



Protesters Slam Trump for Separating Families

By David Propper

When Susan Elan was taking a flight home from Dallas to New York on April 30, she noticed three adults with five young children.

During that American Airlines flight, she found out those children were immigrants who had been separated from their parents after they all crossed the border, a governmental contractor with the children told her.

While Elan, a Mahopac resident, didn't require a first-hand experience to feel outraged by the practice of separating children and parents at the border, it's still a scene she won't soon forget. Elan and about 50 other activists were on the steps of the Historic County Courthouse Monday to protest Trump administration policy.

"What they are doing is permanently destructive to the kids," Elan said.

On June 26, a federal court ordered about 100 young immigrant children and their parents to be reunited by today (Tuesday), but the deadline was extended to Friday. About 3,000 young children were separated by their asylum-



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Protesters gathered Monday to voice their disapproval with an immigration policy that separates children and their parents at the border.

seeking parents at the southwest border, with some of the children under the age of 5. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there

are 11,800 migrant minors in custody. Children under 5 have been placed in 23 facilities across 13 states, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE).

The "zero tolerance" Trump administration policy triggered outrage in recent weeks with mass protests across the country.

The American Civil Liberties Union concluded the government will fail to reunite even half the children under 5 with their parents by the Tuesday deadline, although a Trump administration official said the efforts to reunite children are "highly encouraging," according to a CNN article.

As protesters held signs as drivers whizzed by, some people in cars honked in support and gave a thumbs up. Other drivers offered expletives, whether it be a middle finger or telling the protesters to go to hell. Some drivers shouted "go Trump" and one woman shouted at the protesters to tell immigrants crossing the border to "not to do anything illegal" if they don't want their children taken away.

Most protesters lived in Putnam, with a few people from Westchester and Dutchess counties.

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Blue-Green Algae Causes Widespread Beach Shutdowns

By David Propper

In past years when the sizzling summer weather finally arrived in Putnam County, beaches usually wouldn't face closures due to blue-green algae until the end of the season.

That's not the case this year, as the county health department has been forced to close as many as a dozen beaches throughout the county earlier this season than ever before, environmental health supervisor Shawn Rogan said. With weather in the mid-80s last weekend, at least nine lakes in Putnam had suspicion of blue-green algae, resulting in widespread closures.

"It's widespread so it's not just in one particular area," Rogan, who oversees the health of lakes in the county, said. "Putnam County has certainly been hit hard by blue-green algae closures."

While Rogan conceded no one has all the answers as to why the algae has been so prevalent, he noted septic systems leaking into lakes and runoff from untreated storm water, which could include fertilizer from lawn work, are two possible causes.

While Putnam residents might begrudge the fact they can't enjoy the cool lake water due to the closures, the health effects caused by swimming in a body of water with blue-green algae could be harmful. Exposure to the toxins from the algae blooms could result in diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, skin, eye, or throat irritations or breathing difficulties.

"Our goal is certainly not to shut beaches down, our goal is to protect the residents of Putnam County," Rogan, who is also a Patterson councilman, said.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio said three beaches in Lake Peekskill and a couple beaches at Roaring Brook have been shut down, which has frustrated residents. Oliverio, who is in talks with state and county health officials, hopes all the algae will be gone in a few weeks.

"It's the worst start," Oliverio said.

Oliverio explained the town has tried to counteract the algae by using 18 spouts in Lake Peekskill that subsurface and provide a whirlpool effect.

One lake that has not faced problems is

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One of several beaches around Lake Carmel were closed last week.

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Lightning Strike Sends Lake Mahopac Boaters to Hospital

By David Propper

While the 4th of July is typically known for booming fireworks, a lightning strike was an unpleasant presence on Lake Mahopac last week that caused a group of boaters to be rushed to the hospital.

At about 3 p.m. last Wednesday, during a heavy rainstorm with frequent lightning, four people were in need of assistance when lightning apparently struck near their boat on Lake Mahopac. The sheriff's department responded to a disabled vessel, which had two males and two females ranging from ages 28-41, located near the northwest corner of

the lake, according to the department.

Sergeant Matthew Monroe was told once he reached the boat that all of the boat's passengers were struck by lightning and needed medical care, authorities said. Monroe immediately requested the Mahopac fire and ambulance be dispatched to Mahopac Marina. With the assistance of Charlie Melchner, owner of Mahopac Marine, the boat was towed in with the passengers still on board.

Once the disabled vessel reached the dock, Mahopac fire department personnel and EMStar paramedics

gave aid to the injured passengers. Two passengers were transported to Putnam Hospital Center and one passenger was sent to Danbury Hospital in Connecticut, the sheriff's office said. One passenger was evaluated and released at the scene.


Mahopac fire chief Bill Nikisher said there was tingling in the boaters' legs, but there were no burn marks that would've indicated a direct strike by the lightning. Nikisher said the belief is the four boaters were nearby in their boat when the lightning hit.

After further inspection, it was determined the lightning strike

destroyed the majority of the electrical equipment on the boat, leaving it immobile.

Nikisher said he couldn't recall a time during his tenure with the department where boaters have been affected by a lightning strike on a local lake. He stressed when there is thunder and lightning in the area, residents should not be out on their boats.

"Growing up as a kid, how many times did your parents tell you if you hear thunder and you're on the lake, the ocean, or in a pool, you've got to get out," Nikisher said.



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Q: Who is a good candidate for breast reduction surgery?

A: A woman who's in general good health with realistic expectations. She must be a non-smoker, because smoking constricts the blood vessels, which can cause poor healing and bad scarring. She should be true to herself – the decision to reduce breast size should not be driven by a partner, friends or family.

Q: What happens during surgery?

A: The three basic components are: lifting of the nipple/areolar complex; removal of breast tissue to reduce size; and tightening of the skin envelope. At NWH's Center for Plastic Surgery, breast reduction surgery takes two-and-a-half to three hours. You go home the same day or the next morning.

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Q: What should I expect right after surgery – and long term?

A: At NWH, just before completing surgery, we do something special: Just before completing the procedure, we inject a long-acting local anesthetic for good pain control for the first one or two days. Scars are hidden and fade with time. Three to four percent of women initially experience some loss of sensitivity in the breast, though some women have a degree of permanent loss. About 80 percent of women who've had the surgery are able to successfully breastfeed.

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Patterson resident Andy Falk invoked Martin Luther King, stating the former civil rights icon said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

"Well, we ain't got time for that," Falk said. "We've got rampant racism, we got people taking babies away from their parents and putting them in cages. We need to fight for justice."

Falk said while he believes in borders, he stressed every person in this country is an immigrant. Falk's own family came as refugees and he stated the country's strength is diversity.

"I see us losing our moral clarity," Falk said, adding that ICE is a "terrorist organization."

Kent resident Phil Bayer said he's ashamed of what the United States has become. He even said the government was acting like "Nazis" by taking children away from their parents.

"This isn't the United States I grew up in," Bayer said. "It's sad. I'm disgusted."

Brewster resident Norma Pereira said what has been occurring is hurtful and she doesn't understand why the administration is taking this action. Most people in this country came to America as immigrants, she said, stressing many who want to come to the



There were many signs at Monday's rally. Protesters even brought empty baby strollers to symbolize immigrant children not being with their parents.

United States are seeking asylum. Even if they are detained, families should be kept together, she argued.

"No human is illegal," Pereira said. "It doesn't matter where you come from."

Carmel resident Judie Mirra said Trump has created a black mark against his presidency by approving this "ill-conceived plan."

"These children are going to be scarred



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forever by this," Mirra said.

Putnam GOP chairman Tony Scannapieco, who is a supporter of the

Republican president, said if parents don't want to be separated from their children, they shouldn't cross the border illegally.

"The parents put their children in jeopardy by coming here illegally," he said. "When Obama did it, it was OK, Democrats didn't say anything. Because it's Trump they go crazy."

He also slammed people that are comparing the president or government officials to Nazis or terrorists.

"They insult all the people who were killed by the Nazis and the American soldiers that were killed by the Nazis to call the president of the United States a Nazi," Scannapieco said.

When Elan, the Mahopac resident, was asked if some of the terms like "Nazis" or "terrorist" were too emotionally charged, she didn't believe they were.

