**Tendy Tops Levy to Earn District Attorney's Seat**

By David Propper

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy will be the first to admit he didn't start seriously and heavily campaigning until after a bruising loss in the Republican Primary this past September.

And by that time, it was all too late as Putnam Valley Supervisor and former Manhattan assistant district attorney Bob Tendy, who was the first to ever challenge the two-term Levy, clinched the district attorney's seat in a landslide victory. The historic upset against the well-funded Levy was complete on Election Night with Tendy raking in almost 57 percent of the vote. Tendy, who was on the Republican line, collected 7,621 votes while Levy on three lesser line - the Conservative, Independence, and Reform lines - mustered up 5,756, according to the unofficial results from Putnam Board of Elections.

The race was heated from the beginning. Tendy, who announced his intention to run back in July 2014, hammered Levy about his alleged involvement in the Alexandru Hossu rape case and his terrible relationship with Sheriff Don Smith; the two top law enforcement officials are suing each other for defamation. Levy also dealt with a few indictments tossed at untimely moments leading up to the election that Tendy jumped on.

Levy shot back at Tendy, accusing him of meddling in his fiancée's 2009 DWI prosecution. He also cited how crime in the county has reduced drastically since he took office in 2008 and that Putnam continues to be the safest county in New York State.

Tendy got into the race with the main motivating factor the question of Levy's ethics and campaigned nearly non-stop for a year, spreading his message and knocking on doors from Putnam Valley to Brewster.

When he met with residents, Tendy soon discovered he wasn't the only one uncomfortable with accusations surrounding Levy.

"I feel as if my message was heard," Tendy said.

**Republicans Maintain Complete Dominance on Legislature**

By David Propper

Three incumbents on the Putnam County Legislature all notched another three years after each of them cruised to easy victories, ensuring the legislative branch will be all-Republican for its second straight year.

In the two contested elections that weren't much of a contest, Republican Barbara Scuccimarra trounced Democratic challenger Lithgow Osborne and Republican Joe Castellano fended off Democrat John Riley. Republican Ginny Nacerino ran uncontested.

On top of maintaining Republican dominance, the clean GOP sweep also guarantees County Executive MaryEllen continued on page 11

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**Area Educators Blast Common Core Curriculum at State Hearing**

By Arthur Cusano

A 15-member task force created by Gov. Andrew Cuomo held its first round of public hearings on the controversial Common Core curriculum last Friday, and speakers made it clear that they vehemently oppose the current setup.

Garrison Union Free School District English teacher Ian Berger addressed commissioners dressed in a replica yellow Star Trek shirt. The new standards were preventing his students from growing and learning as much as they can, he said.

"I want it to be about experiencing the world, about growing and seeing the world as they might have never seen it before," said Berger during the two-hour hearing held at SUNY Purchase. "Unfortunately the Common Core English standards are not letting me do that. They are about technical standards: analyzing, explaining, comparing, determining and dissecting. We're taking the beautiful animal and instead of learning about it, we're cutting it apart and killing it."

Berger said the excessive testing and the Engage NY modules teachers are required to teach from are killing the passion to learn.

"I don't know who designed these things or who designed the Common Core in general, but they didn't ask teachers who know what they're doing," Berger said.

Valhalla School District Superintendent Dr. Brenda Meyers said the poorly developed standards were punishing districts and creating a culture of failure.

"We'd love to see a definition of what are higher standards, not more standards, not technical standards, but higher standards," continued on page 11

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Legislator Joe Castellano, Brewster trustee-elect Erin Meagher, a supporter, and County Executive MaryEllen Odell celebrate GOP wins Tuesday night.
Tendy said. “I feel as if the voters of Putnam County were very engaged in this election, they were very informed, and they listened to me because I voiced the concerns that many of them had.”

At the Centennial Golf Course, Levy and roughly 200 supporters gathered in hopes of a comeback for the ages, but only faced more disappointment as the numbers starting coming in.

During his concession speech, Levy called the DA’s office’s record “absolutely perfect.”

“We have seen a turnaround in the way the criminal justice system operates in small, little Putnam,” Levy said to a round of applause. “We took an old, antiquated justice system and brought it into the 21st century.”

He said while Putnam voters opted for change, he called it unfortunate they were “duped into that change by lies, misrepresentations, and there’s no nice way about saying that but that’s exactly what happened.”

Levy said he could have “put an end to this” in the primary, but chose to divert his time to the office’s work and taking care of victims by working diligently on trials over the summer. Then, Levy spoke directly to the topic that’s plagued him for months, and that was the rape case of exonerated Alex Hossu and his alleged involvement in it. He accused Tendy’s campaign on only zeroing in on that issue.

“I knew that by standing and supporting a person that I came to learn was absolutely innocent of a crime for which he was accused and sitting in jail for, knowing that it wasn’t the political savvy thing to do, knowing that it was going to have consequences and clearly it has,” Levy said. “I wouldn’t change a thing.”

Tendy scoffed at the suggestion by Levy that voters were fooled and that he only ran on the Hossu allegations.

“The voters of Putnam County were not duped. I have a lot more respect for them than that,” Tendy said. “They’re much smarter than that statement gives them credit for.”

Currently, Tendy and others are putting together an outline of the issues he wants to address once he takes office on Jan. 1, 2016, including some of the training programs for office staff. At the moment, Tendy hasn’t made any firm decisions on employment matters.

Looking back on the upset win that sent shockwaves throughout Putnam, Tendy said he believed it sent the message that regardless of the uphill climb and odds against someone, “the little person with no money can do a lot if he really wants to and tries very hard.”

“I think that’s probably the message of America,” Tendy said. “You can succeed if you try really hard. Doesn’t matter if you have connections, doesn’t matter if you’re royalty, doesn’t matter if you have the money.”

Outgoing DA Adam Levy chats with one of the office’s ADAs as he sees results come in.

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Brewster Race Goes to Absentees; Most Incumbents Earn Voter Approval

By David Propper

Almost every incumbent on town and village boards that ran for re-election this year retained their seat, with exception to the Village of Brewster race, which is too close to call.

As of Monday night before absentee ballots were counted, challenger Erin Meagher is the top vote getter in Brewster with 111 votes with incumbent Christine Piccini collecting 104 votes for the two open seats. Currently on the outside looking in is incumbent Teresa Stockburger who has 102 votes. Meagher and Stockburger were running as a team while Piccini and George Gaspar (who is out of contention) were the other group. Absentee ballots will be counted Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

In most other races, current office-holders ruled Election Day.

In Southeast, Democrat Lynne Eckardt earned a second term in office, receiving the most votes of the four candidates running. Also winning another term was Republican Edwin Alvarez, who narrowly beat his running mate Paul Jonke by 21 votes.

In Philipstown, current council members Nancy Montgomery and Bob Flaherty easily beat a Republican challenge from Craig Watters. Flaherty was the top vote getter with 1,714.

In Putnam Valley, Steve MacKay and Louie Luongo, both appearing on the Republican line, easily topped Democratic challenger Cathy Hanson. MacKay collected the most votes with 1,441.

