his wife Eva of Naples, Florida; Lawrence and his companion Allison Winstanley of Mahopac. She will be sadly missed by her granddaughter Alexandra Gold, her husband Eric and great-grandchildren Kyle and Zachary of Arvada, Colorado; her grandson Leo Zacks and wife Georgiana of Las Vegas, Nevada; her sister Paula Coniglio and husband Robert of New Fairfield, Connecticut; sister-in-law, Gloria Presti of Brewster, as well as numerous nieces and nephews; and former daughter-in-law, Cynthia Zacks. Cathy's family wishes to thank the staff at the Harbor Chase Memory Care Facility of North Collier, Naples, Florida for the love and care she received.

Beverly Wallace

Beverly Wallace died on July 13, at her residence surrounded by her loving son David. She was born March 16, 1919 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Lillian Zinn and Harry Dobrin. She is survived by her son David of Mahopac and Josh of Montreal, QE. She is also survived by three grandchildren. Mom never let us down and wanted more than anything for us to know how much she loved us and – for us to pass that love on to the good and decent people in our lives. She taught us about loyalty, gave us a sense of values and contributed to this world as an author, illustrator, art teacher and dedicated

artist. Her love of the arts led to the many paintings, etchings and mixed media designs that she created. Mom's artworks will keep her incredible imagination, her sense of humor, appreciation of the absurd and her love for this earth alive with us for years to come. Friendship with Mom was special. She had wonderful friends and her love for them will live on in their hearts with so many stories and shared experiences – many of them funny or just plain fun. One of Mom's best features was her fantastic sense of humor. She enjoyed a good joke and was such a good sport that she would often poke fun at herself for her notoriously poor driving or misunderstood hearing sometimes creating absurd situations. On her last day, Mom came to dinner with us and danced a little in her seat showing her sense of humor, her beautiful smile and her love for us all. In fact, Mom was happy on her last day. Who could ask for more than that?

Nancy R. Storminger

Nancy R. Storminger, 67, of Carmel, died on July 14, at Putnam Hospital Center. Mrs. Storminger was born on October 12, 1949 to Edward and Rose (Troutman) Doster, in the Bronx. On October 20, 1973 she married her best friend and love of her life; Phillip Storminger, at St. Barnabas R.C. Church, in Yonkers. Before she retired Nancy was a secretary for Circle Industry in Mt. Vernon. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casino and was an avid reader, but most of all she enjoyed spending her time with family and friends. Nancy is survived by her devoted husband of 44 years, Phillip, her loving sister-in-law Kathy and her husband Jack of Carmel.

Anna R. Zaccarello

Anna R. Zaccarello, age 88, of Patterson, formerly of White Plains and the Bronx, died at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, on July 14. Anna was born to John and Angelina (Materese) Jenzano on April 24, 1929 in the Bronx. On February 13, 1949, Anna married the love of her life, Frank 'Zak' Zaccarello in the Bronx. Mr. Zaccarello died in 2012. Anna was a seamstress working for various union related companies throughout the Bronx for many years. Through the years, Anna was a member of the Italian American Club in White Plains and the North Castle American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Anna is survived by her daughter Linda Roffi of Brewster and her granddaughter Jaime DeLuca of Patterson.

Thomas D. Motta

Thomas D. Motta of Carmel, died on Friday July 14, at the age of 70. He was born in the Bronx on January 19, 1947, the son of Salvatore Motta and Elizabeth

O'Grady. Thomas served in the US Army, Company A, 70th Engineers Combat Group in Vietnam. He was a mechanic with Bronx Honda, retiring in 2013. He enjoyed antique cars and attended many car shows in the area. Tom was also a model train enthusiast and collector. On February 21, 1970 he married Eleanor J. Barber at St. Peter and St. Paul Church in the Bronx. In addition to Eleanor, he is survived by his daughters, Lisa Todor and her husband Laszlo of Stormville, and Christina Pelliccio and her husband Anthony of LaGrangeville, his son Thomas and his wife Elizabeth of Poughquag, his father, Salvatore Motta and his wife Sylvia of Spotswood, NJ, his brothers, Peter (Mayra) and Salvatore (Deirdre) Motta and John O'Grady, his sisters Margaret Anderson (Richard) and Kathleen O'Grady, his grandchildren, Katelyn, Matthew, Thomas, Nicholas, Alexander, Eliana and Dominic, his sister-in-law, Patricia Taska and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth, his brother-in-law Richard Taska, his sister-in-law Donna Motta and his son-in-law Oliver Mackin.

Dorothy Duffy

Dorothy Duffy of Mahopac, and formerly of Yonkers, died on Friday July 14 at the age of 86. She was born in Yonkers on May 10, 1931, the daughter of John and Marie Corliss Duffy. Dorothy was a Client Relations Associate with the Manhattan Savings Bank in New York City, retiring after a career of over 30 years. She was an active parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where she volunteered through the years in several capacities, including the food pantry. She is survived by her niece, Dorann Morra and her husband, Larry of Mahopac, her nephew, Joseph Duffy and his wife, Cheryl of Guilderland and her great nieces and nephew, Tyler, Hailey, Emily, Nicole and Alexandra. Her brother Joseph Duffy and sister-in-law Maria Duffy predeceased her.

Albert E. DePaul

Albert E. "Pudge" DePaul, 68, of Mahopac, died on July 17. Mr. DePaul was born on October 2, 1948 to Albert and Mary (Raymond) DePaul in White Plains. He graduated from White Plains High School in 1966 and attended Milwaukee School of Engineering. On November 27, 1971 he married the love of his life Maria Donato in White Plains, NY. Mr. DePaul retired as a Business Agent for the Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 21, in Peekskill. Albert was a loyal and active member of the Union serving as a Journeyman, Treasurer and instructor. In his spare time, Albert was a long time member of the Putnam Fish and Game Association and The Golden's Bridge Game Club. He was a train enthusiast

and an avid reader. Most of all he enjoyed spending his time with family and friends. Albert is survived by his devoted wife of 45 years Maria; his two loving sons; Albert Jr. and Thomas, his sister Rosalyn Belfont, his sister-in-law Diana (Mark) Donato-Katz, his niece; Rhonda (Frank) Belfont-Owens, his nephews; Ronald (Kathleen) Belfont, Christopher (Maria) Belfont and Ethan Katz and his great-nephew; Andrew Suarez and great-nieces; Kayla and Sophia Belfont. He is predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law Ronald Belfont.

Peter L. Guerci

Peter L. Guerci of Mahopac, died on July 18, at the age of 75. He was born in Chicago, IL the son of Louis and Santina (Campagna) Guerci. Peter was a proud veteran of the US Army and served during the Vietnam War. Peter is survived by his daughters Danielle D'Anna and Donna Milazzo (Vinnie); his sister Marlene Pavia (James), 2 nieces, 3 nephews, and 5 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife June in 2015 and his brother Louis (Corina).

Franklin R. Blenis

Franklin R. Blenis, 80, a life-long resident of Mahopac, died on July 20. Mr. Blenis was born on November 19, 1936 to William and Audrey (O'Dell) Blenis in Mahopac. Before he retired he worked in the Mahopac Central School District; as a Custodian at the Austin Road School. He is survived by his three loving children; Ernie, Wendy and Wanda and his five cherished grandchildren, whom he adored.

John A. DeMasi

John A. DeMasi of Millbrook, and long time resident of Mahopac died on July 22, at the age of 82. He was born on July 24, 1934 in New Rochelle, the son of Frank and Natalina (Cirillo) DeMasi. On February 6, 1955 he married Sandra Grosso, his high school sweetheart; they were married for over 62 years. John worked as a sales manager for Prudential for many years and was a proud veteran of the US Army having served during the Korean War. John was a die-hard Yankees fan and an avid golfer. The New York Yankees offered him a tryout, but he could not attend because he was already drafted and deployed overseas. He was a man of family, spending as much time with his wife, children, and grandchildren as possible. Even when his children were young, he never missed their games and would often time show up to events in the suit he wore to work that day. John is survived by his wife Sandy, his son John, Jr. and his wife Janina, his daughter Debbie Omuleski and her husband Ed, his daughter Dawn Oddo and her husband

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Author, Former Mario Cuomo Aide to Speak at PV Library

Two New York brothers -- one, Governor Mario Cuomo's top aide. The other -- a bagman for mob boss John Gotti. It was a tightrope for author Steve Villano, who dedicated his life to public service, perhaps in penance for his beloved brother's life, a secret he hid for years, and even for some time to the very man he revered, Governor Mario Cuomo.