"People are always asking why didn't the Germans do something to stop Hitler, why was everyone passive; they accepted it," Elan said. "We need to stop this before it's really too late to stop this."



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Protesters held up signs along Gleneida Avenue as drivers came by.



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Mesika Named New Board Prez in Brewster

By David Propper

For the first time in more than a decade, the Brewster Board of Education has a new leader at the helm.

During last Tuesday's reorganizational meeting, Sonia Mesika, fresh off an election win in May, was voted new board president in a 7-0 vote. Mesika, who has been the vice-president the last two years, replaces former board member Dr. Stephen Jambor, who was the board president since 2005. Kerry Cunningham, entering her second year on the board, was selected as vice-president.

The new board leadership comes at a time when the Brewster school system faces intense criticism and also the challenge of finding a new superintendent after current school chief Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte announced her departure at the end of the 2018-19 year.

In an interview, Mesika said she was ready to help foster a better relationship between the board and the community. With all the outrage the past few months, Mesika admitted the board and district have a lot of work in front of them as they remain under a microscope.

"I'm thankful to my fellow trustees for entrusting with that, but absolutely it's a big responsibility," Mesika said.

The board must be as transparent and communicate as clearly as possible, Mesika



New school board president Sonia Mesika (left) and vice president Kerry Cunningham.

said. With technological advances, Mesika said she'd like the district and board to be stronger in the way it communicates with residents. People expect information delivered differently than many years ago, and the board must accommodate that, she noted. One possible idea mentioned was a digital newsletter.

Mesika said the board must also listen to every side of an issue and proposal and think about both students and community members before reaching a determination.

"We must consider all sides and the pros and cons of everything," Mesika said. "And come to a middle ground and it's not always easy to do that."

The most important decision the board will make this year is finding a replacement for Henning-Piedmonte, who announced her resignation effective July 31, 2019.

Mesika said she thinks the board should conduct a nationwide search, even though the last two school leaders were chosen in-house.

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*Brewster school board president
Sonia Mesika*

The process will involve the community, Mesika vowed, with the board possibly offering a survey for residents to take. She also stressed the strategic coherence plan--a blueprint for the district--recently implemented would not be changed regardless of who the new school superintendent is.

Mesika, until asked about it, hadn't really thought about taking over for Jambor, who was essentially an institution during his time within the district and held one of the longest streaks as board president in the county's schooling history.

"Because I was able to work closely with him, it seems somewhat transitional," Mesika said of Jambor. "I was able to learn from him and hope to improve on things. I think he'd be proud of that, he always said that's always the goal, always get better. My goal is to learn from him and go on stronger."

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Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants Operated Safely in 2017

By Rick Pezzullo

The two active nuclear power plants at Indian Point in Buchanan operated safely in 2017, according to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

At a public hearing June 21 in Tarrytown attended by approximately 75 people, NRC officials unveiled the findings of their annual assessment of units 2 and 3, which are scheduled to stop producing energy in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Brian Haagensen, a senior resident inspector, said during more than 8,400 hours of inspection or related activities throughout 2017 revealed findings

of "very low safety significance." The inspection included how Entergy, owner of the plants, handled adverse weather preparation, security, maintenance, "force on force," and spent fuel storage.

"We are pleased that following more than 8,000 hours of review and inspection last year, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission judged Indian Point to be a safely operated plant. Indian Point's nearly 1,000 employees are focused on continued safe and reliable operation of the facility through its planned closure of Unit 2 in 2020 and Unit 3 in 2021," stated Jerry Nappi, a spokesman for Entergy.

During the hearing, Indian Point

received praise from several business leaders, including Deb Milone, director of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and organizations, such as the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA).

"Indian Point is one of the safest facilities in the country," Milone said. "Our economy will take a hard hit without Indian Point."

"Indian Point is a safe, well-run facility. That is what is most clear from the NRC's rigorous annual assessment of Indian Point," said Arthur "Jerry" Kremer,

chairman of AREA. "The plant continues to operate to the highest safety standards, as it has year-in and year-out. Indian Point will have an important role to play through 2021, supplying large amounts of clean power and being an engine for the region's economy."

However, others raised issues about the plants remaining safe, particularly during the lengthy decommissioning process in the future.

"I hope you guys are on the job the next four years," Michel Lee remarked to NRC officials.



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Lake Oscawana.

While beaches were supposed to open on Memorial Day, many have been closed over the last month resulting in numerous complaints being directed to town hall.

"As I explained to them, the health of your animals and you are more important than your swimming," Oliverio said. "It's not only here."

In Kent, Supervisor Maureen Fleming said the excessive heat and humidity has forced beaches to close, including those around Lake Carmel.

"It's unfortunate it's so widespread," Fleming said, noting more than 30 lakes across the state have dealt with blue-green algae.

Fleming said two lakes in Kent were selected by the state for a pilot program where hydrogen peroxide is put into one lake and an ultrasonic device is used on another lake to see if those options are efficient ways to fight this problem. Those treatments have been occurring for the past three weeks.

Another program headed by the state that's underway is exploring whether to implement sewer systems near beach lake communities to eliminate septic tanks.

"Everyone is really flummoxed by this," Fleming said. "Residents are very disappointed and I don't blame them, but there's no magic answer."

Adding to the frustration is the county health department's ability to close a beach based on a visual inspection while a lab test is required to reopen the beach, Fleming said. The testing doesn't come until 24 hours after it appears the algae has disappeared, Fleming added.

The protocol was put into place by the state health department and Department of Conservation. Rogan said it's become easy to spot blue-green algae due to its common reemergence.

He asked that residents learn as much as possible about blue-green algae and be able to identify these harmful blooms. If residents see an algae bloom, contact the health department (845-808-1390) to report it to the officials. On Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. the health department will hold a workshop at the Mahopac Public Library to discuss blue-green algae.

Rogan warns the blue-green algae problem in Putnam is far from over.

"I think this is going to happen all summer long," Rogan said.



The closures of beaches in Putnam County have been widespread.

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Premier Polo Match Comes to Patterson

By Anna Young

If you love horses, spirits, classic cars and farm-to-table food, then break out those lavish hats, pastel dresses and bowties and head to The Victory Cup polo match extravaganza this Saturday in Patterson.

The annual event, which will be held on July 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3 J Ranch on Route 311, will provide attendees with an entertaining line-up of rival polo matches while they dine on culinary delicacies and sip on an array of craft beer, wine and spirits.



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This year, organizers teamed up with The Beer Festival to put on a craft brewers festival with a widespread tent featuring over a dozen local brewers who will provide tastings to those in attendance.

"As 'America's Polo Match' we throw a party that everyone can enjoy," said event organizer Joe Bachmeier. "Craft beer is certainly part of that equation."

Tasting will be provided by, Tommyrotter Distillery, Clifton Cider, Peony Vodka, Fishers Island Lemonade, New Paltz Brewing Co, YaVe Tequila, 1857 Spirits, Gristmill Distillers, Treasury Hard Cider, Broken Bow Brewery, RS Taylor & Sons Brewery, Cross Roads Brewery, Twin Stills, Seneca Lake Brew, Cooperstown Distillery, Blue Toad Hard Cider, and Sahm Brewing Company.

Along with tastings, polo-goers can also enjoy a classic Land Rover auto show, a plush cigar lounge provided by Blue Smoke, vendors, food, live music, a playground for children of all ages, and a fashion contest. Winners of the fashion contest will receive VIP tickets to the Victory Cup Governors Island event on Aug. 4 in New York City.

Following the polo matches, players will dismount and join guests for dinner on a 200-foot long, white linen table in the middle of the field. Farm to Table ticketholders will enjoy dinner by Aversano's Restaurant, Bachmeier said.

"While enjoying amazing food and drinks, guests will be able to relax in a gorgeous setting while taking in the majesty of the horses, the sights of beautiful people and the thrill of heart pounding polo," Bachmeier said.

Farm-to-Table tickets are \$190.

Other vendors and restaurants providing mouthwatering options include, Le Express Bistro, Mason Catering, Ice & Vine, Skinny Pines, Waffles & Dinges, San Matteo Pizzeria, The Butcher Bar, Corfu Grill, Essie's Restaurant, Elia's Market and Heritage Food & Drink.

