By David Propper

Although referenced plenty of times during the race for the district attorney's office, the status of the $5 million defamation lawsuit incumbent Adam Levy brought against Sheriff Don Smith has been quiet and relatively unknown.

That changed last week during a candidates’ debate. Levy said Smith admitted there was no evidence that he interfered with the Alexandru Hossu case leading up to Hossu’s arrest on March 20, even though Smith accused Levy of interfering and influencing the 2013 investigation of the alleged sexual assault days after Hossu was arrested, which is the basis for the lawsuit.

The revelation came during a candidate debate between Levy and Republican challenger Bob Tendy after Tendy, in response to a question about how to mend the relationship between sheriff and DA’s office, brought up the fact Levy was in depositions the same day as the debate.

“To accuse someone like me who’s dedicated my life to protecting children, to violate my oath to office, violate the law, committing crimes by influencing and interfering with his criminal case in an effort to help my friend, yes it’s true the depositions did take place today, and Sheriff Smith did admit all that was false,” Levy stated. “There was absolutely no evidence that I did that, suggesting it was all political.”

Levy went on to argue that he sued Smith to hold him responsible for knowingly making false statements.

“If he’s prepared to do that to me, no one, is safe. So yes, I decided to hold him accountable,” Levy added.

After the debate, Levy didn’t back down.

“Tendy stood side-by-side congratulating a Boy Scout several years ago. Now, either Levy or Tendy will be working with Smith at the start of 2016,” Smith said in a statement. “However, I don’t know how Mr. Levy can draw such a conclusion. That’s not the deposition I sat at.”

According to part of Smith’s deposition, obtained and reviewed by The Putnam Examiner, the longtime Republican sheriff didn’t state he had no direct knowledge of Levy interfering with the Hossu case from continued on page 2

Levy, Tendy, Spar in Lone Showdown Prior to Primary

By David Propper

With the attacks commonplace and words between the two sharp, Adam Levy and Bob Tendy have been landing punch and counter-punch for almost a year in the race for Putnam County district attorney.

The two Republican district attorney candidates finally faced off in a Sep. 1 debate as primary day approaches in Putnam this Thursday. The event was sponsored by the League of Women’s Voters and held at the Italian-American Club headquarters in Mahopac. Although moderator Katherine Dering stressed that “due to the nature of the race so far” questions would be limited regarding ethics and accusations, both candidates still got their barbs in.

While there were a wide range of topics the two actually agreed on like admonishing the SAFE Act, and the importance of mental health and drug addiction treatment, the two had distinct differences on countless subjects.

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Mahopac Scouts Seeking Silver Award

Mahopac’s Ashley Leftwich (left), Gianna Nardini (center) and Alexandra Baronowski, who are aiming for the Girl Scout Silver award, pose during a break from the project last Thursday. The silver award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn — making their own community better in the process. The trio researched the project together, planned and presented it to Christopher Ruthven, CPRP Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and Mary Ellen Odell, Putnam County Executive, on their own. The garden planter boxes and benches were assembled from 100 percent recycled wood. They have been working on it at one of the girls’ homes since late June. It is going to be dedicated to the local first responders of Putnam County at 34 Geneidea Ave, Carmel.

To promote volunteerism, the girls decided to invite friends — boy’s and girls of all ages - as young as four to help nail, sand and paint the planters throughout the entire summer. The finished planters will be placed mid-September. The girls are in need of some donations in the form of plants & paints. Anyone willing to do so can send to The First Responders Garden, Troop 2655 Silver Award C/O 9 Lovely Lane Carmel, NY 10512-431.
Tendy painted the DA’s office and particularly Levy as incompetent, making errors that aren’t acceptable in any prosecuting office around the state. A murder conviction overturned now set for retrial and the dismissal of two “politically motivated” indictments are a few instances, Tendy stressed. He even said he and other defense attorneys that deal with the Putnam DA’s office know some assistant district attorneys are trial shy and wait them out for better plea deals, which shouldn’t be the case.