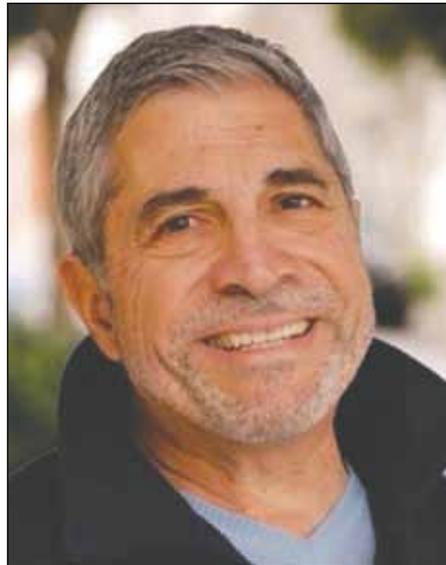
Villano will appear at the Putnam Valley Library, 30 Oscawana Lake Road, at 7 p.m. August 8, in a program open to the public, to discuss his new book, "Tightrope: Balancing a Life Between Mario Cuomo and My Brother"

The story, while focusing on the struggle of his one Italian-American family, is a universal one that applies to many immigrant families and their journeys, and the negative consequences of stereotyping and divided loyalties.

Villano will also talk about his vast experience in New York politics and the politics of today.

"Steve Villano paints a complex, intimate portrait, intertwined through the two worlds of himself and his brother: Steve, a staffer for Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York State, and his brother, a reputed bagman for mob boss John Gotti. The story is both brave and jarring. Can one love a person but hate his choices? Describing his relationship with his brother, Steve argues powerfully that one can. The result is a narrative rich both in emotional detail and in historical nuances..." — Sasha Abramsky, author of *The House of Twenty Thousand Books*, *The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives*, *Inside Obama's Brain*

A former labor journalist, speechwriter, essayist, poet, and documentary film writer, with his work appearing across numerous national media outlets and platforms, Villano worked for Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York, from 1985-1993. During that same time, there were several national boomlets for Cuomo to run for President. Meanwhile, Villano's brother was associated with Gambino Family organized crime boss, John Gotti, Jr., at the peak of Gotti's power. Within days of each other in December, 1985, Gotti became the head of the



Author Steve Villano

Gambino Crime Family, following the murder of Paul Castellano—and Cuomo, upon Ted Kennedy's withdrawal from consideration for the 1988 Democratic Party's nomination for President, became a national contender for the Presidency, in the judgment of many politicians and members of the media. In *Tightrope: Balancing A Life Between Mario Cuomo & My Brother*, Villano shares the wrenching conflict between his family's ties to organized crime and his love for his brother, his own integrity and his commitment to Mario Cuomo and public service.

"Steve's book is a frank and unvarnished account of the long struggle in his New York Italian-American family... Steve took an upward path in his career, becoming an impeccable civil servant, working for one of America's most distinguished Italian-American governors, Mario Cuomo. His brother took an opposite path, associating with the most feared Italian-American mobster of his generation, John Gotti. How

Villano dealt with these opposing forces of light and darkness, abhorring his brother's choice but still feeling love for him, hiding the truth from friends, and teetering on a tightrope between two diametrically different worlds, is a gripping tale—like a Hollywood story, but

it is all true." —Stephen C. Schlesinger, co-author of *Bitter Fruit: The Story of the American Coup in Guatemala* (with Stephen Kinzer), *Act of Creation: The Founding of the United Nations*, *The Letters of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.*, edited by Stephen C. and Andrew Schlesinger.

The story, while intimately focusing on the struggle of this one Italian-American family at a particular point in history, is a universal one, applicable to many immigrant families and their journeys, and the destructive human consequences of stereotyping and divided loyalties.

"Tightrope is a richly insightful, deeply moving account of love, loyalty and family lived out in the complex intersection of organized crime and big-league politics. A true story told with all the narrative power of gripping fiction, there's not a false word in these pages. Villano writes like an angel as he wrestles with the devil. Tightrope is a triumph." —Peter Quinn, author of *Banished Children of Eve: A Novel of Civil War New York*, *Hour of the Cat* (1st Installment of the Fintan Dunne Trilogy), *Looking for Jimmy: A Search for Irish Americans*, *The Man Who Never Returned* (2nd Installment of the Fintan Dunne Trilogy), *Dry Bones* (3rd Installment of the Fintan Dunne Trilogy)

Villano, a native of Brooklyn, is the former head of Governor Mario M.

Cuomo's New York City Press Office, with decades of experience in public service, public education, public health, and as CEO of several national, non-profit organizations. His writing has appeared in mass circulation newspapers and magazines such as *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *The Albany Times Union*, *The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*, the *Napa Valley (CA) Register Newspaper Group*, the *North Shore (Long Island) Newspaper Group*, *Working Mother Magazine*, *Associations Now Magazine*, and *Today's Education*. His essays have been published on-line on the *WritersDigest.com*, *www.thenationalmemo.com*, with a subscription circulation of 300,000; on *Medium.com*, and on his blog, *Radical Correspondence*, (*www.socialvision-productions.com*). Villano has authored major pieces on ethnic stereotyping in *Ambassador Magazine*, (the National Italian American Foundation's 100,000 circulation magazine) about actors Stanley Tucci, John Turturro, and the HBO series "The Sopranos." A labor journalist for the National Education Association for a decade, Villano has written about censorship, the rise of the Far Right in America and about sweatshop conditions at cap and gown factories in New York. Villano presently lives in Northern California.

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Dominick, his sister Mary DiMaggio and her husband Frank, his grandchildren John III (Christine), Christopher, Dominick, Anthony, Kaitlyn, Natalie, Tara, and Nicholas as well as many nieces, nephews, and brother and sister in laws. He was predeceased by his sister Isabella Camillone and her husband Lou. Friends and family are welcome to attend a visitation on Tuesday, July 25th from 4

p.m.-8 p.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac, NY. His funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m. at St. John The Evangelist Church, also in Mahopac. A private cremation was held prior to services. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in John's name to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org, or the American Heart Association, www.heart.org.

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PARC Hosts Annual Membership Meeting

Putnam ARC, the leading provider of services for people with developmental disabilities in Putnam County, recently hosted its annual general membership meeting, an event that showcases the non-profit's accomplishments over the past year and honors staff members, program participants, and community leaders for their commitment to PARC's mission.

The event, held Tuesday, June 27, at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, NY, hosted more than 60 people including members of PARC's Board of Directors, executive leadership, families, PARC participants, and elected officials and representatives including New York State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

The meeting started with the Board of Director elections and swearing in of Officers. Susan Lucas, President; Denise Grenier-Petersen, Vice President; Tom Paradise, Treasurer; and Heather Strickland, Secretary were each sworn in for a one-year term.

The highlight of the evening was the annual awards presentation. Each year, three awards are given at the annual meeting: the President's Award, the

Nancy Baker Award, and the Paradise Family Award. And new this year, PARC presented an "Employer of the Year" award.

"It is always a very special night for us because we celebrate the people in our agency who go above and beyond for others. This year we also had the special honor of celebrating VistaLab Technologies as a strong partner with our participant employment department. The relationship with VistaLab has been instrumental in the training and workforce experience for the people we support" said PARC Executive Director Susan Limongello.