Now in its 14th year, The Victory Cup, which started in Washington D.C., has become the nation's only traveling polo tournament with 10 events in three states, including Texas, South Carolina and New York.

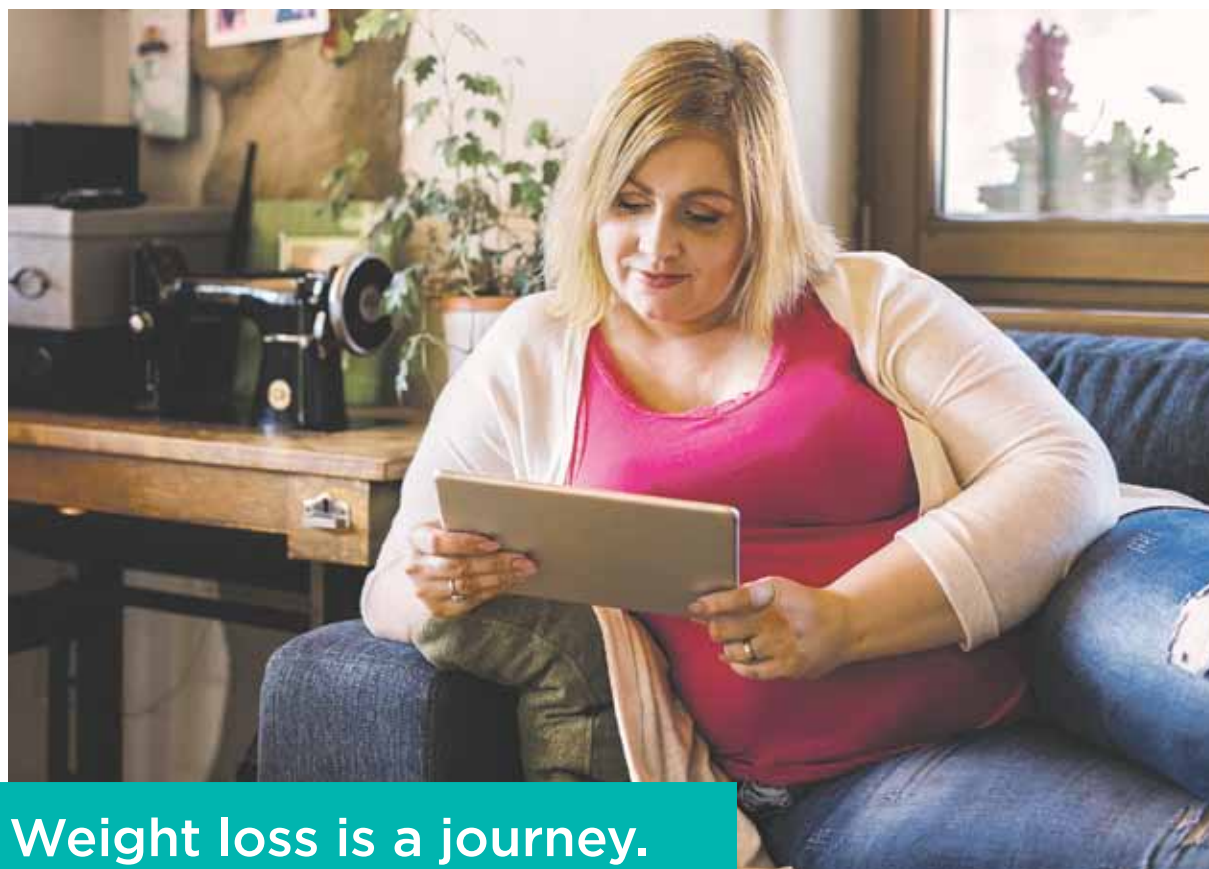
Whether you come dressed up or casual, general admission for the family friendly and pet friendly event will be \$45. Lawn passes are \$16 and VIP tickets are available for \$125.

For those seeking an upper tier experience, there will be a Golden Mallet Tent and Founder's Lounge where guests

can enjoy a more refined experience while they mix and mingle with premier event sponsors, partners and polo players.

"This is a unique event to enjoy the outdoors, meet intriguing people, interact with horses, players and experience a day like no other at the best party of the summer," Bachmeier said.

The Victory Cup Craft Beer Festival will be held on Saturday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3 J Ranch on 683 NY-311 in Patterson, located off of I-684 and I-84. For tickets or more information, visit VictoryCup.org/FarmBash.



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Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti hosted a Naturalization Ceremony on Wednesday, June 27 at the Putnam County Historic Courthouse, Carmel, New York. Clerk Bartolotti administered the Oath of Allegiance to 48 new citizens from 25 different countries. The Naturalization Ceremony opened by the posting of the colors by American Legion Post 1080 Color Guard. The Hon. James T. Rooney, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court & Putnam County Court Judge served as the officiating Supreme Court Justice and offered court remarks. The Hon. MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive, offered welcoming remarks. Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr. led the opening prayer. Mr. Art Hanley, Deputy Director of Putnam County Veterans Affairs, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Janet Ocasio, representative from LiveonNY and an organ donor recipient, gave the Keynote Speech. Isabella Ciatto, a junior at Carmel High School, presented the gathering with beautiful renditions of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America." After the ceremony, a coffee and cake reception was held to welcome our newest citizens. Any citizen wishing to view photos and video of the ceremony is encouraged to visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk or visit our Facebook page.



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AJMC Handy Man

Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Carmel resident Anthony Capone has owned AJMC Handy Man since 2016, but he has been a handyman since he was just a child growing up.

Capone said last week he does interior home renovations and repairs. Some of his work includes installing tiles and doing work on floors and doors. "Nothing too, too big," he said. He only has residential customers, Capone said.

Capone does all the work on homes except for plumbing and electrical work, he said.

"I don't touch that. I'm not licensed and insured for it," he said. "I just basically do everything else."

Capone said the name of his business refers to the initials of his own full name, which is Anthony Joseph Michael Capone.

Though AJMC Handy Man is the first business Capone has owned, he has been working in the industry for many years. "I love what I do," Capone said.

"I've grown up with it," he said. "It's just something that I enjoy doing. I love the outcome when you take something that's all old and not so nice" and turn it into a new room. "When it's done it's beautiful," Capone said. "It's very satisfying."



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Carmel resident Anthony Capone is the owner of AJMC Handy Man.

"You try to work within somebody's budget," Capone added.

A negative aspect to owning your own

business is the costs, Capone said. For example, the truck he is using for work is not large enough for his business, Capone

said. "It's hard to work out of," he said.

A positive aspect to owning a business is "the finished job," Capone said. "You're meeting new people, you're making new friends to a degree and you're developing a relationship with the people in the community."

Capone said most of his customers live in Carmel, Mahopac, Brewster, Danbury, CT, and Dutchess County.

Capone said it was difficult to own his own business and be its sole employee when he began AJMC two-and one-half years ago. "It's always hard" starting a new business, he said. He has become successful mainly through word of mouth, Capone said.

A positive reputation for his business is very important, Capone said. "All my work is guaranteed and I've never gotten called back to somebody's house to fix something that I've done which is great," he said. "You've got to give back to the job. If there's something else lying around the house that needs to be done you have to say alright, you know what, I'll take care of that."

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Recognizing that veterans serving after World War I with ties to Putnam should be similarly recognized, the Legislature created the Putnam County Veterans' Service Medal Advisory Panel in December 2017 to study and make recommendations for the creation of a new Putnam County Service Medal. The panel

consists of Legislative Chairman Joseph Castellano, Legislators Toni Addonizio and Ginny Nacerino, and representatives of Putnam's veterans including Veterans Service Agency Director Karl Rohde.

Seeking to bestow these awards without any burden on the county's taxpayers, the panel is raising funds for the medals from private sources. Their first effort was a very successful pancake breakfast fundraiser on March 10th at the Carmel VFW (32 Gleneida Avenue). Donations may be made to Putnam County Joint Veterans Council and mailed to Putnam County Veterans Service Agency, 110 Old Route 6 Building #3, Carmel, NY 10512, Attn: Karl Rhode, Director. Checks can be made payable to "PCJVC".

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The Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB) continues to seek the public's help with an extremely important public service advisory first delivered at the Legislature's Protective Services Committee on February 22: "Number your house!"