In Kent, two newcomers were approved by voters as Republicans Jaime McGlasson and Scott Chin beat out Democrats Nancy Sorbella and Dale Cusack. The two even went over to McCarthy’s Restaurant during the course of Election Night to congratulate Democratic Supervisor Maureen Fleming, who won a second term.

Patterson and Carmel had uncontested town board elections with Patterson’s Shawn Rogan earning a full term and Charles Cook clinching another term and Carmel’s John Lupinacci and Jonathan Schneider walking into four more years.

Other Contested Races Around Putnam County

In the most stunning result of the night, Philipstown Highway Superintendent and Republican Roger Chirico fell to Democratic challenger Carl Frisenda, who currently works for the county highway department. Chirico had been the head of the department for 18 years.

In Southeast, Republican Michael Bruen maintained his highway Superintendent seat, beating Democrat Louis Ciaramella with 55 percent of the vote.

Putnam Valley voters elected a new town clerk with Democrat Sherry Howard topping Republican Ellen Hayes with 62 percent of the vote and in Philipstown, Republican incumbent Tina Merando defeated Democrat Ann McGrath-Gallagher with 55 percent of the vote.
By David Propper

Democrats now hold at least three of the six town supervisor seats in Putnam County after former legislator Sam Oliverio earned the Putnam Valley supervisor position and incumbent Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming earned a second term in office last week.

Patterson residents are awaiting a final verdict in the supervisor race between Republican Rich Williams and Democrat Andy Falk, which is too close to call and will go to absentee ballots today (Tuesday) at 5:30 p.m. Williams leads Falk by 32 votes with nearly 100 absentee votes to be counted.

Oliverio, who was out of elected office for the first time in more than 20 years returned with a roar, beating Republican opponent and current Putnam Valley Councilwoman Jackie Annabi with more than 62 percent of the vote (1,402-831).

Oliverio said as he saw results coming in and the margin growing, he began to get choked up. He had trouble describing what the victory means to him, except he can’t thank voters enough.

“I was very moved and touched because it reaffirms the people’s faith in my governance, “ Oliverio said. “I couldn’t believe the numbers that we’re coming in. ”

Fleming faced a late challenge by former Kent councilman Dennis Illuminate, who only ran on the Conservative line. Voters overwhelmingly approved the job she’s done, winning with an impressive 70 percent of the vote (1,481-620).

It was only two years ago that Fleming knocked off then-supervisor Kathy Doherty in a surprising upset. She called the crushing win “heartening” and a “real vote of confidence. ”

While Illuminate tried to minimize the campaign promises Fleming kept from 2013, she said residents were happy that the town has a supervisor who is a “fiscal watchdog.” Two straight proposed budget have seen no increases.

“I was sincere when I ran in 2013 that there are things that I wanted to get done, things that I wanted to fix and I feel that we’re on a good road,” Fleming said.

There were three uncontested supervisor races in the county.

Democrat and current Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea earned another two years, Republican Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt earned another two years, and Republican Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay will be in office for another four years.

Even though the county as a whole is filled with Republican office holders, Democrats can boast three supervisor seats. In fact, outside of Philipstown that has an all-Democratic board, there are only two councilpersons that are Democrats on the rest of town boards throughout Putnam.

Fleming attests that to voters really focusing on the person and not just voting for candidates on a certain line.

“People aren’t just going in and saying ‘I’m a Republican or I’m Democrat, I’m just going to vote my party line, ’” Fleming said. “People are actually looking at what candidates have to say, what candidates have offer and making informed decisions. ”

Putnam Valley Supervisor-elect Sam Oliverio

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming
By David Propper

Through all the trials and tribulations that lasted several years, a new and improved senior center is set to come to the Butterfield redevelopment in Philipstown.

The Putnam County Legislature voted to approve a lease agreement between the county and Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro in which Putnam would rent 6,000 square feet in the facility’s Lahey Pavilion that would house a senior center on the west side of the county. Seven legislators voted to approve the lease with Legislators Kevin Wright and Dini LoBue abstaining from the vote.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents District 1 where the new senior center would be located, strongly urged other lawmakers to support the agreement. She said the senior center proposal has been discussed for the last three years and now the county has finally come down to a decision.

Seniors in the area are “terribly underserved,” Scuccimarra said, and while the Office for Seniors Resources does its best, it can only do so much in the American Legion where seniors currently congregate.

“We’re very limited in what we can give our seniors,” Scuccimarra said. “So I implore you, all of my fellow legislators to please vote yes on this project and let’s get this done. I cannot go back and face these people and tell them Putnam does not care.”

Legislator Ginny Nacerino said she was comfortable to move forward because the legislature asked all the appropriate questions and did a careful vetting of the lease. Legislatuere Chairman Carl Albano and Legislator Roger Gross also voiced support in signing the lease.

“This facility and the new building that’s been proposed looks ideal,” Albano said, referring to the county deciding to lease a different location in the redevelopment than originally planned.

While all the numbers and figures weren’t specifically discussed, Gross did mention it would be a five-year renewable lease.

Legislator Kevin Wright abstained because he didn’t receive information that he felt was pertinent; specifically cost savings that were presented on a number of occasions but not detailed.

Albano responded and said by using the Lahey Pavilion instead, it would most likely result in “substantial savings.”

Office for Seniors Resources Pat Sheehy thanked legislators for their vote and said she and other western seniors are “tickled pink” about the thought of a new center for them.

Seniors and other supporters of the new senior center like Cold Spring trustees Cathryn Fadde and Michael Bowman, as well as Cold Spring planning board member Barney Molloy who was chairman during a critical point of the approval process for the redevelopment, all applauded when the lease was approved.

“Some (seniors) who aren’t with us today who said this was never going to happen,” Sheehy said. “And it’s just great to see it happen.”

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Seniors and other supporters of a senior center at Butterfield hold up signs encouraging legislators to vote yes on the project.
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Proposed 2016 Kent Town Budget Holds the Line on Tax Levy

By Arthur Cusano

Taxpayers in Kent will see little change in their town taxes next year if the preliminary budget unveiled Thursday is adopted by town board members. The $18.1 million proposed budget contains no increases except for those in Lake Carmel Protection District and Kent Fire District, which will see 2.96 and 2.57 increases, respectively.

“For a $200,000 home that would be an increase of $5.20 per year, so the town has done a good job of holding that tax increase for our residents,” Director of Finance Michelle Summers told board members on hand for Thursday’s budget presentation.

Summers pointed out the town budget accounted for 21 percent of the tax levy paid by residents, with county taxes accounting for 8 percent and school taxes making up 71 percent. Of that $18 million proposed town budget, $6.3 million would go toward the general fund, $4.2 million would go toward the highway department and $3.6 million would go toward the police department.

The town would not be using its fund balance to balance the budget, but will use $520,000 of leftover 2015 fund balance to pay for new equipment for the highway department, including two Dodge 5500 1-ton trucks with sanders and plows, two pickup trucks, a mowing arm for a tractor, a wood chipper and a backhoe. The town will pay for the equipment outright instead of bonding for it. Approximately $60,000 from the general fund will go toward a truck and a plow for the recreation department, and $170,000 will go toward a new truck for the sanitation department. The police department will purchase two patrol vehicles, as it has already been doing in recent years, to stock its fleet.