Retaining the office is one priority, which would include hiring fresh out-of-law-school attorneys to handle misdemeanors cases that could reduce taxpayer costs associated with salaries, Tendy said. He would model it after other DA offices, including the Manhattan DA’s office where he worked for five years.

“It will save the taxpayers money”, Tendy said, “they will be thoroughly trained, they will be thoroughly retrained, they will be thoroughly watched and they will be very good district attorneys.”

Levy responded by stating the crime stats in Putnam have precipitously dropped “because we have experienced prosecutors working here.” Regarding the overturned conviction of Anthony Grigoroff in the Garrison Garage killing, Levy scoffed at the appeal decision and vowed his office is ready to return another guilty verdict. He said his office’s conviction rate in county court is 100 percent and indictments that pass judicial review is 99 percent.

“You know who else I have a problem with,” Levy said. “Nobody.”

Alleged interference of investigations from both Levy and Tendy were also brought up.

Levy addressed his friend and former trainer Alexandru Hossu’s rape case, in which he paid more than $100,000 to his defense. Levy stated Hossu was found innocent of all charges and it was the first acquittal of a child sex abuse in decades. He added there was no investigation done prior to Hossu’s arrest by the sheriff’s department.

Tendy responded, “Has he ever paid anyone’s legal fees here” and called Levy’s behavior “unprecedented.”

Tendy, who in a memo allegedly asked Undersheriff Peter Convery not to have a sheriff deputy appear at a court hearing regarding his fiancée’s DWI case, reiterated that Convery misunderstood him, calling him a “very good friend.” He said he told Convery if the deputy did testify, he would be giving false information and that he should talk to him.

“If it was such a terrible, bad thing, why did it take until two months before the primary to come out,” Tendy said. “What were they doing with their case if I committed a crime.”

Levy, in his most scathing attack of the night, challenged Tendy for representing his fiancée during part of the DWI case while also being a witness to the incident. Once Tendy was off the case, he had his late brother Williams Tendy Jr. represent her, and when he became ill, he asked Legal Aid to provide her with an attorney.

“So you know who paid for Mr. Tendy’s (fiancée) DWI case, you folks did,” Levy said.

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Cuomo: Common Core ‘Not Working’; Legislators React

By David Propper

A steadfast advocate of the controversial Common Core standards, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo acknowledged the current educational program “is not working and must be fixed.”

In a 300-word press release issued Thursday, Cuomo, a Democrat, announced he would assemble a commission to review and recommend changes of the implementation of Common Core, curriculum, guidance, and tests that would address concerns locally.

“We must have standards for New York’s students, but those standards will only work if people – especially parents – have faith in them and in their ability to educate our children,” Cuomo said. “The current Common Core program does not do that.”

State legislators have heard an earful about education the past couple of years, becoming a lightning rod for debate and disagreement.

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef said the implementation went too rapidly and shouldn’t have been started at all grade levels at once. She said she was surprised by Cuomo’s latest statement, considering his desire to see Common Core succeed in New York, but noted she was glad he’s modifying his position.

She stressed the commission should be independent.

“People are dissatisfied,” Galef said. “Everyone wants goals and they want better challenges for our kids so we can really meet the international challenges with all of the other countries in the world so we know we have a way to go. We have to have higher aspirations for our kids. The question is how do we go about doing that.”

The topic of education has been a hot topic in Galef’s district. Her office has received the most emails and letters regarding education in New York, compared to any other issue in the state.

“This year was incredible with how many people were engaged in the issue,” Galef said.

Republican lawmakers were quick to jump on Cuomo’s admission about problems with Common Core, which led to a record number of opt-outs of last year’s state test for grade 3-8.

Republican state Senator Terrence Murphy said in a press release after opting his own children out of the state tests two consecutive years that he’s “ecstatic that the Governor now acknowledges the challenges parents across New York have been facing.”

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Republican state Assemblyman Steve Katz called Cuomo’s decision to authorize a comprehensive review “long overdue.”

“For the past two years, members of the Assembly Minority Conference and I have called for a halt to implementation while the curriculum can be reviewed,” Katz said. “I encourage Gov. Cuomo to follow our lead and implement an end to Common Core until the review is finished.”