The Nancy Baker Award is presented to an individual who epitomizes the dedication, overall service, leadership, compassion, kindness, and understanding that Nancy demonstrated on a daily basis in her work with the people PARC supports. This award was established by Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith and his family in honor of his late sister and longtime PARC staff member Nancy Nicola Kaufman Baker. This year, the winner of the Nancy Baker Award was



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VistaLab's Chief Operations Officer Joe Lindsay accepts the "Employer of the Year" award from PARC Executive Director Susan Limongello (seated) and PARC Board President Susan Lucas.

Lateisha McKellar.

"Lateisha demonstrates the qualities and characteristics of Nancy Baker making her the perfect recipient of the Award; a staff member who goes above and beyond for the people we support," said Limongello during the event.

The President's Award is presented to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding service and contributions to the PARC, their department or program and, above all, the people PARC supports. This year, the winner of the President's Award was Dana Touponse.

"Although her background was primarily in the government field, having worked with Putnam County's Department of Probation, one of her greatest passions was always working with and helping others," Limongello said of Touponse.

The Paradise Family Award, honoring the commitment of former Board President Tom Paradise and his family, recognized an individual receiving services at PARC who is a strong Self-

Advocate as well as an advocate for their peers. This year, the winner of the Paradise Family Award was Elizabeth Booth.

"Elizabeth began her career as a receptionist at PARC Center, where she learned new job duties," said Limongello. "Supported by her job coach, Elizabeth learned about all Agency departments at PARC Center and has been moved to the Terravest location to fill a much needed vacancy."

VistaLab Technologies, based in Brewster, was recognized as the "Employer of the Year." PARC and VistaLab forged an important partnership dating back to the 1970s. PARC workers, based at PARC Center and working in a number of settings including sophisticated "clean rooms," help prepare and pack medical pipettes to fulfill VistaLab's orders.

PARC's board of directors and executive management congratulate the award winners on their accomplishments and continued dedication and commitment to PARC and the people the agency supports.



From left to right- PARC Executive Director Susan Limongello, Lateisha McKellar, Elizabeth Booth, Dana Touponse, and NYS Assemblyman Kevin Byrne during the 2017 PARC Annual Membership Meeting.

The Allstate Foundation Awards Grant to Community Cares

Allstate agency owner Saini Smith-Clarke recently secured a \$1,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grant to support Community Cares' efforts to assist parents with serious illnesses that have young children to take care of. Community Cares provides everyday help such as cleaning, meal and laundry services, that become more difficult in the midst of medical treatment.

As a volunteer with Community Cares, Saini Smith-Clarke joins thousands of Allstate agency owners and financial specialists around the country who aim to improve their communities by supporting important local causes, such as assisting families in need, raising money for domestic violence programs and empowering youth to reach their full potential.

"As a small business owner in Mahopac, I see firsthand the opportunities and



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Members of Allstate agency in Mahopac and Community Cares.

challenges facing our area," Smith-Clarke said. "Giving back is tremendously rewarding and gives me a sense of purpose. I believe that when we help others, we can be a positive force for change in our communities, which is why I'm proud to support Community Cares work."

Community Cares is one of thousands

of organizations this year that will receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grants secured by agency owners and financial specialists on behalf of the nonprofit where they volunteer. The grants support organizations addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

The Helping Hands in the Community grants are one example of The Allstate Foundation's legacy of service and giving. Since The Allstate Foundation was founded in 1952, it has contributed \$400 million to support community nonprofits. In 2016, The Allstate Foundation gave

more than \$25 million to charitable causes.

About The Allstate Foundation

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL). Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations across the country, The Allstate Foundation brings the relationships, reputation and resources of Allstate to support innovative and lasting solutions that enhance people's well-being and prosperity. With a focus on building financial independence for domestic violence survivors, empowering youth and celebrating the charitable community involvement of Allstate agency owners and employees, The Allstate Foundation works to bring out the good in people's lives. For more information, visit www.AllstateFoundation.org.

Head Injury? Why You Should Quickly Involve a Neuropsychologist

by Chari Hirshson, Ph.D.,
Neuropsychologist at Northern
Westchester Hospital

You probably know more today about concussions than you did a few years ago. By publicizing the head injuries of super-star athletes, the media has raised awareness of the seriousness of concussion. And that's a good thing. But you may not know about the potential long-term dangers of not receiving care from the right specialist—the one provider trained specifically in the ways brain function affects cognition, behavior and emotion. In other words, a neuropsychologist. Here, I explain why involving this specialist from the first suspicion of concussion is vital to recovery.

Concussions – the invisible injury.

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury involving an impact to the head that disrupts normal brain function. It can result from a blow to the head or body, a fall, or other injury. The blow jars or shakes the brain inside the skull. Think of the brain as a soft mass inside a very hard exterior — like soft fruit inside a jar. If the soft fruit gets jostled around, it can get bruised by hitting the side of the glass jar.

What to look for...

Common concussion symptoms include headaches, blurry vision, dizziness, nausea with or without vomiting, short-term memory loss; problems with attention, focusing ability, and processing speed; and a feeling of being cognitively slower. These challenges can lead to difficulties at work or school, as well as emotional problems.

MRI and CAT scans often say “NO” when



Chari Hirshson, Ph.D.

the answer is “YES.”

While in some people, symptoms clear up in a few days, many others are left struggling for weeks or months with disabling after-effects. Yet the tools for assessing a concussion are limited immediately after the event. MRI and CAT scans performed after a head injury (typically at the ER) often read as normal. That's why the injury must continue to be monitored. The best way to make sure a concussion is assessed, diagnosed and treated properly is to involve a neuropsychologist early on, especially if there are cognitive symptoms and questions about returning to work or school.

Complications with cognition and the role of a neuropsychologist.

Neuropsychology, a subspecialty

of psychiatry, addresses problems of cognition and behavior caused by brain injury or brain disease. Besides managing concussion cases, a neuropsychologist might evaluate older adults with memory loss to help diagnose among various types of dementia and normal aging. Neuropsychologists use assessments to help diagnose a person's strengths and weaknesses in cognitive functioning by looking at intellectual functioning, attention, executive functioning (mental self-regulation that lets you reach goals), processing speed, visual/spatial skills, language and emotional functioning, and how these relate to normal and abnormal brain function.

Let's figure out a game plan together.

So even when scans come back normal, I listen to the patient describe their symptoms — sometimes just their own sense that something “doesn't feel right” — and I validate that, yes, you're experiencing post-concussive symptoms. From that point on, I gather detailed accounts of symptoms, make sure the person is seen by the right specialists (for example, a neuro-ophthalmologist for double vision), and ensure there's a game plan. And I recommend accommodations. For example, once a student with a bad headache can tolerate school, I'll recommend they return as soon as possible but have shorter days. I'll also advise the school on the best ways to support the student while they recover.

Recommendations to improve your quality of life.

If symptoms persist after three months — considered a dividing line, as during that time, spontaneous recovery can happen — I do a full neuropsychological evaluation.

This in-depth assessment of cognitive functioning identifies cognitive strengths and weaknesses. When weaknesses are found, I recommend accommodations at school or in the workplace that will help the person perform up to their potential without being penalized for a deficit they have right now.

“Brain fog,” chronic pain, vertigo, ADHD, and anxiety – the lasting effects.

Untreated, under-treated or mistreated concussions can lead to long-term dysfunction that might include “brain fog,” chronic pain, vertigo, ADHD, and anxiety. Through assessment, a neuropsychologist helps identify ongoing cognitive impairments as well as potential underlying psychological issues, such as depression and anxiety. Treatment can include psychoeducation, which teaches patients about common concussion symptoms and typical recovery patterns. It can also include cognitive remediation, which involves strategies and exercises that strengthen areas of weakness.