In addition, $74,000 will be transferred to the capital projects fund to pay for garage boilers, a clean out/separation tank and an HVAC unit for the highway department.

While some town employees will see raises as negotiated through labor contracts, salaries for elected officials will remain unchanged from 2015. The town supervisor annual salary will remain at $61,273, while the four town board members will continue to make $16,996 per year. The two town justices will make $26,707 and the tax collector will make $38,128. The town highway superintendent will make $79,603.

A second public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget will be held during the Nov. 10 town board workshop at 7 p.m.
By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident John Malzone is celebrating a special anniversary in 2015. This is the 25th year for the company he created, Custom Interior Remodeling in Mahopac.

"I do kitchens, bathrooms, basements, hardwood flooring, tiles, sheet rock, painting, all interior work is what I do," Malzone said last week. "I only do one job at a time."

"I’m not staffed for exterior work at all," he said. "I’ve kept its small and at this point I’m 100 percent word of mouth. I don’t even advertise at this point anymore. So I’m very happy about that."

Keeping his business small and simple have been keys to the success of Custom Interior Remodeling, Malzone said. "I just found it to be so much easier going from job to job," he said. "My work speaks for itself. At this point, I don’t spend a penny advertising."

Malzone’s first career was not in interior remodeling. "I was a mailman. That wasn’t very easy to do," he recalled. "I just couldn’t advance in the post office. There wasn’t any room for advancement back then."

"I was always very handy," Malzone said. He watched his uncle and helped out with various jobs in his home. "I got better and better and better," he added that started out professionally doing interior remodeling at nights while working for the Postal Service. "At that point that when I decided, hey, I can make a go at this," he said.

After discussing the possible career change with his wife, Diane, Malzone decided to go into business on his own.

Malzone said his customers come from Westchester and Putnam counties and Connecticut. Malzone did last week's interview in the Heritage Hills condominium complex in Somers where he was involved in a job. He already had his next job lined up in Mahopac and a future job in Connecticut. "I’m pretty well booked now until probably February," Malzone said.

"I’m here every single day until the job is complete," he said.

Malzone said he wanted to continue his business for another decade, and then retire to "enjoy my life with my wife and my grandchildren."

The best part of his work is comparing before and after photos of the homes his company works on, Malzone said. "Seeing the final product and the smiles on people’s faces" is very gratifying, he said.

For more information about Custom Interior Design call John Malzone at 914-406-3900. The company is also on Facebook.
Long Term Planning for Non-Profits Using a Sustainability Model

The Putnam Community Service Network (PCSNN), an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, is offering a workshop for non-profit organizations on Long Term Planning Using a Sustainability Model. Sustainability is maximizing the efficient and effective use of all resources while improving product or service quality, competitiveness, or long term viability. It is a comprehensive, management driven, employee supported and customer focused strategic approach to delivering products or services that becomes part of the fabric of the organization.

The facilitator, Susan Lauer, is a Certified Business Coach and co-founder of Aspire Consulting Ltd., a company committed to helping individuals and organizations strive to discover personal and professional opportunities and create measurable improvements. This program will benefit Executive Directors, Operations Managers, Senior Leadership, and Project Managers. Seating is limited and there is a $30 per person registration fee. To register and for additional information: http://www.uwwp.org/management-center.shtml or call Cornell Cooperative Extension 845-278-6738 or United Way of Westchester Putnam 914-997-6700 ext. 740

The program will be held at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route Six, Carmel on Thursday December 3rd, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Obituaries

Kenneth Eastwood Jr.

Kenneth H. “Skip” Eastwood Jr., age 81, of Brewster, died peacefully on November 2, at Salem Hills Nursing Home, Purdy’s. Skip was born on June 30, 1934 in Carmel, son to the late Kenneth H. and Alma V. (Yaeke) Eastwood. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1952. On July 17, 1954 he married the love of his life Dorothy A. Durkin at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Brewster. He honorably served in the US Army in the mid 1950’s. Skip was the supervisor of U.C. & M Department with NYSEG for 41 years before retiring in 1993. Through the years, Skip played the bass in several country and Western bands. He was an avid hunter and Dallas Cowboys fan. Skip was a gentleman farmer raising his own pork, chicken and turkey as well as fruits and vegetables. He was active in 4-H activities with his children. He was well loved, had a great sense of humor and was always willing to lend a hand. Besides his wife Dorothy, Skip is survived by his three children; Sharon E. Giannicchi and her husband Rich of Redding, CT, Carol A. Hazzard and her husband Rich of Patterson and Kenneth H. Eastwood III and his wife Bobi of New Milford, CT; his two siblings; Virginia R. Vassak and her husband Joseph of North Salem and Thomas G. Eastwood and his wife Carol of Carmel. Also his five grandchildren; Anna Alina Giannicchi, Rose Mary Giannicchi, Richard John Giannicchi, Greer Elizabeth Hazzard and Sloane Victoria Hazzard. He was predeceased by his granddaughter Sutton Joy Hazzard in 2010.

Reverend Willett R. Porter, Jr.

Reverend Willett (“Will”) R. Porter, Jr., died at his home in Mahopac, surrounded by a majority of his family on November 4th, after a brief illness. He was 88 years old.

He was born at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, August 28, 1927 to W. Ralph and Gertrude Harris Porter. He attended Andrew Jackson High School in Queens, and graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Agriculture in 1949, where he was a member of the Alpha Zeta fraternity and coronet player in the Big Red Band. He then went to study at Drew University School of Theology, in Madison NJ, graduating in 1952 with a Master of Divinity Degree. He served the following churches in New York during his 64 year ministry: The New Paltz, Lloyd & Plutschar Methodist Churches (1951-1964) St. John’s United Methodist Church of Elmont (1964-1973), Mount Kisco United Methodist Church, (1973-1989) of which he has been Pastor Emeritus since 2007, Interim Pastor at Lake Mahopac United Methodist Church, Van Cortlandville United Methodist Church & Purdys United Methodist Church (1990-1992), and last served as Pastor at Mount Hope United Methodist Church in Mahopac Falls (1993-2015). He was also very active in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving as Member of the Conference Disability Committee, Member of the Conference Board of Pensions, President of the New York Methodist Federal Credit Union, Interim Director of the New York State Methodist Student Movement, and longtime Member of the Bowery Mission Ministries Board. Besides preaching, he was involved in numerous community activities such as being an Umpire in the New Paltz Little League, Chaplain and Life Member of the New Paltz Volunteer Fire Department, Charter Member of the New Paltz Lions Club, Past President of the Elmont Youth Athletic Association National Baseball League, Past President of the Mount Kisco Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow, Past President of the Northern Westchester Clergy Association, First Chair of the Northern Westchester Hospital Chaplaincy Committee, Board Member of the Mount Kisco Boys Club, and Board Member of the Mount Kisco Day Care Center. He was the recipient of the Annual Humanitarian Award by the Northern Westchester Raoul Wallenberg Unit of B’Brith, recipient of the 1989 Mount Kisco Citizen of the Year Award, and was awarded a Proclamation by the Putnam County Executive and Legislature proclaiming June 28th, 2015 as “Will Porter Day”. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Bates Porter, as well as 4 sons John B. (Gail), David B. (Paulette), W. Ross (Lisa), Steven R. (Mary-Arrin) in addition to 6 grandchildren Melissa, Michael, Philip, Steven, Jr., Coryn, and Katelyn. He was a beloved great-grandfather of Mark, Hadley and Riley as well.