While the statement did send shockwaves and give a sense of vindication to Common Core critics, Cuomo has criticized the rollout of the new standards in the past. He did reiterate his position that he still agrees with the goals of Common Core. He noted the new commissioner, MaryEllen Elia inherited the problem facing the program, but has been meeting with parents, teachers, and administrators and heard similar concerns.

The commission will include Elia, education experts, teachers, parents, and legislative representatives, which will in turn provide recommendations in time for Cuomo’s State of the State address in January.

“I am taking this action not because I don’t believe in standards, but because I do,” Cuomo stated.

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Fight to Derail Gas Pipeline in Area Continues

By Rick Pezzullo and Art Cusano

Work on expanding the controversial Algonquin natural gas pipeline is scheduled to begin next month, but some local officials and grassroots groups are continuing to raise concerns in an effort to put the brakes on the project.

Last week, Catherine Borgia (D/Ossining), majority leader of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and a few of her colleagues stood in front of the path of where the pipeline is slated to run through in the Village of Buchanan to announced legislation they are sponsoring urging the state Department of Environmental Conservation to freeze the issuance of any new air and water quality permits for natural gas infrastructure project applications.

The resolution also calls on the state Department of Health to perform a thorough assessment of the public health and safety risks of pipelines.

“We’re really concerned about the rapid progression of this pipeline,” Borgia said. “This is not a not-in-my-backyard issue. This is a health and safety issue. People’s lives are too important not to do all of the proper studies.”

Several municipalities, grassroots groups and individuals from four states affected by Spectra Energy’s expansion of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline filed a Request for Rehearing in April in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s widely criticized March 3 approval of the controversial project.

Spectra Energy’s project would run from Stony Point, under the Hudson River, through Peekskill, Cortlandt, portions of Yorktown and into Southeast, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The proposal would remove an existing 26-inch gas pipeline and replace it with a 42-inch one. The gas pressure would also increase 25 percent.

Opponents of the pipeline presented FERC with a petition containing more than 26,000 signatures at a public hearing last year in Cortlandt. Many raised concerns about the pipeline, which has been located in the area for more than 50 years without incident, sitting 1,500 feet away from the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.

In the 66-page decision, FERC appeared satisfied with the measures Spectra proposed for the pipeline near Indian Point in its FEIS, stating, “The NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) concluded that a breach and explosion of the proposed 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline would not adversely impact the safe operation of the Indian Point facility.”

Spectra has already received a work permit from FERC to begin construction in Buchanan, but Nancy Vann, a homeowner who will have the pipeline virtually in her backyard, still has many unanswered questions.

“It is well established that having a high pressure gas pipeline crossing your property results in a decrease in the property’s value, not just where the pipeline runs, but for the entire property,” Vann said. “Will Algonquin indemnify us for any damage the construction or a future pipeline accident does to people or to other property? Will Algonquin be responsible for paying increases in our insurance premiums due to this expanded pipeline? They just want to come in and take what they want and leave us with the dangers and the costs.”

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, there were 119 incidents in gas transmission pipelines in 2014.

A few hours later in Southeast, home of one of the pipeline’s compressor stations, dozens of Spectra Energy employees came to Elks Lodge 2101 in Brewster for an open house for residents to ask questions about the project and view large maps of the pipeline route.

Director of Stakeholder Outreach for Spectra Energy Marylee Hanley said letters were sent to landowners in the town to inform them about the project and the informational event. The planned expansion is due to an increase in demand for natural gas, she said, and Hanley stressed the pipeline will continue to be run in a safe manner. The pipeline is monitored 24 hours a day, she said.

“The Algonquin Transmission Pipeline has been operating in this area safely for more than 60 years, providing clean, reliable, domestic natural gas,” she said.

The planned project is referred to as a “lift and relay,” in which the existing 26-inch diameter pipelines are removed and replaced with larger 42-inch diameter pipes. The pipeline will allow for increased output to help meet the demand from power generators in New England, said Manager for Stakeholder Outreach Arthur Diestel.