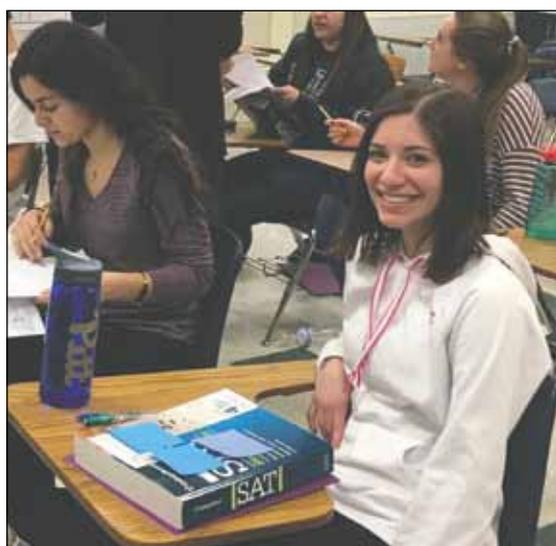
NHW's Multidisciplinary Approach to Concussion Recovery.

The Hospital's multidisciplinary team approach to concussion management involves communication and close collaboration among medical staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, vestibular (balance) therapists, speech and language specialists and the neuropsychologist. As a team, we offer each patient the strongest possible knowledge of the management of concussion and post-concussion symptoms in all its multiple facets. The program is available to patients starting at age eight.

EA Test Prep's Sixth Summer in Brewster

As we begin our sixth year in Brewster, EA Test Prep wants to congratulate all the students who have worked with us in the past. Your successes are impressive! We would like to welcome all new students and parents to enjoy the only SAT/ACT/College Application team that is located solely in the Brewster area. Since we understand the needs of your community, we can we can more efficiently and effectively help the local high school students to experience a stress-free college application process.

For those families who have not joined us for our previous College Application Essay Boot Camp, we want to let you know that every EA student created an outstanding college essay. Simultaneously, we helped students construct an effective game plan for admission to college, gearing it toward the schools of their choice. We taught students how to complete all portions of the Common Application and helped them plan for the time required to complete other tasks such as visiting the colleges. We can also



help students complete any additional essays for the Common Application or those colleges that are requiring separate applications.

Writing college applications is challenging for even the most outstanding student, and we are here to make the

process easy. This summer, due to popular demand, the EA Team will be running two sessions: August 1-5 at 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. and August 22-26 at 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Each class is ninety minutes, and a student must attend one session each day of the camp. Students can either choose to come the same time every day or change the session to accommodate a work or sports schedule. In just five days, each student's college application essay will be completed and ready for submission. The cost

of the College Application Essay Boot Camp is only \$599. This program is held at The Studio Around the Corner, which is located at 67 Main Street in Brewster. If you prefer, you can host the camp at your home for six or more students and receive a host discount. We also offer an

individual tutoring option. The rate for private instruction planned and guided by a college English professor for \$175 per hour.

Although we recognize that everyone is in summer mode, we feel it is our responsibility to remind seniors that their last chances to take the ACT are September 9 and October 28. For the first time the SAT will be given August 26 as well as October 7 and November 4. Of course if you are junior, you can take these exams too. We will begin our SAT and ACT classes in August.

If this is the first time you are hearing about EA Test Prep, we invite you to ask your family and friends about their children's successes working with us. If you would like to talk to us, please call 845-582-0017 or email us at eatestprep@gmail.com. And of course, you can visit our website at www.EATestPrep.com. Enjoy your summer, and please remember that we are in Brewster ready to help you with the entire college process.\

More Observations and Musings From The Home Guru

From time to time, I pick out snippets from my past columns that readers tell me they enjoyed. Here are some I enjoyed as well.

How I First Learned About Sex

With the pending demise of the home phone, it's sad that our children will never know the history and idiosyncrasies of the pre-cordless era. When was the last time, for instance, that you heard the term "party line?" For me, it took on meaning when my family moved to Virginia during a time of limited telephone lines, and most people had to share a line with one or more families. At 11 years old, my neighborhood buddy Tommy and I would listen to that anonymous woman who was quite verbal with the guy she was having an affair. It was a party line, all right. We didn't need sex ed to learn about the birds and the bees.

A Man Holds on to His – Pardon the Expression – Junk

I was meeting with a couple after signing a listing agreement and was suggesting that we call a stager to help



By Bill Primavera

them neutralize their rooms to show better. "Ouch," he said, "please, don't say that. It sounds too much like "neuterize."

Whatever You Do in Bed, a Mattress to Support It

Wasn't that a clever ad campaign Sealy conducted some years ago? "Whatever You Do in Bed, a Mattress to Support it." When I was a single young man, living as a carefree bachelor in the city, I preferred firmer mattresses that allowed greater movement, but once I got married I preferred softer versions where one tends to sink into a spot and pretty much stay there. I haven't drawn any conclusions but perhaps you might.

St. Joseph to the Rescue, for a Neighbor, That is

There are so many stories about St. Joseph being petitioned successfully to help sell a house, but there are also warnings about the best way to bury his statue in the yard. Usually we are told to bury the statue upside down, facing the house. One real estate blogger shared the story of how his client had the statue face the wrong way, and his neighbor's home

across the street sold – and it wasn't even on the market! Another favorite story I heard about St. Joseph is about the disappointed homeowner whose buried statue wasn't working. Frustrated, he dug it up and threw it in the trash only to learn soon after that the town dump had been sold.

Remembering the Days Before Child Safety Devices

I get so frustrated when I am showing a house and I encounter one of those child safety devices that I can't figure out, including those on doorknobs. Too bad they didn't exist when I was two years old and opened the door to the basement, falling down a flight of steps and landing on my head on a concrete floor. I survived, but as I grew older and started acting up as a teenager, my mother would say something like, "it must be from the time you fell on your head as a baby." I soon learned to turn the tables on her and used it as an excuse many times. When she'd say, "You forgot to take out the garbage again," I would respond, "Gee, Mom, I guess it's from the time I fell on my head."

Fear of Heights

Clogged gutters and drains can cause terrible problems in the home, such as wet basements, damaged soffits, deterioration of siding materials and soil

erosion around the house. To avoid these problems, it is best to clean rain gutters at least twice a year. When I owned a big, old colonial house, I was always aware that I could do the job myself, but was always timid about scaling a ladder, being afraid of heights. Correction: I'm not afraid of heights; I'm afraid of falling off the ladder and breaking my neck.

Does the Name of Your Street Affect its Appeal?

Besides serving as a way to find where you live, can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value? The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents of a town in Putnam County where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders in their midst. At the end of the article, almost as a throwaway, the motel's street address was listed as Sodom Road.

You just can't make this stuff up.

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A Deep Statistical Look Into America's Producers and Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the last nine-plus years of this column's tenure gracing The Examiner's pages, I've intermittently focused on the raw statistics of wine production and consumption in the

United States.

The history of our collective wine consumption is rather unique. Compared to the nations of Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, we are rather new at this indulgence. While we trace our wine roots to 18th and 19th century Spanish missionaries and European immigrants, those countries across the Atlantic Ocean can trace their roots as far back as 6,000 years ago.

And of course, the United States had a minor interruption in wine production and consumption, setting us back a step compared to other nations. Prohibition effectively shut down production and consumption for over a decade. Realistically, today's wine industry is less than 100 years old.

But, in typical American style, the domestic wine industry, supported by thirsty consumers, picked itself

up by the bootstraps, then caught up to, and surpassed, the rest of the wine-consuming world. By 2010, the United States became the top-consuming nation in the world.

A few wine producer stats:

There are currently more than 9,000 domestic wineries and tens of thousands of labels. Annual production is 326 million cases. Wine is commercially produced in all 50 states. As you would expect, California leads the pack, accounting for 46 percent of wineries, yet it produces 87 percent of all wine. By contrast, New York is home to 4 percent of wineries and is responsible for 4 percent of total wine production.

These stats continually boggle my mind: 84 percent of domestic wines are produced by 2 percent of the wineries; 70 percent of wines sold in chain restaurants are attributable to 10 percent of all brands produced; the 25 fastest growing wines are produced by two wineries, Gallo and Constellation.

A few more: Domestic wineries account for 65 percent of overall consumption,

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

according to the Beverage Information Group, a national tracking organization. These statistics include wine consumed in-home and at wine bars, restaurants and group events. I have

a suspicion that the latter two categories account for a substantial portion of total consumption (restaurant house wines, wedding reception wines, corporate events). The top supplier of the remaining 25 percent is Italy.