An additional service (outside of the wake and funeral that happened last week) honoring Reverend Porter’s life and ministry will be held on December 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Kisco United Methodist Church. Family and friends are making donations in memory of Rev. Porter to the Mt. Kisco Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 757, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549 and to the Mt. Kisco Food Pantry.

Ralph Abbate

Ralph “Chris” Abbate, 63 of Mahopac died on November 6, surrounded by his loving wife and trio of children. Ralph was born on October 12, 1952 in NYC to Antoinette & Joseph Abbate and was raised in Yonkers. On May 21, 1977 he married his loving and supportive wife Deborah. Ralph was employed by Reynolds & Reynolds, and was dedicated to his career as a sales rep recently celebrating his 30th year with the company. When he wasn’t working he enjoyed working on projects around the house, gardening, watching sporting events with his son, and recently enjoyed a trip to Italy with his daughter. Ralph is survived by his wife Deborah and their 3 children; Trish, Nicholas and his wife Jennifer, and Paul and his wife Nicole. Ralph was pre-deceased by his parents, Antoinette & Joseph, and his sister Michella Abbate.
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Odell would continue to have her coalition of five legislators that vote with her proposals more often than not, especially more significant since the proposed 2016 county budget was only passed by a 5-4 majority.

Scuccimarra, who represents District 4, said she’s “absolutely thrilled” with the results we’ve been through, I can do anything.”

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra the night after her Election Night win.

Area Educators Blast Common Core Curriculum at State Hearing

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she said.

Meyers said the curriculum for elementary school students, especially kindergarteners, is inappropriate for their age groups.

“In addition to that, the standards are built on 220 days of instruction, but I am lucky with snow days to get 160,” Meyers said. “I cannot meet all of these standards. People wonder why I need a 90-minute ELA and a 90-minute math block, it’s because the standards include far more content than we can rationalize or teach in a year.”

Mahopac Middle School English teacher and teacher union president Tom McMahon said standards often didn’t line up with the New York State Regents system, and often run counter to what those exams or other statewide tests required.

“How are teachers supposed to teach to an Algebra I test for students to pass in order to graduate when it’s not clear how the standards are supposed to fit within the grade level content?” McMahon said.

Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School District Trustee and Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association Executive Board member Lisa Tane said that parents and educators have been airing the same concerns about the Common Core standards for several years, but to no avail. Tane said the state must return to research-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum.

“Please let the educators educate,” Tane said. “Untie the tests from teacher evaluations. It’s insanity. We’re all saying the same things. We all agree this has to be the right way, and the way that the government is doing it is not. Please listen to the educators.”

Also among those who spoke was Louis Wool, superintendent of the Harrison Central School District. Wool recommended a moratorium of at least two years on the implementation of the standards, as well as creating an expert panel to build a more meaningful assessment system over several years.

“They were given a charge that is not possible to implement, and I think it’s the wrong charge,” Wool said. “To suggest that somehow modifying 2,000 Common Core standards is going to correct the misdirection of this reform initiative – that doesn’t address developmental appropriateness, the development of assessments that can be used in a meaningful way and disavows the research that says what it takes to implement a high quality curriculum – it’s not possible.”

The hearings were scheduled after Gov. Cuomo several months questioned Common Core and how it’s been implemented following rampant criticism from parents and teachers.

Task force members are expected to make recommendations for Common Core reform to the governor later this year based on feedback received at this month’s meetings held in each region of the state.
Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Approached home, in a way
5. Former US senator Hagen or JV Mall jeweler
8. "Do in "The Butler"
12. List heading
13. Tabloid topic
14. Mother of the Titans
15. Hoohas
16. It has some people scratching their heads
18. Dwell on
20. Doesn't own
21. Exxon product
22. It's big in jeans
23. Feelings
26. Hallow ending
27. Potpie vegetable
30. Victorian, for one
31. Cashew family tree
33. Belongs to something
34. Commandments count
35. Wine class
36. Pen
38. Sum total
39. Hair holder
40. Theater walkway
43. Farm or tavern in Somers
47. Totally unscathed
49. Subsequently
50. Way to go
51. Long-eared pack animal
52. Lightly cooked
53. C-worthy
54. "Who ___ that masked man?"
55. Downhill slider

Down
1. Wild guess
2. Great find, with mother
3. Baal, e.g.
4. Medicine amount
5. Glory
6. From a distance
7. Over there
8. Concur
9. Half man--half goat
10. Split
11. Clods
12. Hoohas
19. Staff symbol for a pianist's left hand
22. Grassland
23. Animal doc
24. High dudgeon
25. Block
26. Feathered six-footer
27. Trading place
28. Abbr. sometimes used twice in a row
29. It may be volcanic
32. WWW address
37. Stomach issues
38. Even if, briefly
39. Shot
40. Snakes
41. Flyers' org. abbr.
42. Guzzlers
43. Geological flat-top
44. Not written
45. Monster
46. ____ the line
48. Unprocessed

Crossword by Myles Mellor  Answers on page 17

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- HOLIDAY EVENTS COMING THIS DECEMBER -

**Friday, Nov 13th @ 8pm**
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Artie Lange

**Saturday, Nov 14th @ 8pm**
“American Pie”
Don McLean

**Sunday, Nov 15th @ 7pm**
The Django Festival AllStars and Friends

**Thursday, Dec 3rd @ 7 pm**
Jazz Legend - David Benoit’s Christmas Tribute to Charlie Brown

**Saturday, Dec 5th @ 8 pm**
Ted Vigil’s John Denver Holiday Tribute With Special Guest Jessica Lynn!

**Sunday, Dec 6th @ 3 pm**
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**Saturday, Dec 12th @ 8 pm**
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A CLARION CALL:
RE-INSTITUTE A NATIONAL STRATEGY AND POLICY OF “PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH”

A message from Brigadier General Donald B. Smith, U.S. Army (Ret.) and the American Security Council Foundation

A Clarion Call to arms to urge our national leaders to re-institute a national strategy of Peace Through Strength.

As we approach a very special time of year, which includes Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the Hanukkah/Christmas holiday season, we should count our blessings that we live in the United States of America, the beacon of freedom, hope, and justice. Our quality of life and standard of living is the envy of the world. The United States is a 239-year-old experiment in democracy that has set the bar for the peaceful expression of human liberty. We have achieved this by adhering to the sacred principles laid down by our forefathers in our founding document, the Declaration of Independence, and our governing document, the United States Constitution.

However, as the Chairman of the Board of the American Security Council Foundation, I am deeply concerned that our beloved country is meandering down the wrong road. Our standard of living is sagging, and our freedoms are under increasing assault. People are losing faith in the government that has led us down this troubling path.

Let me share with you a few examples of why I am so concerned.

How can the United States turn its back on our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and negotiate a fatally flawed nuclear deal with our greatest regional adversary, Iran, that puts our national security at risk and makes our people less safe?