Our first-responders – police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency services – need to be able to find you when you call them for help. Putnam County is "where the country begins," and while we love our bucolic character, we still need to make sure all of our homes and property entrances are clearly marked with a house number. Unmarked or poorly marked houses frequently lead to

delays in emergency help reaching people – sometimes with tragic results.

ESSAB recommends that all residents install house numbers on both sides of your mailbox and also on the front of your house. Numbers should be at least four-inches high and have a half-inch brushstroke (line thickness), with a sharply contrasting background (such as white on black). Self-adhesive and nail-on numbers are available at most hardware stores, and some are also reflective for better visibility at night. The bottom line is that your house number should be easily identifiable to first-responders as soon as they arrive, even in the dark or in bad weather.

Accomplishing this simple task can mean the difference between life and death in an emergency. As ESSAB points out, "The life you save may be your own!"

Byrne Weighs In On Conclusion Of Legislative Session

There's an old saying, "Our liberty is never safe when the New York State Legislature is in session." There's definitely some truth to that. This past legislative session I successfully fought back against several initiatives that would have added to our state's crushing tax burden, added excessive regulations on businesses that hurt job creation and chipped away at our constitutional freedoms.

That said, this past legislative session was not without its accomplishments. By working with colleagues from both sides of the aisle, we:

- restored important funding for our libraries;
- protected our state's Environmental Protection Fund;
- continued funding the state's commitment against the opioid epidemic;
- passed legislation to restore local control

to our schools, teachers and parents;

- returned tax dollars to fix our roads and bridges, including portions of Routes 6, 52, and 202;
- updated our state's sexual harassment policies; and
- took important steps to address the Harmful Algal Blooms in our lakes throughout the state.

Additionally, I introduced five new bills that address various local needs in the 94th Assembly District, all of which passed the Assembly and the Senate. That brings our grand total to ten legislative successes that I introduced during my first term in Albany-- more than nearly any other freshman Assembly member, and more than most Assembly members across the entire state.

Despite these successes, we still left the Assembly Chamber with a lot of unfinished business this year. Many

important legislative proposals were held up in a disagreement between the Senate and Assembly Majorities. As such, I have called on the Speaker and the Governor to bring us back to Albany to do the people's work. Additionally, the Assembly Speaker has refused to take up legislation which passed the Senate, including important bills that would provide for additional school safety initiatives like School Resource Officer funding, as well as additional security and mental health services in our school system. The people of New York have been craving action to protect the children in our school system and this is the perfect opportunity to do just that. Bring us back to Albany, and let's get it done. Considering the Governor called us back to rename a bridge just last year, I believe it's only fair he do the same to ensure the safety of our children.

Speaking of the bridge, as many of you may know, in the waning hours of this year's legislative session, the Senate passed our bill to restore the historic "Tappan Zee" name to the Tappan Zee

Bridge. I have been leading the charge in this fight since day one when I voted against stripping away the original name. Critics have said it was a lost cause and that it would never gain traction. The fact that our legislation has already passed the Senate, with bipartisan support from both Senate conference leaders says a lot. Speaker Heastie should listen to the people of the Hudson Valley and pass our measure to save the Tappan Zee!

It is a great honor and privilege to serve our neighbors as your representative in the State Assembly. Wrapping up the second year in my first term, we've accomplished a lot, but there's still much to do. Together, with your support, we will continue to build a better, more affordable, future for all New Yorkers.

Your proud public servant,

Kevin M. Byrne
Member of Assembly
New York's 94th Assembly District

Putnam Sheriff's Boat Safety Reminder

As summer is underway, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office would like to remind county boaters of some requirements that would keep their day safe and fun.

Each motorized boat needs to have:

1. One Personal Floatation Device (PFD – Life Jacket), USCG approved & appropriate size for each person on board.
2. One Type 4 throw able device (USCG Approved)
3. Sounding device (horn or whistle)
4. Anchor with line
5. A Fire Extinguisher (mounted & USCG approved)
6. Visual Distress Signal (3 day/night flares)
7. Navigation and Stern Light during low visibility or night

As always, a life jacket only works if it is worn. Consuming alcohol while operating a boat in dangerous and against the law. Periodic checks will be conducted on the Hudson River, Oseawana Lake and Lake Mahopac.

For a complimentary vessel safety inspection by one of our trained Marine Law Enforcement Deputies please contact Sergeant Michael Szabo 845-225-4300.

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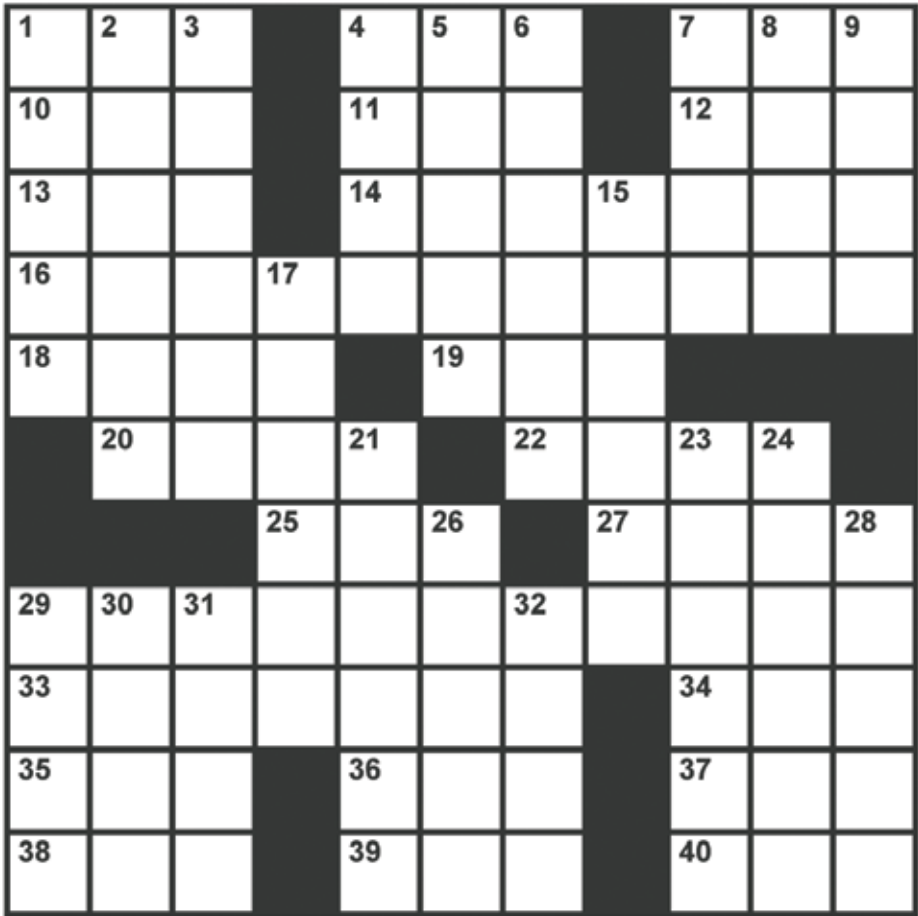
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
1. Port in a computer
4. Trivial lie
7. Really awesome!
10. Small hill
11. Wedded
12. TV inits.
13. Company going public
14. Brewster knife and military surplus store, Wild Jim's ____
16. Requisitions
18. "Rowan and Martin's laugh-in" actor, Johnson
19. Codgers' replies
20. Where children "grow and blossom" in Yorktown, ____ Day Care Center
22. Epiphanies
25. Curtsey
27. Big Apple archbishop
29. Take off from a high board
33. Wild fennel
34. ____fangled
35. Smelter stuff
36. L. Victoria setting
37. Gloomy guy
38. Director Craven
39. Vendor request, abbr.
40. Operative
- Down
1. City in NY
2. Deep sleeps
3. Novelist Charlotte, of Jane Eyre
4. Centers of attraction
5. Being utilized
6. "You ____!"
7. Stew
8. 4840 square yards
9. Ululates
15. Tied up
17. Weak
21. One buck
23. Accounting concepts
24. Accumulate some financial reserves
26. "In Pharaoh's Army" author Tobias
28. Gossipy
29. Christmas wish, for some
30. One way to transfer cash
31. They change every year
32. Distort



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Obituaries

Fred Pfaffenbach

Fred Pfaffenbach of Mahopac, died peacefully at his home on June 28, at the age of 92. He was born in New York City on September 21, 1925, the son of Fred and Gertrude (Miller) Pfaffenbach. After high school, Fred joined the Army Air Corps and served proudly as an airplane mechanic. On November 8, 1947 he married Theresa Acton and they were blessed with four children. After the war, Fred became a carpenter in the Northeastern Carpenters Union and worked for the union until he retired. His family was fortunate to have him help them construct their family homes in Mahopac, Carmel and even Hawaii. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 69 years Theresa, his son René and his wife Chai, his son Michael and his wife Debra, his daughter Nina and her husband John, his daughter-in-law LouAnn; and his grandchildren Alex, Emily, and Kayla. He was predeceased by his son Daniel and his brothers Charlie, George, and René. All services for Mr. Pfaffenbach will be private. Please make memorial contributions in his name to Hospice Care of Westchester and Putnam, www.hospicewestchesterputnam.org.

