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A new mini golf course has recently opened in Sayville, and it is supercool. Sayville Falls is behind the big gym at the Long Island Sports Plex on south Highway, It's ar 18-hole mini golf course filled with excitement.

by school grade: third to fifth, sixth to eighth, and ninth to 12th grades. Your parents also can have fun and join a league.

throw a birthday party there, with a specialized package. The birthday boys and girls get their own mini golf

As much fun as that is, if it's a double-sided waterfall you play through, and an aquatic life site to check out. The course would be a great spot for a party and for spending time with friends and family. It's closed for the winter, but

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Singer and actress Victoria Justice

BY BRITTNEY ELMEN, TYLER LEWIS, JENNIFER MARCIANO AND DYLAN NICHOLSON Kidsday Reporters

e met our favorite actress, Victoria Justice, when she was in Manhattan recently.

What is the craziest thing a fan has ever done?

I don't know. I went on tour last summer, and the fans were amazing. And there were people that would just wait around when they knew I was going to be at a certain place. I don't know. I guess the craziest thing, they also gave me so many gifts on tour. They put so much effort into, like, these scrapbooks and making things for me. It was so sweet and thoughtful. I don't know if that's crazy so much, but it's really sweet and generous.

Are you planning on continuing this career your whole life?

I would like to think so, yeah. I love making movies. So I would love to do all different types of movies like a great drama, a romantic comedy, an action movie. I really want to dabble in everything. And I also love music. I've been writing my own music since I was 16 for my album and I'm putting out my first single next year and releasing the full album. So I'm really excited for that, and I can't wait to tour again. You'll have to come to one of the concerts — they're really fun. I'm definitely a super-creative person, I love performing and playing characters, so I definitely would like to stay in the entertainment industry, and one day start getting behind the camera as well. I would like to produce my own films and whatever else it is that I'm interested in.

What do you like to make better — movies or television shows?

It's really hard to choose. They're really different. [A] television show is something that, hopefully if it does well, it goes on for a long period of time. You do several seasons of that, and then a movie is just a one-time thing where, unless there are sequels, you shoot for a couple of months straight. So it's just different. Filming "Victorious," there wasn't a live audience, but there was a laugh track that would play. Being on a sitcom, it's all about the jokes and the comedic timing. It's more about the real person and the character and becoming that person. So they're two totally different things. But they're both a lot of fun. I really enjoy doing

Victoria Justice, who stars in the new movie "Fun Size, with Kidsday reporters Dylan Nicholson, left, Tyler Lewis, **Brittney Elmen** and Jennifer Marciano

them both.

If you could meet anyone in the world that you never met, who would that be?

I would love to meet Paul McCartney. I'm a huge Beatles fan. They're such a legendary band, and I think he's super-talented, a great songwriter, and I love his work with John Lennon that would just be incredi-

Do you have any pets, and, if yes, what are their names?

I do. I have two dogs. Their names are Sammy and Sophie. They're brother and sister and chonzers. They're half bichon and half schnauzer. They're really cute. Sophie's bigger then

Sammy, even though

SAYVILLE MIDDLE they were born at the same time, but she's a lot plumper. She's the chunky one and Sammy is super-bony. He's the runt of the litter and he's super-cuddly. They're white and adorable.

Do you miss your privacy or is it fun to be recognized?

It's fun to be recognized. There are some days, because I'm only human, so sometimes when I get sick or . . there are some times when I don't feel like being recognized, but most of the time I like it. I always love meeting

Produced by Marie Amella-Pesko's eighth-grade English class,

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the fans and I'm always happy to take a picture or sign an autograph or whatever makes them happy. With-

I go to pretty extreme lengths to make sure that my fans are When you were younger, what else did you want to be

out them, I wouldn't be here.

besides an actress? I use to say I want to be a marine biologist. I grew up by the ocean, I'm a Pisces, I always loved the water and fish and that sort of thing. I think



Sayville Falls

BY JULIAN RIZZO Kidsday Reporters

There are leagues for all ages. Leagues are divided up

You have the option to T-shirt before joining the rest of the partyers for 18 holes of mini golf.

not enough, the course also has when the weather gets warmer, hit the best links around!