How can the United States allow Russian President Vladimir Putin and the communist leadership of China assume preeminent roles in international relations, overshadowing U.S. global leadership?

How can a great nation continue to outlive its means to the extent that the national debt is approaching 20 trillion dollars?

How can the greatest country in the history of mankind cut its military strength to pre-World War II levels when the world is increasingly unstable and international terrorists are gaining more capability to commit acts of terror right here in our homeland?

“We the People” must take control of our country, stop apologizing for American exceptionalism, and reassert U.S. global leadership. We must set an example for other countries to join us in the fruits of a free market economy, while also building in safeguards to protect the less fortunate in our society.

The United States needs to stop apologizing and start leading. We must return to the strategy of Peace Through Strength under which Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union and victory in the Cold War. We urgently need to reshape our foreign and defense policies based on the four pillars of economic strength, diplomatic strength, military strength, and moral leadership.

The American Security Council Foundation urges all Americans to contact their members of Congress and to remind them of the importance of a strong military. We must urge them to stop crippling defense cuts, and to take action to insure that the United States of America continues to foster the best equipped, the best trained and best led military in the entire world.

We urge you to join the American Security Council Foundation in reinstituting a national strategy and foreign policy of Peace Through Strength. America’s best days can still be ahead of us, and the United States can remain the beacon of freedom, hope and justice for the entire world. Let’s all work together to keep America free and strong!

Approved by the Board of Directors of the American Security Council Foundation

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Traditionally, Thanksgiving is the one holiday when the entire family is all together in one place and time. It is common for children who have moved away from their parents, for work or financial reasons, to return home during the holiday season. The holidays present a great opportunity for families to discuss sensitive topics which are often set aside for “some other time”. In some instances, the discussion might be geared to encourage family members to get the ball rolling on their planning. In others, it might be a recognition that a loved one needs assistance due to the onset or progression of a cognitive impairment necessitating family involvement.

It is important to first ask if your loved one has an estate plan. You may be surprised to learn that they have already met with an attorney and have attended to their affairs. I find that many people prepare their estate planning documents, only to keep it secret from their children and family. If you are a parent of adult children, it is a good idea to let them in on the secret. The administration of an estate becomes very difficult when those persons involved have no knowledge of the affairs prior to death.

If no planning has been done, you might suggest that your loved one meet with an elder law attorney to talk about preparing a Last Will and Testament (“Will”) or Revocable Trust. Too often people are focused on the details of the specific planning techniques, rather than the ultimate goal of actual planning. For instance, do not try to explain the difference between a Revocable Trust and Will to your family member. Rather, explain to them the importance of memorializing their wishes upon death so their family can carry out their plan. This will make it easier for them to take the next step and schedule a consultation. If they continue to be reluctant, suggest they begin with smaller items such as preparing a power of attorney. In my experience, this is a good way for them to dip their toes into the water.

In that same fashion, you might ask them about their feelings if they one day need long term care and must spend a significant portion of their assets on it. After all, the cost of such care would reduce the inheritance passing to their children. If this topic provokes any negative feelings, you might suggest that they meet with an elder law attorney to discuss asset protection strategies, such as a Medicaid Trust. Leave the details of a Medicaid Trust to someone like me.

Finally, where it is evident that someone needs assistance due to cognitive impairments, you need to be proactive and perhaps meet with an elder law attorney on your own for guidance and insight on potential solutions to ensure the well-being and safety of your loved one.

Remember, the goal is not to educate your loved ones, but to move the needle in the right direction by fostering an atmosphere conducive to these sensitive conversations. Avoid “telling” them what to do. Rather, use real life examples of other family members and friends. Show your genuine concern for their well-being and safety of your loved one.

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A Master Cabinetmaker Helps Define a Room

By Bill Primavera

Normally built-ins are utilized to transform dead zones into functional space, such as under stairs or windows or between fireplaces and closets. But with our most recent project, there were a couple of other objectives to achieve besides organization, storage and display.

Because my wife and I would be moving from a historic home with architectural detail in each room, such as chair rails and corner cupboards, to a new condo where, basically, we were dealing with clean, sleek lines and plain white walls, we wanted our built-ins to add that missing architectural definition, especially in our great room.

We also wanted them to have a more organic feeling as though they were planned as part of the construction, rather than an afterthought. In essence, we wanted to treat the room as an empty stage set and utilize the built-ins to give it definition.

There was another need. There was no fireplace in the model we liked, and having always lived in houses that featured we love, while enjoying the fireplace or watching TV.

To help us realize our dream, we called upon Jan Efraimsen of Woodtronics Millwork Corp. in Yorktown Heights. Efraimsen’s story is one of a fortunate change of career some 30 years ago from an electronic engineer to a self-taught cabinetmaker based on his hobby in woodworking.

“I started out with only a skill saw in my basement, making wooden jewelry boxes,” he said.

From there, he secured residential building projects by going to construction sites and offering to do finishing cabinetry work. One day Efraimsen runs a large operation in a 7,000-square-foot space with 10 cabinetmakers and enough heavy duty tools and machinery to complete large commercial projects, including restaurants and offices, as well as residential jobs.

It was a collaborative process working with Efraimsen and his designer Christine Keating. On his first visit, Efraimsen took exact measurements. Within a couple of weeks, Keating had created a set of drawings that perfectly reflected our vision. With a few adjustments of the details, primarily to the type of molding, dentils and fluting to be used, we agreed on the final styling of both the mantel and the bookcases.

As for the wood to be used, Efraimsen suggested cherry for its hardness and ability to finish and stain beautifully. During the process, I was invited to the shop to discuss details as the mantel and bookcases were being fabricated and sanded. When it came time to choose the stain color, it was suggested that we match the color used on the kitchen cabinetry, which could be seen from the great room.

Three different mixes were created and I was shown samples until the color was matched perfectly.

On the day of installation, the modules constructed at the shop were moved into place and anchored seamlessly.

Now whenever I sit in front of my masterful great room built-in, whether to enjoy the flicker from the fireplace, to enjoy TV from the set positioned at one end or recount my years of memories from all the things we’ve collected, I find myself thinking of the fun that went into the creative process of bringing this beautiful project together with true artisans.

To learn more about Jan Efraimsen’s work, visit www.woodtronicsny.com. For an appointment to discuss your own built-in dream, call 914-962-5205.


A Sampler of Fine Wines Across the Italian Landscape

By Nick Antonaccio

As I reported last week, I recently attended a wine tasting event in New York City. A consortium of the top winemakers across Italy presented their world-famous wines.

The group, Grande Marche, is an amalgam of 19 family-owned wineries perennially considered the most prestigious in the land. Winemakers poured one representative wine from their locale, while extolling their cultural heritage, their family history and the unique terroir of their vineyards.

Of the 20 wine regions in Italy, 12 were represented. Those with the greatest offerings were Piedmont and Tuscany. A synopsis of those wines follows.

Piedmont

The wines produced from the indigenous grape, Barolo, are often referred to as the “King of wines and the wine of Kings.” Produced from the Nebbiolo grape and aged for an average of five years before release, they are full-bodied, concentrated wines with significant acidity and tannins. They generally reach their peak from eight to 30 years after harvest.