Barbara Bentsen

Barbara Bentsen, 91, of Carmel, and past resident of Union Connecticut, died peacefully on June 30 at the

Waterview Nursing home in North Salem. Barbara was born on October 30 1926 in Providence Rhode Island to the late William and Alice McClure. She married Edward Bentsen and they were blessed with 5 children Deborah, Mark, Diane, Carl, and Todd. Barbara was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was known to her family and friends as a lifelong devoted Red Sox fan. Her love for reading kept her mind young and sharp, she was a talented gardener and bird watcher. Her love of sports also included the UCONN Women's Basketball team. Barbara is survived by her five children, which include Deborah and her husband Anthony Campbell, Mark and his wife Lori Bentsen, Diane and her husband Bill Forbes, Carl Bentsen and his wife Sue Horwitz, Todd and his wife Sheri Bentsen. She is also survived by her 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and by her loving sister Nancy McClure. Predeceased by her loving husband Edward Bentsen (2006) and her cherished granddaughter Leah Mae Bentsen.

Serafino 'Sero' DiDio

Serafino 'Sero' DiDio, a longtime resident of Brewster, died on June 30 after a valiant battle against cancer. He was 70-years-old. Sero was born on March 22, 1948 in Brooklyn to Paul and Sadie (DiCaroli) DiDio. He was a 1966 Brewster High School graduate and continued

his education at Dutchess Community College. Sero was an insurance agent for over 40 years, a founding partner with Bruen Deldin DiDio Associates Inc. before retiring in 2011. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of so many both professionally and personally in the community. On April 26, 1980 Sero married the love of his life, Meryl Scheiner, in Brewster. Together they raised four children. He is survived by his wife Meryl, his children; Paul DiDio (Bradford Horton) of Brewster, Jessica Lamoureux (Bobby) of South Glastonbury, CT, Sara DiDio (Joe Graff) of Brewster, and Alisa DiDio (Logan Wida) of White Plains, his grandchildren; Nicholas and Samantha Lamoureux and Joey Graff, and his brother Fred (Nancy) DiDio. Sero's passions included cooking, golfing, and traveling. Aruba and Montauk were among his favorite destinations. Gathering around the table and serving gourmet meals to family and friends gave him great joy. Sero's warmth, contagious smile, and affectionate bear hugs were felt by all who knew him. His generosity and zest for life will be long remembered.

Margaret McHale

Margaret McHale of Mahopac, died peacefully on Monday, July 2, at the age of 87. She was born in Co. Kildare, Ireland on April 15, 1931. Margaret was the third of thirteen children born to Christopher and Margaret Galvin Burchell and settled

in the United States in 1964 to raise her family. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Nolan and her husband, John of Mahopac and Tara Privitera and her husband, Leonard of Poughkeepsie, NY, her grandchildren, Lily, Nicholas, Rhiannon and Ryan and her great grandsons, Maximus and Orrin. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter in 2004 and her daughter, Pamela in 2005.

Frank Beyer

Frank Beyer of Mahopac, died on July 3, at the age of 77. He was born in Brooklyn, the son of Frank and Minnie (Lepkow) Beyer. On June 1, 1963 he married Helga Jonke and they were blessed with three children Christine, Shirley, and Michael.

Frank loved to ski, golf, travel, and work with landscaping and his pine trees. He loved watching his grandchildren engage in their various sports and go fishing and playing backgammon. Frank was a partner and member of the NYSE and Henderson Brothers Specialist Firm trading equities and securities. Opa (Frank) infamous words were: "whatever," "it's good enough," "what ya doing, building a pyramid," "let's go!" Frank is survived by his wife Helga, his daughters Christine and Shirley Beyer, his son Michael and his wife Linda, and his grandchildren Terry, Todd, Trace, and Tess. He was predeceased by his brother Hank.

Pines Bridge School Holds First Prom for 'Transitions' Students at PNW BOCES

In many ways the inaugural Prom at the Pines Bridge School, held at the Putnam Northern | Westchester BOCES campus in Yorktown, was similar to those thrown for other local high schools. There were young women in fancy dresses and makeup and young men wearing jackets. There was a "Red Carpet" photo booth surrounded by balloon columns. And there were smiling groups of students tentatively trying out dance moves to party standards like "Cotton Eye Joe."

These young people, however, daily face physical and developmental challenges unknown to their typical peers. So, for them, there was a special joy in experiencing that most typical of high school milestones – Prom.

"We are all so happy to see these kids feeling excited and proud, and experiencing the fun part of high school," Pines Bridge Cilla Mate said last month, as she looked around the gaily decorated gym at students laughing and dancing together – sometimes with the help of a staff member pushing a wheelchair back and forth in time to the music.

Prom was particularly meaningful for the young men and women graduating later this week from Transitions – a regional program for students between the ages of 16 and 21 who have developmental



(L-R) Caroline Chrysler, Anna Milano, Caroline Serlin and Alexis Aguiar strike a pose at Prom.

delays or multiple disabilities or have been diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Transitions helps students prepare for life after school by teaching daily living and social skills and providing vocational opportunities.

With Mate's support, occupational therapist Danielle Iammatteo organized the school's first prom after polling students on its theme and other details.

"These students don't often get to have the same experiences that other kids their age do," Iammatteo said. "We wanted them to have their own Prom – and they've all been so excited about it." Lashanda

Crosby was one of the students who spurred her on, and said she was thrilled to be attending Prom before graduation.

"The music and dancing make us all feel happy," she said. Before Prom started, the school day began with the young women – all dressed up in both short and long dresses – having their hair and makeup touched up by teaching staff. Then at noon, it was on to the gym where

the soon-to-be graduates walked the Red Carpet to the cheers of Transition classmates and staff.

Carmen Aleman, who drives a bus for the program, had created balloon centerpieces for the tables and helped decorate the gym. "It's amazing to see the kids looking all grown up and feeling beautiful," she said. "It's bringing tears to my eyes because they're really having a ball!"



PROVIDED PHOTOS
Soon-to-be graduates Lindsay Moloney, Anthony Reda and Lashanda Crosby enjoy Prom.

Falls Academy Students 'Move Up' to High School

Ten students from Falls Academy "moved up" to high school at a ceremony held last month at the Myrtle Avenue school in Mahopac that houses the collaborative program.

"Middle school is not easy," Principal Meghan Febbie told the eighth graders, "but you were committed to learning and bettering yourselves...Each one of you should be proud of yourself!"

The students received their certificates to applause from their families, the student body, Falls Academy faculty, and administrators and trustees from PNW BOCES and the Mahopac Central Schools.

Both Febbie and Alfred Santoli, coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for PNW BOCES, praised the teaching, support and administrative staff behind the Falls Academy program – known as "middle school done differently." The program is a collaboration between Mahopac and Putnam |Northern Westchester BOCES.

Febbie advised the students not to follow "the crowd" in high school – and to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

"Remember, that you are investing in yourself," she said.



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Falls Academy eighth graders pose with teaching and support staff at a Moving Up Ceremony.