“We’re committed to building this safely,” Diestel said. “We’re here engaging early so we can gather information as we kick off our permitting process, which we will start later this year. We won’t file our formal application until the end of next year. We anticipate construction starting in early 2018.”

Also on hand for last Wednesday’s event was a contingent from New York State Laborers, which represents approximately 40,000 laborers across the state. Organizer Fred Butwell said the project would create skilled jobs for union members in the Hudson Valley.

“It would be local people doing local project, which is what we like to see,” Butwell said.

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Beacon Man Drowns off Little Sandy Beach

By David Propper

The body of a drowned man was recovered the evening of Sep. 1, after he was seen going under water while swimming off Little Sandy Beach in the Hudson Highlands State Park.

Rafael Cubano, 46, of Beacon, died from an apparent drowning, swimming in part of the river not watched by lifeguards. According to the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, Cubano was with a group of relatives and friends swimming in the river when he was separated from the rest of the group because of strong river currents. Becoming distressed in the water, he called out for help, but no one could get to him before he went under water, according to authorities.

At 6:47 p.m., members of the Mahopac Falls Fire Department dive team recovered Cubano’s body about 15 feet from the shore and in depth of about four feet of water. The coroner’s office pronounced him dead and ordered an autopsy be performed.

Sheriff Don Smith called the death “a horrific and sad tragedy for the family and friends who witnessed the drowning and who have lost their loved one.”

A massive search ensued that involved the Sheriff’s Office patrols and marine unit, State Police patrols and helicopter, State Park Police patrols and marine unit, the Cold Spring Police, the Cold Spring Fire Department, the West Point Fire Department and aviation unit, the Philipstown Ambulance Corps, the Mahopac Falls Fire Department and its Dive Team, a Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office marine unit, and a Westchester County Police marine unit.

Putnam Teenager Earns Eagle Scout Status

Sean Dowling was the proud recipient of the Eagle Scout rank at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carmel Post 1374 over the summer before more than 100 fellow Boy Scouts, community leaders, family and friends.

This past year has been one that Sean will never forget. He had an acting role in his high school play, sang solo at the Vatican with his high school concert choir, and completed the requirements for Eagle Scout as a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 14 in Carmel. In addition to earning 25 merit badges and earning the religious Ad Altare Dei award on his Trail to Eagle, Sean completed his Eagle Scout Service Project by clearing a hiking trail, removing invasive species, and building two trail benches at Putnam County’s Tilly Foster Farm and Conservation Area. Sean recruited 30 volunteers for the project; in turn, these volunteers, under Sean’s leadership, donated more than 720 hours of labor. Additionally, Sean raised $1,200 for the project by hosting a pasta dinner. Putnam’s County Executive, Maryellen Odell, lauded Sean’s leadership and civic service in completing this valuable project. Sean will be attending SUNY Delhi this fall where he plans to study journalism.

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Town Board Lead Agency in Barrett Hill Proposal

By David Propper

The Southeast town board decided that it would be the lead agency, instead of the planning board, for the SEQRA determination on the Barrett Hill affordable housing project.

The proposal would call for building 168 rental homes on 29 acres of land on Mount Ebo Road, including 42 affordable housing units, which include 25 for military veterans and 17 for other categories chosen by the town board like emergency responders. The development would require a zoning text change.

The vote was another slim 3-2 decision, with Republican Supervisor Tony Hay and Democratic Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt voting against having the town board as lead agency, while the Republican block of Edwin Alvarez, Bob Cullen, and Liz Hudak voted in favor, during the board’s meeting Thursday night.

Attorney for well-known developer Harold Lepler, Charlie Martabano, said the development group would prefer the town board be lead agency.

"Without the text change -- the predicate legislative act -- there is no further involvement of the planning board except in connection with a recommendation so if you don't approve the text change there is no plan to review," Martabano said. "That's why I just would say the town board is probably the most appropriate lead agency."

Hay voted against the resolution because he said he doesn't believe a town board should step into the role of the planning board, referencing the Crossroads projects as another instance where the town handled the SEQRA determination.