The wine: 2011 Pio Cesare. Since 1881, this fourth generation winery has received accolades from wine cognoscenti around the world. Lovingly crafted from grapes grown in five subregions within the environs of the town of Barolo, this wine evoked aromas and flavors of its pungent forests and rolling landscape.

The wine: Michele Chiarlo 2011 Cerquio. I tasted this single vineyard wine from the Langhe region. It was aged in oak barrels for two years and in bottles for 16 months before release. Many Barolos require up to 10 years before displaying their vibrancy and complexity. Surprisingly, the Cerquio 10 years before displaying their vibrancy for two years and in bottles for 16 months.

Tuscany

The Sangiovese grape reigns supreme throughout this popular region. Rising above the ubiquitous Chiantis and Chianti Classicos, the Brunello wine is considered the epitome of the Tuscan wine industry. The Brunello vineyards are nestled around the medieval hill town of Montalcino, about 25 miles southeast of Siena.

The wine: 2010 Antinori Pian Delle Vigne, was redolent of ripe dark berries with hints of chocolate. The Antinori family has been producing its acclaimed wines since 1385, an enviable legacy.

Relatively new to the Tuscan landscape is the region of Bolgheri, in its western extreme. It has become a laboratory for producing wines from previously verboten international grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and even Syrah. The first of these wines, dubbed “Super Tuscans” debuted in 1968 to controversial fanfare.

The wine: Sassicaia, produced by Tenuta San Guido estate, is a Bordeaux-like blend. I tasted the 2012 bottling, a blend of 85 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 15 percent Cabernet Franc. It teemed with dark fruit aromas, balanced with a sophisticated, velvety texture. At a retail price north of $200, it is an elusive pleasure.

This space does not permit a detailed description of the additional wines I enjoyed. Here is a listing presented by producer, followed by the wine name, grape composition and subregion/region. I encourage you to seek out these wines or alternative producers.

Sparkling

Ca’ del Bosco, NV Franciacorta from the Lombardy region.

White

1. Gaja, 2014 Ca’ Marcanda Vistamide; 60 percent Vermentino, 40 percent Viognier, from Bolgheri, Tuscany.
2. Umani Ranchi, 2014 Vecchie Vigne; 70 percent Verdicchio, from Marche/ Red
1. Ambroga e Giovanni Polonari Tenute, 2012 Cabreo il Borgo; 70 percent Sangiovese, 30 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, from Greve in Chianti, Tuscany.
2. Argiolas, 2011 Turriga; 85 percent Carignano, 5 percent Bovale, 5 percent Carignano, 5 percent Malvasia Nera, from Sardinia.
3. Tasca d’ Almerita, 2011 Rosso del Conte; 62 percent Nero d’Avola, 30 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 8 percent Cabernet Franc, from Palermo, Sicily.
4. Mastroberardino, 2009 Radici Taurasi; 100 percent Aglianico, from Irpinia, Campania.
5. Rivera, 2009 Il Falcone; 70 percent Nero di Troia, 30 percent Montepulcian, from Castel del Monte, Puglia.
7. Masi, 2009 Riserva di Costasera Amarone; 70 percent Corvina, 15 percent Rondinella, 10 percent Oseleta, 5 percent Molinara, from Valpolicella, Veneto.
8. Donnafugata, 2008 Ben Rye Passito di Pantelleria; 100 percent Moscat, from Pantelleria, Sicily.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. 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.
Food Drives

Food for Fines at Kent Library. During the month of November, the Kent Public Library will participate in “Food for Fines.” Library patrons will have $1 waved from current overdue fines for each can or non-perishable food item donated. Donated food may not have passed it’s expiration date. “Food for Fines” can only apply to Kent Public Library fines, not fines from other libraries, and cannot be used to pay for lost or damaged items. Collected food will be donated to Putnam Community Action Program.

Auditions:
Brewster Theater Company’s Armchair Actors will present a reading of the Christmas classic Miracle On 34th Street at our local libraries. If you wish to participate, contact patsopran01@verizon.net for a script and join us at the first rehearsal. Rehearsals: Thurs Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. St. Andrews, 26 Prospect St, Brewster Tues 11/24 at 6:30 p.m. Community Room at Mahopac Library,668 Rt 6 Mon 11/30 at 6:30 p.m. St. Andrews, 26 Street at our local libraries. If you wish of the Christmas classic Miracle On 34th will present a reading

Wednesday, November 10
The Brewster High School Music Department and the BHS NJROTC are having their annual Veteran’s Day Concert. Brewster High School Performing Arts Center from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. the concert is free and all are encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite veteran for a fun filled night of tributes, music and more in honor of our service members.

Thursday, November 11
Learn to Read Hebrew in 5 Easy Lessons begins 7:30 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley 362 Church Road, Putnam Valley. The Reform Temple of Putnam Valley is proud to offer to the community at large an innovative introductory Hebrew program where participants can learn to read Hebrew in only five 1-1/2 hour weekly sessions. Taught by member Roni Rodman this course is designed for those with little or no background in reading Hebrew, but anyone may register, if only to brush up on some rusty skills. Email Roni: ronrod3@aol.com

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Friday, November 13
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Crossword Answers

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Putnam Valley G Ryan Basso glides the lane en route to a game-high 23 points for the Tigers in a decisive 68-49 victory over visiting Ossining last Tuesday night when the Tigers improved to 4-4 and the Pride fell to 1-4...

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Haldane Nails Down Lucky 13

After winning the Section 1 Class D championship for the 13th year in a row last Saturday at Walter Panas, members of the Haldane High volleyball team -- including Nikki Etta, Melissa Tringali and Brooke Vahos were joined by Catherine Parr, Morgan Etta, Sophia Carnabuci, Maisy Curto, Mackenzie Patinella, Clara Thompson, Apryl Norton, Marissa DiPalo and Willa Fitzgerald -- pose with the championship hardware. It took five grueling sets but the top-seeded Blue Devils knocked off No.3 Keio and advanced to the NYSPHSAA tournament this Saturday at John Jay Cross River... see Volleyball Notebook
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Haldane Holds on for Thrilling Five-Set Title Triumph

By Ray Gallagher
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Like every Section 1 volleyball team has done this season, No.3 Yorktown High gave top-seeded Walter Panas everything it had last Friday in the Class A finals at Hen Hud High, but in the end there is simply no equal to Panas this season.

The great neutralizer comes in the form of great depth and a slaying sophomore, heavy-hitting Yvette Burcescu, who led the Panthers (16-1) to a 25-19, 25-10, 25-12 sweep of the Cornhuskers (16-4). Burcescu dropped 28 kills on the Huskers.

Catalina Munoz led the Huskers (16-4), heavy-hitting Yvette Burcescu, who won its second sectional nugget in four years, will have a week off before the state regional final at John Jay-Cross River High School on Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. vs. the winner of Horseheads (Section 4) and the Section 9 champion.