One more: Napa Valley lays claim to the most expensive wines in the United States, but it produces only 4 percent of the total wines (although it is the number one tourist attraction in California; Disneyland is second).

A few wine consumer stats:

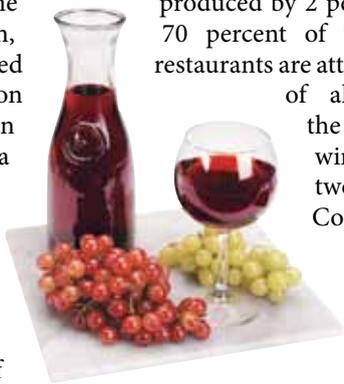
Americans consume more wine than the French and the Italians, who are experiencing declines due to the changing beverage preferences of their youth and stricter DUI laws. And our average annual per capita consumption is 2.94 gallons (a record), or nearly 15 bottles. That's 1.25 bottles per month (one glass per week) for every man, woman and child in the United States, which pales in comparison to our other favorite beverages (beer 28 gallons; bottled water 39 gallons; carbonated soft drinks 38 gallons).

But we are not at the top of this category. Who are the top per capita wine consumers? While the French (57 bottles, 4.4 glasses per week) and Italians (45 bottles, 3.5 glasses) consume substantially more than Americans, the residents of Andorra and Vatican City top the list at 5.7 glasses per week. The United States is not even in the top 50 countries. Of course, population accounts for the apparent dichotomy in consumption statistics; the United States population base of 300 million dominates Italy and France, with slightly more than 60 million each.

How do these statistics compare to your personal consumption and preference profiles? Don't lose sight of the underlying basis for all of the above stats: they measure the continuing popularity of wine consumption as a pleasurable experience.

As someone much more insightful than I once said: "99 percent of all statistics only tell 49 percent of the story."

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for seniors holds registration the first Thursday of every month at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours in Mahopac are from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Putnam Valley registration is from 10 a.m. – Noon. In addition to a variety of computer classes, we also teach classes in iPad, iPhone and Android Basics. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes. Registration is required in person. For more information you can call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422.

Saturdays:

New Family Services: Gilead Presbyterian Church. Every Third Saturday 5:30 p.m., the monthly service will feature music, a special theme for the services and refreshments. You will find a more relaxed, friendly and fun atmosphere. There is a variety of participation of many ages. The parish is part of the Presbytery Church USA and the Presbytery of the Hudson River, led by the Rev. Martin McGeachy. All are always welcome. For information and directions, visit www.gileadchurch.org or call 845 225-4586.

Calling for The Mahopac High School class of 1987: Reaching out to invite classmates to their 30 Year Reunion. All are welcome to attend and join us for Appetizers, 4 Hour Open Bar, Dinner

Buffet, DJ & Dancing! The reunion will be held on August 5, at 7 p.m. until midnight at the Doral Arrowwood located at 975 Anderson Hill Road, Rye Brook, NY 10573. The cost is \$130 per person up until July 31st. Mail checks payable to "Mahopac High School Class of 1987 Reunion" to either John Maxwell @ #518 Beach Road, Mahopac, NY 10541; or to PJ Seholm @ #36 Locust Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. You can also pay via PayPal to pjseholm@yahoo.com. If interested, Golf will be available and must be booked by July 1st at (914) 323-4478. The cost is \$72 per person including cart for 18 holes (\$55 for 9 holes, club rentals are \$35). Try to get your foursomes together.

Friday, July 28

Music: The Brewster Public Library will have a special music program for preschoolers: 10:00-10:45 a.m. "Lend me Your Ears: Music with Marlana" is a fun and interactive program that involves singing and lots of movement with shakers and scarves! For ages 3-5. Registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/y8bhtr3>.

The 3 Up 3 Down Organization and the Hudson Valley Men's Amateur Baseball League (HVMSBL) will be hosting its annual Home Run Derby: and All Star Game at Dutchess Stadium, 7:30 p.m. Free admission, hot dogs, cotton candy and water for the first 1,000 in attendance on the evening. The first 100 fans will also receive a free wiffle ball bat and

ball. We'll also be giving away more than \$10,000 in grant monies to local charities and six worthy little leagues. For more information visit www.hvmsbl.com.

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Saturday, July 29

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the West Point Museum Tour: \$35 per person (includes lunch!) Advance Registration with Payment Required. West Point Our visit will include an air-conditioned bus tour of the USMA grounds, with off-the-bus guided walking tours of Trophy Point and Battle Monument, the Cadet Chapel, the Plain, and the West Point Cemetery - the final resting place of Generals George Custer, Winfield Scott, John Buford, Dan Butterfield, Norman Schwarzkopf, and William Westmoreland, to name but a few, Civil War hero Alonzo Cushing, Astronaut Ed White, II, and other notable military heroes from the American Revolution on. Following our morning tour we'll enjoy a relaxing lunch, and some social time together, at the Park Restaurant in Highland Falls, right across from the Visitors Center. 9:30 a.m. start, our tour of the West Point Museum will conclude at 2:30 pm, however the museum remains open until 4:15 p.m. if you would like to stay and see more. Directions, additional information and final reminders will be forwarded to all participants. Putnam Valley Historical Society: Reservations with payment can be made online at: www.PV10579.com/history

Picasso Art Workshop: Children ages 7-12. Brewster Public Library. 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Kinga Lesniak from

the Nowodworski Foundation and the focus will be on "Our Putnam County: Brewster." The program will be held in two consecutive sessions: Intro to Townscapes and Painting Brewster. Using a variety of techniques, students will learn to draw shapes and analyze scenes and will sketch a building located on Main Street. No previous art experience is needed! All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required for more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/y7vzf8pn>.

Monday, July 31

The Brewster Public Library Movie Day: "Sing" 12:15 p.m.-2 p.m. All movies are rated PG. Popcorn will be served. Registration is required. Movie showings will take place at The Southeast Museum, 77 Main Street. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit www.brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, August 1

Spotlight Family Support Group: Mahopac Library, Periodical Room 6:45 p.m. -8 p.m., This is a guided recurring support group for family and friends suffering with the effects of a loved one that has a problem with drugs or alcohol. For more information contact Drug Crisis in our Backyard 845-842-1212. No registration is required

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m., to discuss the book "The American Heiress" by Daisy Goodwin. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, August 2

Movie Night: Chef: 7 p.m., Join us for an evening screening of Chef on our big screen. Chef is a heartwarming story of a chef who quits his job at a restaurant to purchase a food truck in an effort to create the food he loves while bringing his family back together. Rated R for language, including some suggestive references. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Eagle Scouts' Projects Improve Mahopac and Carmel

Four new Eagle Scouts of Troop 371 underwent major projects to earn their latest rank.

Mitchell Clark's service project involved creating of an outdoor learning area at Mahopac Middle School. Sixteen benches were designed and fabricated out of old oak palettes. Collecting palettes, disassembling them, cutting them up, turning them into benches were the first steps. The benches were also sanded and finished before they were taken to the school. The benches were installed in an atrium located in the back of the school building. An outdoor whiteboard was also constructed and installed in the same area as the benches.

Robert Kick's service project was the renovation and replacement of the kitchen and preparation area at the Putnam Humane Society in Carmel. This entailed ripping out old cabinets and the counter top and replacing them with new ones. Also included were patching and painting the floor, ceiling and walls. Existing temporary were replaced to increase the storage capacity of the area. The area that is used for washing dogs and other medical treatment was restored and painted.

Chris Horan's service project consisted of restoring the landscaping, retaining wall and fencing at the Rotary Club garden at the intersection of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road. This area is a gateway into Mahopac and is seen by people as they enter the town center. Removal of old dead plants and weeds and replacing them with new plants and mulch, taking apart the retaining wall and fixing it and installing a solar powered spotlight were all part of the project.

Zachary O'Neill's service project consisted of building a garden path, fabricating and installing a new sign, repairing and repainting the bench and picnic table in the Memorial Garden at Saint John's the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. Removing and trimming existing foliage, planting new perennials and other plants and scrubs were included. Also cleaning and repainting an existing statue was done.