"But they want me to address it," Hay said. "I think they're going to wish they sent it to the planning board."

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the time an investigation began on March 12, 2013, to Hossu’s arrest on March 20.

The deposition, conducted by Levy’s attorney Michael Sussman, shows while Smith previously linked Levy to attempting to influence the outcome of the Hossu rape case, evidence to prove those allegations didn’t seem to exist.

When Sussman asked Smith if he had any information if Levy had any contact with Hossu directly or through a third-party, Smith said he did not have any knowledge of that.

“I don’t recall any direct implication of Mr. Levy, but to answer your question completely, I did receive information that there was a concern – it wasn’t directed directly at Mr. Levy,” Smith stated. “But there was a concern that information was being conveyed to Mr. Hossu and people close to Mr. Hossu, not directly from Mr. Levy, because certain things were happening.”

Some of those concerns included that Hossu changed a mailing address with the help of his girlfriend at the time from Levy’s to a post office box; that Hossu seemed “coached” during the controlled call between him and the accuser; and that under Smith’s impression, Assistant District Attorney Chana Krauss was trying to “hamper the credibility” of the investigation and told the Westchester DA’s office the allegations against Hossu were “bull----.”

Smith later said he doesn’t know if Krauss had access to any information that would make her think that and also said there was no information that Hossu had been tipped off to the investigation.

It was later revealed the PO box was established in January 2013, months before Hossu was investigated. Smith said he didn’t recall if there was any information from the postal service about where Hossu was getting his mail between March 13 to March 20.

Smith admitted none of that was directly tied to Levy and Smith said he had no knowledge of an investigation, such as from the New York attorney general’s office, into Smith’s allegations from the Hossu case.

Sussman asked at one point if Smith thought Levy might attempt to assist Hossu as the investigation was ongoing. Smith replied “Not at all.”

Sheriff’s deputies involved in the Hossu case all said during their depositions that they didn’t have any information that Levy interfered with the case prior to an arrest being made. Lead investigator of the Hossu case, Stephen Tricinelli agreed when Levy asked if it was fair to say there wasn’t anything that led him to believe that Levy interfered during the investigation.

Former investigator Pat Castaldo said between March 12 and March 20, he didn’t mention Levy’s name and had no knowledge of him interfering with the investigation.

Former chief investigator Gerald Schramek also said in his deposition that when he, Castaldo and Capt. William McNamara briefed Smith the day of the arrest, Levy’s name was never raised.

Sussman asked, “Did Mr. Levy’s name come up in that briefing” to which Schramek replied “Not that I can recall.”

In Smith’s deposition, Sussman tried to link the possible and eventual sheriff’s candidacy of former chief assistant district attorney Christopher York to the press release Smith’s office sent out that stated Hossu lived at Levy’s home.

“This release came out. You’re responsible for the release. And this had nothing to do with Christopher York, right?” Sussman asked.

“Absolutely nothing to do with Christopher York,” Smith responded.

The impetus for what would eventually lead to the lawsuit started immediately after the arrest of Hossu for the alleged rape of a 13-year-old girl. (Hossu was later found not guilty of all charges.) The sheriff’s office sent out a press release stating Hossu’s address was 70 Indian Wells Rd., the same as Levy’s. After Levy sent out his press statement refuting that, Smith responded with damning allegations.

“He is apparently trying to influence and effect the investigation, which could be perceived as an ethical violation of his official duties and perhaps even as an attempt to undermine it,” Smith stated.

After Hossu was arrested, Levy had previously acknowledged he paid more than $100,000 to the defense fund of Hossu.

There were also allegations that Levy meddled in the case as it was going to trial, but Levy said in a New York Times article, “I offered advice and opinions but never did I interfere or cross any ethical or professional lines.”

Depositions continued on late last week.
By Neal Rentz

It is a little bit of country in a major commercial area of Yorktown.

Since 1958, The Meadows Farm has offered a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers, with many of the produced items grown in its three farms.

The store has been owned and operated from the beginning by the Woodard family, consisting of Yorktown residents Richard and Francis Woodard and their son, Scott, who lives in Buchanan.