Should the state-ranked (No.2) unit go on to win the NYSPHSAA crown, Julianna Bottarini, Julia Fields, Taylor Kammerman, Yvette Burcescu, Lauren Feeley, Bridget Walsh, Francesca Giannetta, Jen Braun, Shauna O’Flaherty, Julene Pineda, Demitra Spanos, Melissa Lussier and Sabrina Patriciello will go down in history as one of the finest representatives in Section 1 history. HEN HUD copped its second Section 1 Class B title in three seasons, the second-seeded Sailors (19-2) doing so in a 25-20, 25-16, 25-19 clean sweep of No.4 Ardsley last Saturday night at a jam-packed house at Panas High, which was filled to capacity with the Hen Hud Bleacher Creatures @HenHudFanBase.

The Sailors have now won 13 of the last 15 titles and did nothing to tarnish their image as Section 1’s premier volleyball program under 27-year veteran Coach Diane Swertfager.


Catherine McKoy, Alicia Niebrzydowski, Greta Quilaj, Kristen Bartolomeo, Kirstin Loh, Maria Scalf, Pamela Loh, Ashley Perez and Laura Bonolla-Ramirez.

The Sailors swept Westlake in the semis (25-21, 25-9, 25-14) led by Stieglitz’s 14 kills. Lee and Gillen had six aces each.

HALDANE walked off with its 13th consecutive Section 1 Class D title after a gut-wrenching five game win over No.2 Keio, who pushed the top-seeded Blue Devils to the brink of elimination. The Blue Devils survived a grueling 24-26, 25-18, 25-18, 19-25, 15-18 match, defeating Keio for a third-straight year.

In those 13 championship years, there has been an Etta on the court 11 times for Haldane; this year it was senior Nikki Etta. The older Etta sisters, Danielle, who played D-1 at Hartford, and Lauren, who did so at D-1 Tulane, were all over Nicole last week, prepping her and riding the Blue Devil captain to bring out the best in her.

“My sisters said they would lock me out of the house if we lost,” Nicole Etta joked. “We knew coming into this game that Keio was going to be good. There is always a lot of pressure on me being the youngest sister following in their footsteps, but the...
Lakeland Wins 7th Region 1 Title, Advances to NYS Final 4

New Season, New Team, Same Dream for Reigning State Champs

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Dana Bozek has come full circle with Lakeland field hockey. The senior first attended the New York Public High School Athletic Association Field Hockey Championships as a grade-schooler, watching her older sisters, Megan and Emma, win the state Class B title in 2009 at Vestal High School. The following year, Emma celebrated as Lakeland won a second consecutive state championship. Dana earned a varsity spot as an eighth-grader and was on the field in 2011 as Emma, just like Megan did, closed out her varsity career with a state championship.

Lakeland captains Val Perkins, Julia Kim and Dana Bozek can’t avoid the rush of players clamoring to get their hands on the Region 1 championship plaque.

Vestal goalie Emma Stockwin. Lakeland controlled play, only to have Stockwin continuously stifle them.

That changed when All-Section senior Brianna Muniz broke through and doubled Lakeland’s lead with just under seven minutes remaining in the game. As she has done throughout her career, Muniz was money when the chips were on the line.

Lakeland will take the field at Maine-Endwell High School this weekend going for lucky number seven, as in a seventh-straight NYS Class B championship. Lakeland will play Section 5 champion Brighton, 5:30 p.m., in one semifinal, Saturday. The other semifinal, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., features Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Section 2) against Garden City (Section 11). The winners will play for the state crown, Sunday, 3 p.m.

Should past history hold true to form, Lakeland and Garden City will meet in the finals, as each are considered among the top programs in the country.

Lakeland earned its trip to Maine-Endwell with a pair of victories last week. The Hornets, now 20-0, defeated arch-rival Rye, 4-1, in the Section 1 Class B final as Dana Bozek singlehandedly eliminated Rye. The leading scorer in Section 1 blitzed Rye with four goals in the first half. Lakeland received a bye into the regional final where it overcame a stubborn Vestal team, 4-0. After Meghan Fahey gave Lakeland a 1-0 lead in the first half, the Hornets faced a wall in

Lakeland’s Briana Muniz makes a break for cage to score goal in 4-0 win over Vestal.

Lakeland’s Julia Wanamaker, Kelsey McCrudden, Julia Cummings and Emily Kness ham it up after securing Region 1 title win.

Lakeland’s Emily Knoss (6) and Mia Lennon share a special moment after the Hornets clinched a 7th-straight Region 1 championship last Saturday at Valhalla.

A vestal player reacts in disbelief to a goal scored by smiling Lakeland All-American Dana Bozek (4) in 4-0 Hornet win.

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Cross Country Notebook

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sectional championship had been won consecutively amongst us for so many years, and I wasn't going to be the one to break it.”

Etta was hardly alone the captivating endeavor and co-captains Melissa Tringali and Brooke Vahos were joined by Catherine Parr, Morgan Etta, Sophia Carnabuci, Maisy Curto, Mackenzie Patinella, Clara Thompson, Apryl Norton, Marissa DiPalo and Willa Fitzgerald as the Blue Devils stayed to their tradition under first-year Coach Ashley Anderson.

Keio, which is clearly closing the gap and should be the heir-apparent in Class D with Haldane’s expected bump to Class C next year, led 14-10 in the final game when Anderson took a timeout to settle the Blue Devils down and unit responded with eight consecutive points to take control before Brooke Vahos sealed the deal with game-winning kill.

“Keio came well prepared to play us and gave it everything they had,” Etta said. “They played great defense, which presented a challenge for us offensively. I’m extremely proud of the way our entire team pulled together after being down 14-10 in the fifth set. I couldn’t imagine playing with a better group of girls.”

Haldane will play the Section 11 representative in the Class D state regional semifinal at Pelham Memorial High School on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

It’s Glens Falls or bust for the Panthers, Sailors and Blue Devils, who are each one win away from the NYS Final 4.

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“Mike and Kevin are a dynamic duo,” Bears Coach Joe Scelia said. “Kevin is one of the all-time best distance runners in Brewster history. He always rises up under pressure, and is mentally tough. He is so excited to race against the best in the state next week at Monroe Woodbury HS. Our goal is to place in the top five, and then head to the Federation Meet the week after, and hopefully, on to the Nike Regional Meet to try and qualify for Nationals. Mike is looking to place in the top 20 and qualify for the federation meet. Mike is also one of the best all-time runners in Brewster history.”

Lakeland-Panas runner Grace Bugara finished 6th in Class A, led the Rebels to 3rd-place finish and qualified for NYSPHSAA tournament with teammate Sunjum Nagpaul.

Brewster’s Erik Jacobsen finished 12th in Class B while Somers’ Thomas Hannon was 15th at the Section 1 championships.

Lakeland/Panas’ Bugara, Somers, Brewster Duos to Run at State Meet

Local NYSPHSAA Cross Country Qualifiers

Section 1 Championships @ Bowdoin Park

Boys Class A
Matthew Sayre, Lakeland/Panas (17:03.7) 6th

Class B
Pearl River (52), Somers (53), Brewster (98)
Kevin Hazelwood, Brewster (16:45.0) 2nd
Mike Delfay, Brewster (16:59.0) 3rd
Matthew Fusco, Somers (16:59.7) 4th
Greg Fusco, Somers (17:08.0) 5th

Girls Class A
Grace Bugara, Lakeland/Panas (19:15.1) 6th
Sunjum Nagpaul, Lakeland/Panas (19:31.9) 7th

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Brewster senior Kevin Hazelwood ran the rigorous Bowdoin Park cross country course in a blazing 16:45 last Saturday, good for 2nd place among all Section 1 Class B runners, which enabled the veteran runner to make his second trip to the NYSPHSAA Cross Country tournament this Saturday at Monroe Woodbury High School in Central Valley. He’s now qualified for four straight state championships as a cross country and track and field competitor (2014 cross country, 2015 indoor track, 2015 spring track, 2015 cross country). Hazelwood will be will be joined by fellow senior Mike Delfay, who finished third in the Class B with a time of 16:59.0. Delfay will compete in his third NYSPHSAA competition, having done so twice in track and field.