Carmel Seniors Moved to Knights of Columbus

Putnam County MaryEllen Odell announced that the county has begun the renovations of the Carmel Friendship Center at the Donald B. Smith Campus in Carmel. The new configuration of the building will allow additional services, more room for recreational activities, a larger dining area and an updated kitchen facility.

While the work is being done on the building, the nutrition center and recreational activities will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fair Street in Carmel.

"Putnam County has the fastest growing and largest percentage of senior population in New York State and we need to ensure that we have the ability to properly serve our aging population, so they can live at home longer and healthier," said Odell, who thanked state Sen. Terrence Murphy for helping secure funding and the Knights for opening their hall to the seniors.

Murphy secured \$550,000 in funding from New York State to use toward the revamp.

"The renovation will make the building safer, and give it a more modern look, allowing the Center to reach out to and engage more seniors in their quality services and programs," Murphy said.

The renovations will transform the Center into a state-of-the-art, energy efficient facility with a room for information and technology, as well as an area to expand the Center's senior programs.

Additional space dedicated for use by seniors include:

- An improved and expanded exercise area
- An improved and expanded arts and crafts room
- New interview and counseling rooms
- Expanded nutrition counseling rooms
- Improved pantry and lunch areas
- And improved access to the building for the handicapped

The construction of the Carmel Friendship Center is expected to take about six months.



Reconnecting With My First Home (and a Relative) in an Uncanny Way

Thomas Wolfe wrote that “You Can’t Go Home Again,” but I have frequently revisited homes where I have formerly resided, even one I didn’t remember.

Just recently I enjoyed an almost surreal experience in revisiting my first home in New York, a five-story, walk-up brownstone in Greenwich Village. The experience also served to reunite me with a family member I hadn’t seen in many years.

From the time I was 10 years old, living in a small town in Virginia, I knew that I wanted to live my grown-up life in New York City. I had just accompanied my parents celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Almost overwhelmed by the excitement of the city and having a keen interest in theater and the arts, I knew I couldn’t live anywhere else. Not only did I choose Manhattan as my ultimate destination, but after I saw the film “My Sister Eileen,” the wacky comedy about the adventures of two sisters living in Greenwich Village, I narrowed my search to the West Village.

Upon my college graduation, I traveled



By Bill Primavera

to New York with two friends who had similar aspirations. At that time, believe it or not, there was a glut of apartments available in the city because developers sought to beat a looming deadline to upgrade building standards. You’ve probably never heard the term “concessions” offered on leases, but two and three months free rent were offered to lure tenants to new buildings. My two friends and I moved into a spanking new studio apartment at Greenwich Avenue and West 10th Street, with \$180 a month rent, which we considered

high.

I was living in a luxurious, albeit small apartment, on the ninth floor with a large picture window and a view of the Empire State Building. The only problem was that my two roommates and I were having a hard time getting along. Within two months, we all decided to find other quarters and move out.

Luckily, I found that a neighbor directly across the street from my building was looking for a roommate and I applied. I walked out on the lease I alone had

signed, being the only one among us who was over 21, and moved into the top floor walk-up “cold water” flat, an apartment that lacked hot running water. When we bathed, we had to heat water on the stove and pour it into the tub along with the cold water.

The rent for the one (small) bedroom unit was only \$37.50, which seemed extraordinarily low even at that time, but once again I didn’t get along well with my roommate.

Fast forward 50 years or so when I’m posting opinions on Facebook and, with one of them, I receive a “like” from my great-niece Teresa with whom I’d met only twice – once when she was eight years old and her grandparents had brought her to my home and once more when she applied to colleges in New York. I texted her to catch up on her impressive career as a journalist. After a couple of exchanges, I asked where she was living. She replied the West Village.

“Ah,” I said, “that’s where I first lived, on West 10th Street.” She said that she too lived on West 10th Street.

“Wow,” I responded, “my address there was 138 W. 10th St.”

I received a response, all in caps, “MY ADDRESS IS 138 WEST 10th STREET!” There are about 77,000 apartment

buildings in Manhattan. What are the odds that two generations apart both my great-niece and I would have chosen the same building to call our first home in Manhattan? Surely, it must be something more than coincidence.

After several other Facebook exchanges, I was invited to visit my great-niece at my old haunts, which I did within the week. Going back to that building after more than 50 years was quite an experience for me. I was almost overwhelmed by feelings of nostalgia. It was amazing to me how the mere physical presence of an old home could conjure up that kind of emotion.

My older sister, the grandmother of Teresa, once told me that she never wanted to visit any of her former homes. “I don’t look back, I look forward,” she told me. Well I guess I’m one of those who likes to look back. That visit to my early domicile was bittersweet in all the memories it conjured up and I for one was happy to have had the experience.

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Seeking Truth About the Many Longstanding Wine Myths



By Nick Antonaccio

Readers have been asking for advice on wine drinking standards. As you acquire a more refined taste, and preference, for certain wines, there are accepted axioms floating around the “Bacchusphere”

that become confusing.

Many are still relevant, but others have taken on the cloak of myths and have no practical relevancy. Differentiating between fact and fiction is sometimes difficult – especially when expressed by wine “experts.”

Myths or facts? Here are three wine “truths” that have been questioned by readers and others I’ve met in my travels. I’ve selected these topics at random and present them in no particular order of importance or relevancy.

1. A bottle of wine must breathe before it is poured.

In fact, this does nothing for the wine. Leaving an opened bottle of wine on the table simply delays your drinking of the wine. The truth is that certain red wines do need time to breathe but pulling the cork and letting the bottle sit is analogous to a reference I once heard that it is like sitting in a stuffy airplane and expecting the air to become fresh simply by opening the cockpit door. In the months or years

of being confined in the bottle, wine continually evolves as a living, breathing organism. It needs to breathe, but it needs help.

To enjoy the pent-up aromas and flavors of red wine, try one of these: 1) decant the bottle 30 to 60 minutes before serving; the interaction of the wine with oxygen speeds the evolution of the wine. 2) Don’t have an hour to wait? Pour a third of glass of wine and vigorously swirl the glass in circular motions, allowing oxygen to interact with the wine. 3) Purchase a wine aerator and pour the wine through this amazingly efficient device. It is more effective than swirling and more timesaving than a decanter. I have tested an aerator several hundred (thousand) times and it has never failed to enhance the wine at hand.

2. Sniffing a cork tells you something about the quality of the wine.

This centuries-old tradition is an early-warning exercise. But it is a simple visual test, not a “smell” test. It rarely tells you anything about the essence of the wine in the bottle. If the cork is cracked or moldy or has tracks of wine along its sides, there may be a

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

problem, but it doesn’t necessarily mean the wine is corked or otherwise adulterated.

This is determined by the next step you should follow: sniff the wine. Pour a bit into a glass, swirl it around and insert

your nose into the glass. If the wine smells tainted (a wet newspaper odor) or oxygenated (off-putting aromas), you may have a bad bottle. Send it back. If it’s not spoiled but doesn’t quite live up to your lofty aromatic expectations, too bad. Typically, once the bottle is opened, you’ve purchased it.

3. All these wines with screwtops!

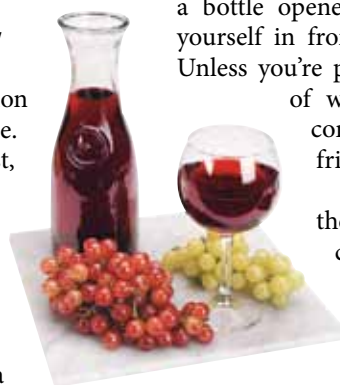
They can’t be good for wine. Wrong. I am a strong advocate of screwtops. Why? There’s no chance of a tainted bottle and the seal is tighter than a cork. Added bonus: you don’t have to wrestle with a bottle opener and risk embarrassing yourself in front of family and friends. Unless you’re planning to store a bottle of wine for several decades, consider screwtops your friend.

Another bottle closure, the plastic cork, is sound in concept. But in practical terms this has to be one of the worst alternatives to cork ever devised. They

can be impossible to penetrate with a corkscrew and form an airtight seal in the neck of the bottle. Extracting one has transformed me into a contortionist too often for comfort.

Look for future columns dedicated to mythbusters on subjects as diverse as numeric wine ratings, the proper temperature for serving wines and the confusing state of grape names around the world. I look forward to answering your individual questions via e-mail.