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This Weekend - Spend time at the Putnam County 4-H Fair

The Putnam County 46th Annual 4-H Fair, held at the Veterans Memorial Park, 301 Gipsy Trail Road in Carmel, begins with Opening Ceremonies at noon on Friday July 28 and continues until closing on Sunday July 30 at 5 p.m. (check our website for specific Fair hours at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu) This event, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, offers Pony Rides (Friday) an auction (Saturday 2pm), Pig Roast and Chicken BBQ Dinner (Saturday 5pm) and the Oasis Club, a fishing organization of the Putnam Federation of Sportsmen, will sponsor a fishing contest on Sunday morning from 8am to 12 Noon.



Throughout the weekend there is much to see and do. Entertainment at Shady Grove Theater, Plants for Sale, Touch 'a' Truck exhibit, enjoy the Food Court, Games Tent, Craft Tent, Dog Obedience demonstration, Tony's World of Science and Magic, Antique Tractors on display, Civil & Revolutionary War encampment to experience, and a sight to behold - Draft Horses, Oxen and a Camell

Interested in learning more about your community? Visit the Putnam County Health Department, the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, and the Putnam County Historian. The Kent Police Department, Carmel Police Department, and Putnam County Sheriff's Department, will also be 'on grounds' in their own tents. The Discover Putnam Tent will host agencies and organizations that will be available to share information and answer questions.

Check our website for additional information and an update on the items available at the Country Living Auction: Putnam.cce.cornell.edu or call our office at 845-278-6738. Remember admission and parking are free.

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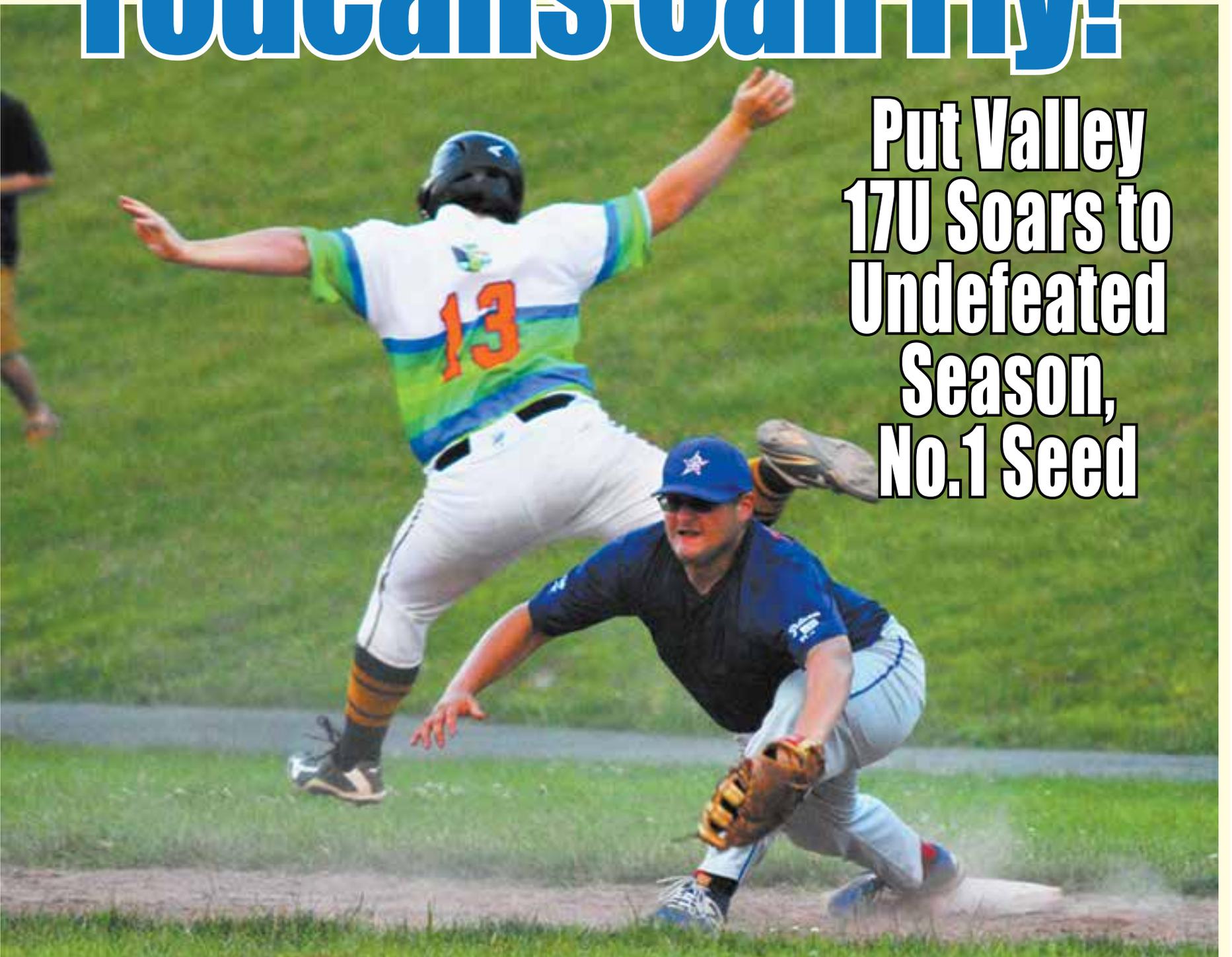
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SPORTS SECTION

Toucans Can Fly!

**Put Valley
17U Soars to
Undeclared
Season,
No.1 Seed**



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Putnam Valley Toucan senior Mike Gaitan (L) sails through the bag en route to a bunt base hit, a steal of second and an eventual run scored in the Toucans' 11-1 win over 1B Andrew Perrault and the visiting Carmel Cubs in 17U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League action last Tuesday at PV High. The Toucans improved to 12-0 and earned the No.1 seed in this week's playoffs. The Cubs (3-10) earned the No.8 seed and face the ninth-seeded Putnam Patriots in the hopes of a quarterfinal playoff rematch with PV.

Sports



Putnam Valley's Chris Crawford makes bee-line for 3B in Toucans' 11-1 win over Carmel Cubs in GHVBL 17 U action where PV remained unbeaten (10-0).



Carmel's Joe Cassidy is forced out on the lead end of Put Valley's twin killing, turned by SS John Rainieri in PV's 11-1 win in 17U GHVBL action.



PV Toucan OF Andrew Salerno avoids rundown situation by Carmel's Joe Cassidy and Vega in Toucans' 11-1 win over Cubs in GHVBL 17 U action.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Undefeated Put Valley Toucans Fly to No.1 Seed in GHVBL 17U Playoffs



Carmel 2B Michael Yorio is late with tag on Put Valley's Anthony Sochan in PV's 11-1 win over visiting Cubs in GHVBL action last Tuesday.



Carmel C Dan O'Neill slaps a tag on Put Valley Toucan Anthony Sochan of Mahopac in PV's 11-1 win over Cubs in 17U GHVBL action last Tuesday.



Putnam Valley C Mike Gaitan slips back to 3B ahead of tag from Carmel's Joe Cassidy in PV's 11-1 win in 17U GHVBL action.



Carmel's Nick Mancusi is forced out at 2B by Put Valley SS John Rainieri in PV's 11-1 win over Cubs in 17U GHVBL last Tuesday at PV High.



Put Valley's Andrew Salerno drills double in 11-1 win over Carmel in 17U GHVBL action last Tuesday.

Sports

Panas, Yorktown Baseball Programs Have Help on Way



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

There may also be some help coming to Walter Panas baseball Coach Anthony Fata after the performance of the Cortlandt American Little League All-Stars this summer. It's been a long time since we could report a Shawn Tarkington or a Mikey Anderson – legends of CALL-Stars past -- in our midst, but the C.A.L.L. 12U, 11U and 10Us all won their District 33 championships and each represented well in the sectional round.