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Sarsen, Swertfager Recomence Winning, Stockpile Plaques

Section 1 Owes Mahopac an Apology

There are only so many Halls of Fame in this world, and while they keep popping up at street-smart schools across the country they’re still pretty dang tough to gain admittance to; unless of course you’re a coach of the ilk of Hendrick Hudson’s Diane Swertfager, who stamped her recent induction into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame with yet another Section 1 volleyball championship last Saturday.

The second-seeded Sailors cruised to a three-set victory, making short work of fourth-seeded Ardsley at Walter Panas High. So that’s 13 Section 1 championships in 15 years for those keeping score at home, making her success rate all the more unparalleled when it comes to Section 1 volleyball. The never-ending list of superlatives don’t do her justice, but the passion she stirs from players both past and present are all she’s ever cared about; well, that and seeing their triumphant moments.

Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen (top left) led the Hornets to an unprecedented seventh NYS Region 1 championship in a 4-1 win over Section 4 champion Vestal last Saturday. Coach Swerty, as she’s knows on the circuit, is to the game of volleyball what Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen is to field hockey, what Somers’ Guru Tony DeMatteo is to football, what Peekskill’s Lou Panzanaro was to basketball... legendary dignitaries that transcend the sports scene in this neck of the woods.

“One of the most impressive areas of Coach Swertfager has been that I really believe that she not only raised the level of volleyball play at Hen Hud, but she raised the level of all of Section 1,” Hen Hud A.D. Tommy Baker said. “We have been so successful, that other teams, had no choice but to become better. That is a trait, not many coaches can say about themselves.”

While we’re on the subject of raising the level, Coach Sarsen continued her assault on the state record books last week, winning an unprecedented seventh-straight Section 1 title last Tuesday when her six-time defending NYS champion Hornets made short work of No.2 Rye in a 4-1 showdown that never materialized on account of All-American Bozek simply going off with four first-half goals. Sarsen’s assemblage of players topped that off with a 4-0 Region 1 championship victory over Section 4 champion Vestal last Saturday at Valhalla High School.

I can’t tell you how many times over the course of the last 25 years that I have linked Sarsen – a product of John Jay CR High–and Swertfager – a Pleasantville grad–into the same repetitive piece, simply adjusting the number of championships and adding to the lore of what will likely be unsurpassable in my lifetime. Neither of them are going anywhere none too soon, so the plaques and banners will continue to pile up, and their respective school districts will continue to pay the homage befitting two of the greatest coaches in New York State history. Cheers, ladies: I raise my glass to each of you, and wonder what would prevent Sarsen from being on the list of 2016 inductees to the Westchester County Hall of Fame ...

SHAME on SECTION 1 for admitting its unfounded and wholly irrational reason for trashing Mahopac High–its former site for the Section 1 football championships for 13 years – and essentially proclaiming Mahopac as a town of racists in doing so. Section 1 should be ashamed of itself and offer up some kind of public apology from its highest-ranking officials on down.

Section 1 Football Chairman Chuck Scarpulla told the Journal News last week that Section 1 administrators opted not to return to Mahopac because of separate “allegations” of racism against Mahopac teams that drew widespread attention for the Section 1 football championships the last two years. (P.S. one incident was completely unproven and the other had many rabble-rousing protagonists – both black and white–and no athletes proven to be involved.)

"People didn’t want to go back there,” Scarpulla told the Journal News, speaking for everyone I suppose. ‘(Mahopac) was absolutely perfect for what we do, but, unfortunately, they felt it wasn’t the place to go.”

Really, Chuck? Really? You took a section-wide poll! Or did a bunch of Section 1 paper shufflers gather in one of your cushy offices where everything you eat and drink is on our dime and say, "We gotta be P.C. here and ditch Mahopac, guys. We can’t have a Plan B, but the entire town of Mahopac, which has been so princefully to us over the years, has to pay for these incidents by a handful of tedious. All in favor?"

Folks in and around Mahopac and Putnam County were flabbergasted to read those comments from the man in charge of Section 1 football considering: A: we’re not all racists here in Mahopac and we take great offense to being broad stroked as such; B: we’re no different than Yorktown or North Rockland or any other predominantly white town in American; and C: Mahopac put its best foot forward the last 13 years to make Championship Day a grand one, unlike the one we just had where you put three championship games in three different sites (two at the same time).

It made me sick to my stomach to read those comments, as some things are just better left unsaid, and right now you reap what you’ve sown, Section 1: With no Plan B in place the football tournament was a shell of itself (and we all suffered), and the ultimate indignity you slapped on Mahopac, one of the finest sports towns in all of Section 1, was rude and reprehensible. Your punishment has essentially branded a township and a school district, which has been very, very obliging to Section 1 over the years, as a town of racists... take a bow, boys and girls, take a freaking bow!

Lakeland Wins 7th Region 1 Title, Advances to NYS Final 4

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Lakeland and UConn star and current USA Olympian Melissa Gonzalez, said it was a matter of never letting up and living up to the team’s mantra: New Season, New Team, Same Dream.

“I think that their goalie was so good making saves, but for any goalie if she makes 20 amazing saves eventually she’s going to let one in,” said the Wake Forest-bound Bozek, who now has 41 goals and 25 assists for the season. “We just had to keep the pressure up. I think we finally wore them down. Once we got that second goal in and got the 2-0 lead, we were able to open up the flood gates and put two more in. It’s a dream come true to have my senior season get here and advance to the Final 4 at states. This is what I expected, what I wanted. We’re always up for a new challenge.”

Sarsen liked the fact that Vestal provided a strong test.

“It felt like we were playing in a sandbox because the surface is still new and played very, very slow,” Sarsen said. “But that’s not to discredit what Vestal did today, I mean they had a stop for almost everything until we broke through for that second goal from Briana. Megan had a nice goal early and then Briana broke it open a little bit. We just kept plugging.”

The coach knows that the next step will be Lakeland’s toughest yet, as Section 5 champion Brightons lies in wait, with the winner of Garden City (Section 11) and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Section 2) awaiting in the finals.

“Garden City is very good, really, really good, maybe the best we’ve ever seen them... outstanding,” Sarsen said. “But we got a game before that and we won’t look ahead. We’re going to give this our best shot and we’ll see what happens. If we get to see Garden City, I don’t know that there will be an underdog since both teams are so good. The pressure for our girls was to win the section and get past Rye. We don’t know what the rest of the state has but we knew what Rye had and how good they always are. For this group to win the section is still a big deal, we never look past that.”

And defeating their next two foes would be the biggest deal yet.
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