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Happenings

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

Tuesday, July 10

Percy Jackson Book Club 2 p.m. The Lightning Thief. Is The Lightning Thief on your summer reading list? If so, congratulations! It is the start of an amazing series by Rick Riordan about the young demigod son of Poseidon and his friends as they fight to save the world. The only thing that could make it even better would be a book club about it... so we started one for anyone aged 8-11! Join your cabin (Athena, Poseidon, and Hermes) and battle the others in trivia knowledge. Then make a fun craft! Registration is required. The Kent Library is located 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Author Visit: Carol Brier (Mr. Jay of Bedford, John Jay: the Retirement Years) Learn about John Jay's life in Bedford. 6 p.m., Meet author Carol Brier and grab a signed copy of her book on Saturday, July 14 between 10 a.m. and noon. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Zumba Kids & Snack Party: 10:30 p.m.- noon. Kids will move and groove with Zumba Kids. This fun workout will be followed by a snack making session where kids will pick some nutritious foods and make their own high energy snack mix. For ages 4-7. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Hands on Cooking 101 for grades 9-12: 3:30 p.m. CIA Chef Bryan will teach teens how to prepare and cook a meal of Chicken Parm with Spaghetti from scratch. Eat your meal with us or bring your delicious food home! \$10 per person; register with fee at Mahopac Library's Information Desk. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

BAMM presents The Nifty Knuckles, a Dixieland Trio performing old-time jazz. 7 p.m. The group features Jonathan Moritz on saxophone, Chris Welcome on banjo, and Shayna Dulberger on double bass. Registration for this concert at Mahopac Library is requested. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100. Attendees are invited to bring one non-perishable food item to this concert to donate to a local food pantry.

Lisa Marie Martinez for a fun family music-making workshop called Five Everyday things: 5 Cosas Cotidianas. 6:30 p.m. the Desmond-Fish Library is happy to. In this hour-long workshop, Lisa Marie will present the book Ada's Violin: The Story of The Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood. Following a discussion about making music and musical instruments, families will be

presented with 5 everyday disposable materials which they will give a new life to (Coffee cans, plastic vegetable containers and such), and the first-ever Desmond-Fish Library Jug Band will be formed. Learn a little Spanish and celebrate music as a form of storytelling together with sounds and movement, sing and dance to rhythms from South America and the Hudson Valley. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

Making a Good Impressionism art talk at Reed Library: 11 a.m. Learn how French Impressionist painters, rebelling against an ancient state system of art training, created new images quivering with energy and emotion. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, July 11

Stars: What's Hot & What's Not With Michael Zeilnhofer: Ages 10 and up are invited to another discussion with our popular resident astronomer, Michael Zeilnhofer. 6:30 p.m. This time, Michael will be talking about our sun and stellar classification. Our sun is not the only bright yellow star out there. In fact, there are many different types of stars which have been classified. Some stars are much hotter and brighter than our Sun, while some are much cooler. Join us as we explore the cosmos to learn about how stars are classified and the evolutionary track of all the known types of stars in the universe. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Making Music: 10:30 a.m. - noon. Be a music maker! Tambourines, pan flutes and more! Come make your own instruments with everyday items you might have at home. For ages 4-7. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Conquering Math at Mahopac Library. July 11, 18, 25 @ 5:30 p.m.: Explore these 4 goals: Let it Make Sense, Know your Tools, Practice-Practice-Practice, and Living and Loving Math. For children entering grades 5 and 6; must attend all three sessions. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Family Movie: Cars 3, Rate G, 109 minutes. 4 p.m., You may bring snacks, a pillow, and bring your friends. No registration needed. For more information about summer movies at Mahopac Library visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Poetry Writing Workshop at Mahopac Library. 6:30 p.m. Create new poems to share and receive feedback from other participants. Poetry will be read and discussed in a format that is aimed to be helpful to each poet in honing his/her craft. Drop-in group; no registration needed. For information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Patterson Pirates catcher Andrew Bumgarner readies to slap a tag on Putnam Valley's Gabe Astrologo (inset), who had a monster day (2 doubles, 3 hits), in the PV Pride's 12-1 win over the host Pirates last Saturday at Peckham Field where the Pride improved to 8-3 and the Pirates slipped to 8-4 in the 15U B-Division standings of the Greater Hudson Valley baseball League.

Sports

Cortlandt Cubs Cap 15-0-1 Season in Dramatic Fashion



The Cubs Majors team in the Cortlandt American Little League recently won their in-house Little League championship with an amazing come from behind 9-8 victory securing an undefeated season record of 15-0-1. The Cubs were down 8-2 and came back to tie the game on a two-run homer run by Michael Torres with two outs in the 6th inning, and then won the championship in the bottom of the seventh inning on Gianni Generoso's walk-off base hit.

Put Valley Summons Pride in 15-U Win over Patterson



Putnam Valley Pride P Matt Borchick (L) whiffed eight Patterson hitters over six innings to earn the 12-1 victory and versatile Ryan Singer (R) crushed a first-inning, three-run dinger to get the ball rolling last Saturday in the B Division matchup in Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League action at Peckham Park. Putnam Valley, which also suffered a 7-3 setback to the first-place Mahopac Indians A team (9-5) on Sunday, now sits at 8-4 overall, as does Patterson.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Croton Handles Mt. Kisco in GHVBL Action

ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Croton's Mehki Smithwick races for home in the Tigers' 15-4 win over Mount Kisco in Sunday's 11-U B-Division action in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League where front-running Croton improved to 8-3-1 overall.



East Coast Mavs Snag YAC 4th of July Title



East Coast Mavericks 11U team went undefeated and allowed just two runs over the course of four wins to take home the Yorktown Athletic Club's annual 4th of July Baseball Tournament. Team members posed with their trophies, including (bottom row L-R): Devin Diaz, Anthony Sabatello, Dylan Merola, Dean Sewall, Jake Rodrigues (Top row): Mark Moccia, Gianni Generoso, Ryan Chenard, Andrew Weinbaum and Jason Douglas.

Yorktown Spartans Crushing 8U Diamonds

The 8-U Yorktown Spartans went 4-0 in the Yorktown Athletic Club's 4th of July Tournament without giving up a single run, winning all four games via mercy rule. The Spartans defeated Fairfield CT, West Nyack All-Stars (twice) and Ossining for the title. Yorktown P Christian Maratos chalked up two wins in the tournament including the finals, pitching seven innings total with 12 strikeouts and only 1 hit allowed. Frankie Ofrias, Nico Massillo and Chase Maher also pitched shutout ball in the other wins. This tournament win came after several wins in the GHVBL, including 15-0 over the Shrub Oak Storm, 13-0 and 10-0 doubleheader sweep against Rockland Elite Red and 13-6 victory at the Rye Brook Rebels and now has been followed by wins of 14-4 against New Canaan (Thursday, 7/5) and a 21-8 win last night against New Fairfield, which gives the Spartans an 11-0 record atop the 8U "A" division standings.



Sports

Hoping Football Can Survive These Rough Times



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

I fear for the state of football, from the NFL to Pop Warner, including local towns like Mahopac. The NFL is simply self-cannibalizing, what with the players' disdain for its leadership and the players using the field as a platform for protest against social injustice, which I'm all for correcting. But imagine if we all did this at our

jobs; disrespected tens of thousands of customers who pay for our services. If it weren't for Fantasy Football, I wonder just how low the NFL ratings would drop, but that's not my primary concern.

In a recent discussion with several key parents in the Mahopac Sports Association's football program, it was revealed to me that the current eighth grade unit does not have enough players to field a team in the Taconic Youth Football League for the 2018 fall season. This is Class AA Mahopac we're talking about for God's sake, not Briarcliff, Croton or some other local Class B/C program that has struggled with numbers in recent years. That is why this is so alarming to me.

With any luck, this is just a cyclical

venture for Mahopac, whereby this particular group has chosen lacrosse, hoops or some other sport with less physical and mental demands for practice time over football, which chews up a good chunk of one's summer and can be downright brutal in August and September.

But if it is a sign of the times, it's likely to spread and worsen, as the appeal of youth football is undeniably in decline for several reasons, health concerns among them. With recent reports like the one from Boston University, which found that playing tackle football before the age of 12 dramatically increases the risk of brain issues later in life, many moms and dads are unwilling to put their sons in harm's way; whether the data backs it up or not.