CALL's run in the 12U sectional under Manager Jeremy Carlucci ended in back and forth heartbreaking 7-6 loss to Haverstraw, a team they beat 9-3 just two days earlier. In a game that went back and forth from the start, CALL grabbed the lead 6-5 going into the bottom of the sixth inning but couldn't hang on as Haverstraw hit a bloop single with two outs to score the winning run and eliminate the Cortlandt American All-Stars. Haverstraw went on to win their next three games to advance to the NYS tournament. CALL was the only team to beat them in the sectional tournament. It was CALL's third straight trip to the sectionals and while the team fell a little short of their goal of advancing to the state tournament, the unit -- Gavin Carlucci, Cameron Hawley, Derek Hawley, Sammy Stafura, Danny Witters, Aidan Cohall, TJ Surace, Austin Pagliettini, Joey Malaspina, Anthony Jaeschke, Justin

Ramos and Andrew Chisholm – played well and, more importantly, have represented the prideful Cortlandt American Little League program exceptionally during their Little League careers, having won the 10U, 11U and 12U D-33 banners.

However, CALL's powerful 11U offense is still steamrolling along. The team of Jordan Campbell, Tony Humphrey, Anthony DeCesare, Alex Enea, Travis Carlucci, Jackson DiLorenzo, Andrew Disanto, Nicky Caputo, Randy Wiesner, Ryan Taffner, Nick Tetro, Michael Scozzafava and Tom DiLorenzo played three sectional games last week and won them all, scoring an obscene 55 runs and advancing to the Sectional finals last Sunday. That's where the CALL-Stars advanced to the NYS tournament on July 29 behind a dominant pitching performance by Decesare, who made sure that seven runs would do the trick in a 7-3 victory to advance to the NYS Little League tournament this coming weekend.

Locked in a scoreless tie after 2-plus innings, CALL scored four runs in the bottom of the third and that was all they would need as Decesare pitched 5+ innings for the win.

"There isn't a weak bat in the lineup, which opposing pitchers quickly realize after they face "substitute" batters the second or third time through the order," said Coach Carlucci, a CALL legend. "The powerful lineup consists of eight hitters

who could bat 3-5 on just about any other team and the other four hitters would bat 1-2 for most other teams."

When this Cortlandt American 12U club meshes with these 11Us about four years from now as high school sophs and juniors, we could be looking at a sectional title contender for sure...

Let's face it, as one of the foremost lacrosse capitals in the nation, Yorktown is kind of hamstrung when it comes to baseball; at least that has been my experience over much of the past three decades. For all of the 40 Section 1 titles and seven NYS championships Yorktown has produced, the baseball program has one lone Section 1 title; that coming in 1995. *That doesn't mean the Huskers aren't competitive, because year in and year out they surely are, but they lose more athletes to lax than most.*

The names of former Yorktown lax greats infinitely roll of the tongue – Colsey, Marr, Nelson, Fusco et al. – but the list of truly great Yorktown baseball products is not quite as lengthy: Zach Reynolds and Rick Corrado were the only two League Players of the Year (both hitting .500); St. John's product Chris Henry was the only Pitcher of the Year. Jim Sharkey was probably the most dominant pitcher Coach Kennedy has had, and Rob Shaw and Dan Mason would be on the list of former great Husker hurlers, but it pales in comparison to the all-time lax greats.

So for every 20 All-Section laxers the

Huskers have had, there's a ratio of about 20-to-1 when compared to baseball, and that's where John Campobasso comes in. As President of the Yorktown Athletic Club and Commissioner of Baseball, Campobasso believes Yorktown can be an equally great baseball town and he's quick to point out that sustained change is on the horizon, particularly within the current group of 12Us he's deeply involved with.

"This team is amazing," Campobasso said of the Yorktown Rebels, the No.3 seed in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League tournament after having won the spring GHVBL championship and the Bethel Kindness Classic. "How they battled in Cooperstown was amazing. They finished 4-4 against 104 of the top teams in the country."

Yorktown is shining on the lower levels of the GHVBL circuit. The 8U Yorktown Force went 12-2 and earned the No.2 seed. The 9U Yorktown Lightning went 12-1 and earned the No.2 seed in the A-Division. On the 11U circuit, two Yorktown teams have a combined 16-11 mark and a top eight seed. The 13B Yorktown Coyotes went 8-5 and earned a six-seed. The 14U Yorktown Thunder may be having the best season of them all, working a No.1 seed at 13-2-1 in the A-Division.

While none of this guarantees the Huskers anything for the future, it sure as heck lets you know that there are coaches and players working hard on the lower levels and baseball is alive and well in the lacrosse hotbed of Yorktown. Help is on the way.



Put Valley 11U Bombers Quell Storm, Defeat Somers 10-3 in GHVBL Action



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Ricky Meister makes bee-line for home at Coach Billy Venezia's urging in Valley's 10-3 win over Somers. Somers IF Nick Herzegovitch awaits throw as Put Valley's David DiLapi takes 2B in PV's 10-3 GHVBL 11U win over Somers.



Somers IF Nick Herzegovitch awaits throw as Put Valley's David DiLapi takes 2B in PV's 10-3 GHVBL 11U win over Red Storm in 11U GHVBL action.



Putnam Valley's John Flanagan barrels up a ball in 10-3 win over Somers in GHVBL 11U action last Thursday.



Somers 1B Jake Gannon slaps a late tag on Put Valley's Ricky Meister in PV's 10-3 GHVBL 11U win over visiting Red Storm last Thursday.



Somers' Eddie Baranowski connects in 10-3 loss to host Putnam Valley in 11U GHVBL action last Thursday.



Somers C Eddie Baranowski is just late with tag on Put Valley's Ricky Meister as P Donovan Smith looks on in PV's 10-3 win over Red Storm.

Top MLB Prospect, McKay, Debuts with HV Renegades

By Andy Jacobs

The Tampa Bay Rays realize they're in uncharted territory trying to tap the full potential of multitalented top prospect Brendan McKay, the 21-year-old University of Louisville star recently chosen with the fourth selection in the 2017 MLB draft.