Scott Woodard said last week the family grows a wide variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, carrots, sweet corn, onions, garlic, leeks, and radishes. Most of the fruit is provided by a farm in Marlborough in upstate New York. One of the things he personally grows in sunflowers, Woodard said. Flowers are grown in the family’s greenhouses each spring.

The store is open every day from May 1 through Oct. 31.

The name Meadows came about because his father bought the farm store across from the street from where the family moved its business, Woodard said. Much work is required before the store can open every spring, Woodard said. “You prepare the gardens and plant everything,” he explained. “When we harvest it, that’s when we sell it. In the wintertime we get the greenhouses going.” Maintenance of the farm equipment is also done during the winter, he noted.

The family owns three farms consisting of a total of about 80 acres in Somers, Putnam Valley and Mahopac. Produce is brought to the store every day, Woodard said.

Putnam Valley and Mahopac. Produce is sold on a seasonal basis. In the fall the store sells apples from Stuart’s Fruit Farm in Somers and a variety of Halloween-themed items are offered, including Indian corn, as well as fall mums.

Woodard said his family has very close relationships with their customers. “We love our customers,” he said. “If we know one’s not been here in a couple of weeks we worry about them.”

Woodard said he loves everything about his job. “It’s not like working,” he said. “Just go to work every day and enjoy it.”

Woodard said his family has simple goals for their establishment. “We want to make everybody happy,” he said. “Keep feeding the people. That’s what we strive to do and we seem to be doing a very good job.”

The Meadows Farm is located at 329 Underhill Ave. in Yorktown. For more information call 914-962-4306, visit http://www.meadowsfarmmarket.com or send an e-mail to info@meadowsfarmmarket.com.
Letters to the Editor

Rebuttal to the Open Letter to Congressman Maloney

Editor’s note: This is in response to the letter to the editor titled “Open Letter to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney” of the Aug. 11-17 edition.

On behalf of your constituents, I urge you to support the Iranian nuclear agreement. We voted for you to not only look out for the interests of this district, but for the entire country. It is in the best interest of America, and the world, to vote to support this agreement. Future generations will look back and see this as a first step to lasting cooperation between long time international rivals. Please do not give into fear and warmongers and allow them to out-scream those with cooler heads.

Why Primary Day Elections Are So Important

For nearly 250 years Americans have fought for the right to vote in democratic elections that determine who gets to run your country. At first only a chosen few had the right to vote. Criteria usually included only male, Caucasian, Protestant property owners. So if the only property that you owned was a mule, you could vote until that mule died. Then even though you were older and wiser, because your mule died, you could no longer vote. If this sounds preposterous, just look in the mirror and ask yourself if you think this sounds preposterous, just look in the mirror and ask yourself if you think voting in Primary Elections is important. If you decide that it is not worth the time to stop by the polls for ten minutes and exercise your democratic right to vote for your elected officials, be it a local District Attorney or Member of Congress, then you are relinquishing this right that so many before you fought so hard for, allowing a small group to govern until eventually the small group will run unopposed, ensuring that their power will survive for generations. For example in 2015 most incumbent elected officials in Putnam County and its municipalities are running unopposed. The voice of the people is one of apathy and the choice has been made for them by the local oligarchy. Why are these Primary Elections so important? As Putnam is primarily a Republican controlled County, not many Democrats waste the time and money to even run against a Republican incumbent. To many registered Republicans this is great but is it really? To the people of Putnam County, their rights are restricted because their right of choice was denied by an individual or political party who decided not to run for office. But what if a member of the same Republican Party decides that the incumbent is wrong for the people and that they deserve a choice; as is the case in the local District Attorney election. Now, instead of being denied any choice, the people of Putnam County now can choose. But before all residents can choose it is the responsibility for registered Republicans to vote to allow the challenger, in this case Bob Tendy, to run in the general election. Granted this does not ensure the results of the final election; however at least it evens the playing field so that come November, all residents of Putnam (all registered voters regardless of political party) can cast their ballot to decide who they want to represent them for the next political term.