I wish this was "Fake News" because football has long been my passion, fueled by the NY Giants, the Crimson Tide and the rush of Fantasy Football, but nationwide, youth tackle football has been declining for much of the last decade, down 20 percent since 2009, according to the Sports and Fitness

Industry Association.

I wish I could stand before you like President Trump and say, "Fake, fake, fake!", or just poo-poo the notion that the great game of football is in some form of trouble. But the appeal of other sports -- like lacrosse, which has morphed from a fringe spring sport prior to the turn of the century, into a thriving, robust year-round game -- and the concerns over head, neck, spine and brain injuries, has stolen some of football's thunder.

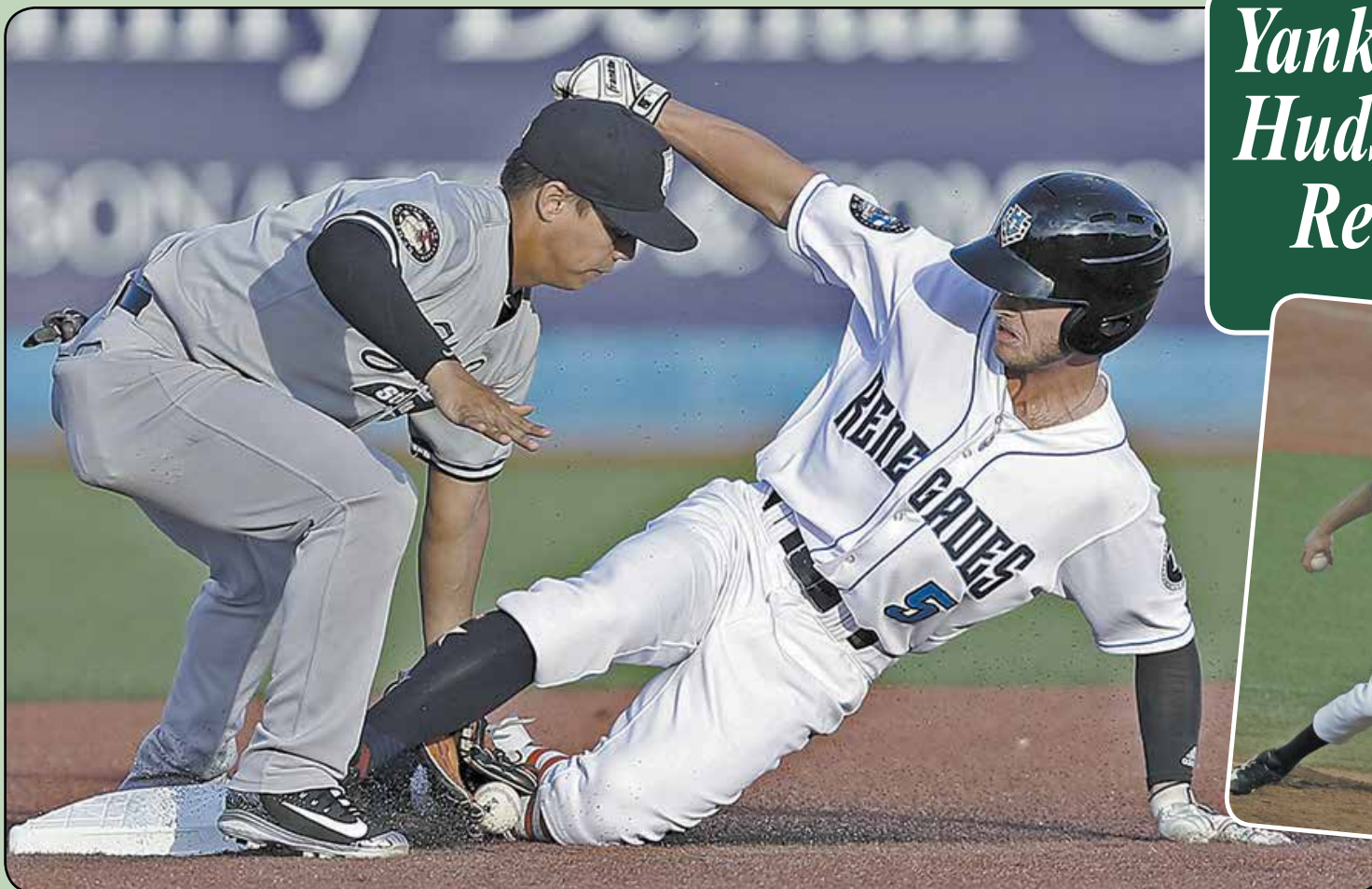
I hope like heck we'll always have some form of the beautiful high school game, but we might begin to see the product watered down some on a local scale. Schools in Texas and Florida will never see this, but here in Section 1 we may one day be looking at combining more and more programs. Don't be surprised if Lakeland and Panas combine one day like they did in the late '90s. And don't be surprised if Putnam Valley, which had no junior varsity team last year, and Haldane put their basketball differences aside and combine their football programs out of necessity. The dearth of truly dedicated football players is real.

And, lastly, don't be surprised when high school administrators put football programs on hold, because it's just a matter of time before some "P.C." school board and its admin stand before an angry group of parents and say that football simply isn't a sport they can condone and support any longer. I sure hope not.

I know there are great football coaches like Mahopac's Dominick DeMatteo, Somers' Tony DeMatteo, Carmel's Todd Cayea and Yorktown's Mike Rescigno, who love this game slightly more than I do, who are calling bullshit on me right now, and I sure hope they're right, but please; don't kill the messenger...

Ever since we went down this road where the elitist left and conservative right are clashing like the Bloods and Crips, our use of even the most harmless words have taken on new meaning: "Stormy" and "feckless" are just two that come to mind. What happened to civility, man? If you toss a coke in my face and rip the hat off my head just because I want to "Make America Great Again" what does that say about you? Do you not want greatness for the greatest country in the land? Seems we've lost our grip on reality and our country; I just want it back. Who's with me?

Direct Rays



Yankees Sweep Hudson Valley Renegades



Staten Island Yankess SS Eduardo Torrealba slaps a tag on Hudson Valley Renegades SS Tyler Frank in the Yankees' 3-2 win last Friday night to complete a three-game sweep of the Renegades, who are currently slumping after an early-season nine-game winning streak. The Renegades righted the ship Saturday night when DH Tanner Dodson (pitching above vs Yankees) went 3-4 while driving in the game-winning run as the Hudson Valley Renegades stopped a three-game slide with a 3-1 win over the Lowell Spinners.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



The Cortlandt American Little League 10-U team poses with its championship banner after winning the District 33 title game by defeating rival Cortlandt National Little League, 8-1, last Thursday at Seaboldt Field in Montrose. The Cortlandt American offense scored 42 runs on 37 hits in the tournament, led by Ray Amenieros, Max Selinger, Duncan Siller and Sam Lange. P Duncan Siller whiffed an amazing 22 batter in 9.2 innings of work. The team of Jake Malfant, Ray Amenieros, Thomas Imperati, Max Selinger, Matthew Clyman, Duncan Siller, Aidan Harkin, Sam Lange, Ethan Feliciano, Jayden Carter, Michael Santoiemma, Thomas Mekuto, and Matt Garcia batted .394 during the tournament and only committed 1 error under coaches Ed Siller, Matt Garcia and Todd Lange. The team advanced to Tuesday's the sectional round against White Plains Little League at Gedney Field in White Plains.

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**Cortlandt American
Little League
Snags Pair of
District-33 Titles**



Members of the 11-U Cortlandt American Little League team proudly display their freshly-minted District 33 Championship banner after defeating Croton, 10-0, last Tuesday night. Members of the team include: (L-R bottom row) Vince Cannizzaro, AJ Imperati, Ryan Scozzafava, Wyatt Siller, Nick DiMaso, Dylan Merola, Anthony Sabatello, Devin Diaz; (2nd row) Ryan D'Ambrosio, Sean Coen, Andrew Weinbaum, Gianni Generoso; (back row) Coach Anthony Sabatello, Coach Sean Coen, Manager Chris D'Ambrosio.