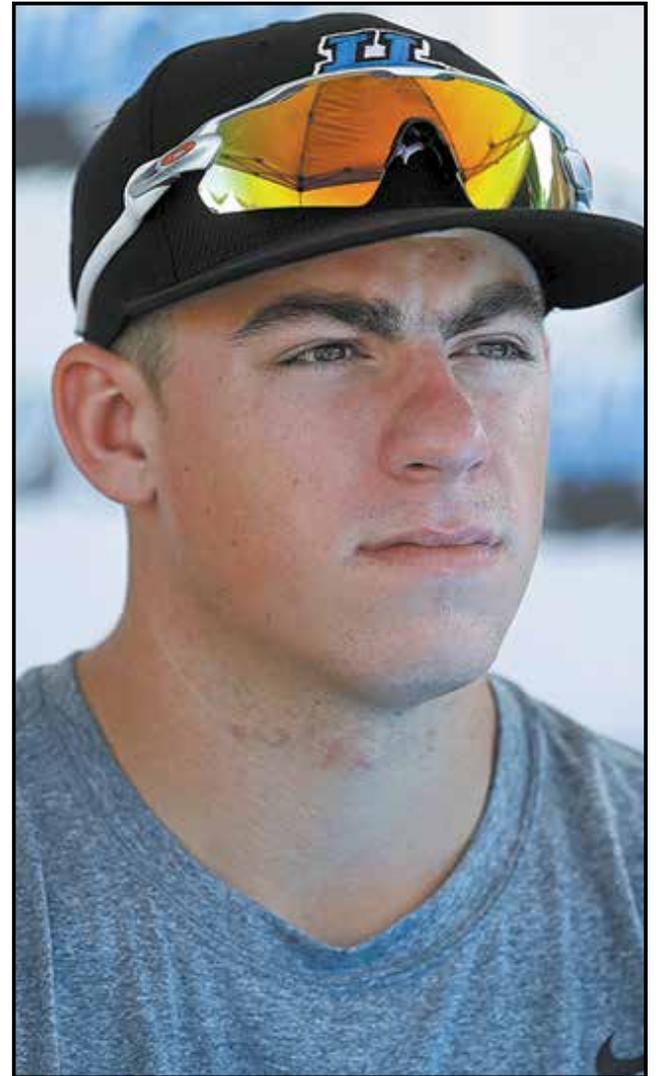
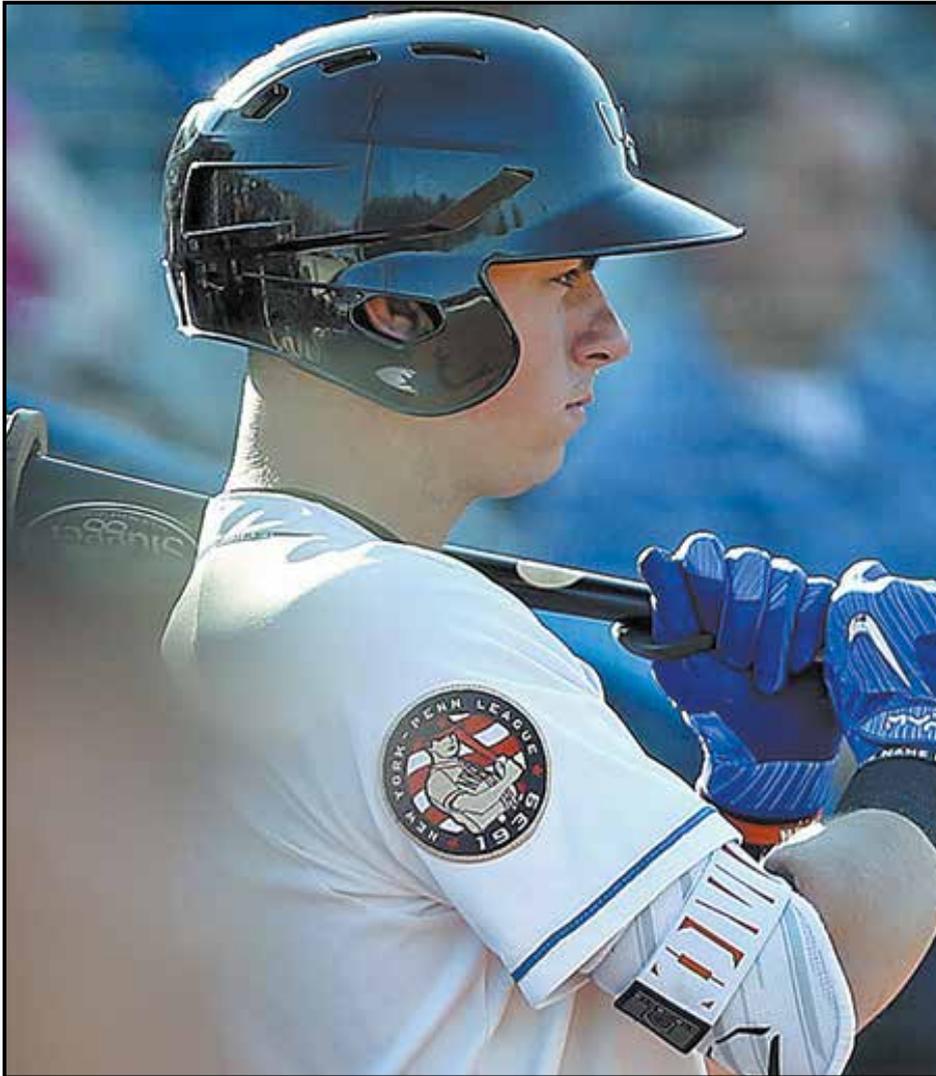
"This is unprecedented," said Mitch Lukevics, the Rays' director of minor league operations, during an introductory McKay press conference at Dutchess Stadium late Saturday afternoon in advance of the college player of the year's pro debut with the Hudson Valley Renegades 24 hours later. "What Brendan's gonna go through here in the Hudson Valley, it's really unprecedented with him. You know, being a first baseman, DH and a pitcher, it's gonna happen. We're excited."

The reason for that excitement is that McKay, who hits and throws left-handed, just completed one of the most spectacular single seasons in NCAA baseball history, blasting 18 home runs and batting .341 while also winning 11 games as the ace of the Cardinals' pitching staff. With his abilities at the plate and on the mound, he has been called by scouts the best two-way player since Dave Winfield starred for the University of Minnesota more than four decades ago.

According to Renegades Manager Craig Albarnaz, tasked with overseeing the first steps in McKay's unique ascension to the big leagues, he'll have plenty of help along the way.

"This is a group effort from the whole organization, not just on my part," he said. "With Mitch and all our coordinators and scouting department, there's a very detailed and structured plan for Brendan to see how it goes with him. He's been doing it his whole life, so there's been a lot of input from him — how he did things — and we took that into consideration. And as the days go on, how he's feeling, we're gonna sort of play it by ear and go from there."

For his part, McKay, a soft-spoken, low-key young man who seems far more content to let his bat and arm do the



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Hudson Valley Renegades P/1B/DH Brendan McKay is a once-in-a-generation type prospect who recently debuted at Dutchess Stadium as the No.4 overall pick of the Tampa Bay Rays' in the June MLB draft.

talking, is anxious to return to the playing field for the first time in nearly a month.

"Just overall excited to be in the Hudson Valley and to get back into the swing of things," he said as he addressed the local media for the first time. "Expectations for the season are just get in the swing of things and focus on being able to perform at this level and figuring out how to handle your body with the different change of schedule. Just getting used to the type of baseball played in the minor leagues."

Only a couple of weeks removed from receiving a record-high seven-million-dollar signing bonus from the Rays, McKay now finds himself about to embark on the next chapter of his baseball career, wearing a Renegades uniform in a very unfamiliar location.

"Getting to the park and seeing it and everything, and getting to drive around a little bit, going places, I thought it's a great place," said McKay, a Pennsylvania native who once pitched 71 consecutive shutout innings in high school. "It feels small, but I realize that it's pretty big. It's like a comforting smallness to it. But I like the area and it's gonna be a fun time."

McKay had homered in his final game for Louisville, a 4-3 loss to TCU in the College World Series that brought an

end to a record-setting 53-12 season for the Cardinals, who began the year with 19 straight wins. He arrived in Dutchess County on July 13th and watched three games from the dugout before getting a chance the following Sunday to face live pitching for the first time in three and a half weeks.

Facing the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, Albarnaz penciled in McKay as the designated hitter and had him batting third in the lineup for a Hudson Valley team that had a strong start to its season before an 11-game losing streak sent the Renegades plummeting in the standings.

In the first at-bat of his professional career, McKay swung at a 3-0 pitch and rapped into a 4-6-3 inning-ending double play. He came up in the bottom of the fourth with another runner on base and promptly fouled out to third. His disappointing debut concluded with strikeouts in his final two plate appearances: Further proof that hitting a baseball squarely is among the toughest things to do.

But it won't be long before the rust wears off and he starts displaying the skills that led to speculation the Minnesota Twins might select him with the first pick in the draft. His availability at No. 4 was reason

to rejoice for Tampa Bay.

"As a representative of the Rays," said Lukevics, "we're proud to have Brendan with our organization, our No. 1 pick this year. A No. 1 pick in a long line of really good No. 1 picks, from Josh Hamilton to Evan Longoria to David Price, to mention a few. Obviously, he has a promising future based on the potential that he showed at the University of Louisville. That's why he's the No. 1 pick. It's slow and steady, and that's the best course of action. We'll evaluate every day and see how this year will turn out for Brendan."

"It's great to be mentioned with all those names. They're all great players that I've seen growing up watching on TV," said McKay, who isn't really sure how long he'll need to reach the majors after earning the Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top amateur player after batting .341 with 18 homers and 57 RBIs in his junior year with the Louisville Cardinals. "In my mind, I'm ready whenever that time comes. At that moment, I'll be accepting of it and be ready for it whenever the organization feels fit for it."

For now, he'll fit right in with the Renegades, for whom he launched his first professional career home run in a recent 9-2 win over the Staten Island Yankees.