Sayville Falls, 246 N. Main

Why did the author enjoy

working in his basement?

He was writing a best cellar.

— Erin Peyton

Why I like Skype

EMILY OSTERLOH Kidsday Reporter

When I turned 12, I received a laptop for my birthday. On top of the screen was a built-in webcam. The laptop also had the program Skype installed into it. This program, or social network, enables you to video-call a person with an account and webcam as well, no matter how far away they may be.

I use Skype on many occasions. For one, my father works at Transaero, a company that sells airplane parts, and because of this, he has to take many business trips to different states and countries. Sometimes, he may be gone for a day, but sometimes he'll be gone for a week. And it's definitely tough to go days without talking to somebody you love.

Once I discovered Skype, our problem was solved. Whenever dad is on a business trip, we use the program to video-call him,



and it's almost like he's there with us, since we get to talk face-to-face.

The same goes for my friends. Although I see my real-life friends often, it's always nice to talk to them when I'm not really with them, and it also helps to talk with my friends when they are away. Talking with them face-to-face strengthens our relationships a good amount.

Overall, Skype is a wonderful tool to have if your family members are not with you all the time. I use it as much as I can.

Summer camp at Peconic Dunes

BY SARAH LATERZA Kidsday Reporter

If anyone ever wants to try sleep-Dunes is the place to go. It's on the North Fork of Long Island, and you will have experiences you'll never forget. I'm 13, and I've already gone to Peconic

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Dunes for four years. One great experience I had there was being selected to go on a kayak trip. I was a little nervous because the only other two campers were teenage boys, but I did have an awesome counselor there I talked to most of the time. It felt so cool being different from my group and getting to leave the regular camp activity to take the kayaks down to Long Island Sound.

I also had to miss an activity the day before to train for the long journey; the counselors wanted to see if I was capable of going that far out on the kayak. Then we were off. It couldn't have been a more beautiful day. I remember the water was so clear that we saw small fish. When we got to our destination, we hung out, had a seaweed fight and observed the sea life in the Sound, which included three different types of crabs. It was

such a cool area to explore.

When we got back from our kayak trip, we went to the "nature den," where we researched all the interesting stuff we

found. I learned about the different crabs in the Sound and all Sleepaway camp obviously is not for everyone, but the experi-

ences and memories I have had will last me a lifetime. For more information go to: ccesuffolk.org/camp-registration.

Stars and their sports

BY JENNIFER MARCIANO Kidsday Reporter

Match famous athletes with their sport

1) Lacrosse 2) Boxing

3) Soccer 5) Baseball

4) Basketball 6) Ice hockey 7) Track 8) Football 9) Swimming

A) Magic Johnson B) Wayne Gretzky » C) Pele

D) Babe Ruth E) Joe Namath F) Serena Williams G) Jim Brown

H) Carl Lewis I) Michael Phelps J) Rocky Marciano



BY JENNIFER MARCIANO

Kidsday Reporter

One of the first letters I ever received was the best I have ever gotten. The part that made it the best was the author: The letter was from the president of the United States, George W. Bush. I was only 7 years old, and I didn't really know a lot about government.

Letter from the prez

I saw President Bush on television making a speech and I wanted to tell him I thought he was doing a good job. My grandmother suggested I write to him; she helped me compose the letter and mail it. I first got interested in politics when I read "Duck for President." It was my all-time favorite



her presidential letter

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book. It was about a duck's desire to be in charge, so he ran for president. When I got the letter, I was very surprised that the president of the United States would take the time to write me back. It was definitely the most exciting mail I have ever gotten, as well as the most official.

Answers:

10) Tennis

J) C' S) I' 3) C' 4) Y' 2) D' 9) B' 1) H' 8) E' 6) I' 10) E