The absence of balance of power in government virtually ensures political anarchy, often corrupt. Anarchy is government by an elite group who remain in power indefinitely, imposing their will on the people. America’s third president Thomas Jefferson, a strong advocate for term limits, was convinced that Government needed to be refreshed at least every generation. But ask yourself, “Why would a group with such a stronghold on political power want to risk losing this by setting term limits on positions held by elected officials”? That is why voting in Primary Elections is so vitally important to We-The People. Sometimes change is a good thing. It keeps people honest. That’s why they change the dealer’s card deck from time to time.

Andy Powers

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Obituaries

Robert Stanley Chipman

Robert Stanley Chipman, a long time resident of Mahopac, died on August 28, at the age of 78. He was born on May 18, 1937 in Pleasantville, to Allan and Mary (Johnson) Chipman. He graduated from Pleasantville High School. After graduation he proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy. Bob married the love of his life Dianne (Venuti) on August 22, 1964 in North Tarrytown. Before retiring in 1997, Bob was a long time employee of Consolidated Edison. A Navy veteran, Bob was a military enthusiast; he collected and restored numerous World War II era jeeps. A long time resident of Rolling Greens, he was a very active member in the early years of the neighborhood association. Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing, and telling a good joke. Most importantly, he was very devoted to his family. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Dianne, and his 4 beloved children, Donna Marie Santoro, Robert Chipman (Danielle), Laura Chipman, and John Chipman (Donna). He is also survived by 7 adoring grandchildren, Emma Santoro, Julia Santoro, Nicholas Santoro, Jenni Chipman, Daniel Chipman, Samantha Chipman, Melissa Chipman, a brother, Gerald Chipman, a sister-in-law, Joanne and nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Pacheco

Elizabeth Pacheco 81, of Carmel, died on August 30. She was born on December 13, 1933 in Manhattan to John and Catherine (Cross) Hayes. She married her loving husband Joseph on September 11, 1954 at St. Francis De Chantelle in the Bronx. She worked in customer service for General Electric Credit Corporation. She is survived by five loving children Daniel Pacheco, Karen Pacheco, Michael Pacheco, Alice Herde, and Joseph Pacheco. She is also survived by five adoring grandchildren Daniel Brady, Amanda Herde, Joshua Herde, Ryan Herde, Joseph Pacheco Jr., and Michael Pacheco. She was predeceased by her loving husband Joseph.
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Op-Ed: PV Library Needs to be More Transparent

By Daniel Vera

The Putnam Valley Library Board has suddenly withdrawn their plan to put a referendum on the ballot to become funded under Chapter 414. Under their withdrawn plan, our library taxes would have drastically increased from $278,000 to $450,000. They shelved their plans for this year when working closely with Jackie Annabi, we discovered their calculations of cost per homeowner used to promote the idea were woefully understated time after time again. The median home in Putnam Valley has an assessed value of $300,000, currently pays $56 per year for the library through town taxes, not the $5.15 the library board boasted. Their key promotion was that the new $450,000 budget would only cost the homeowner $3.19 more per year. They equated the budget would only cost the homeowner in the amount of $278,307. They failed to disclose the amount they have in reserves, nor why they chose not to use part of the $490,000 in reserves for 2012 or the $516,000 in 2013 to repair the two bridges that are in disrepair and closed. A major reason for the requested $450,000 new budget was to begin these repairs at an estimated cost of $295,000. The library also used Deputy Supervisor Jackie Annabi as justification for their plan to bypass the Town Board in allocating funding because our Deputy Supervisor, Jackie Annabi, wanted to reduce their funding by $50,000. In true fashion they did not disclose the reason why she made that recommendation. The reason why is simple, they have for years refused to open their books, disclose their expenses, report their reserves and using "stuff" as their expense line. Jackie had and still has the best interest of the taxpayers in all budgetary decisions as well as the other board members. Jackie should be applauded for her resolute stance on the side of the tax payer, not demonized for it. Priscilla Keresey, the library board president, claimed that having an elected town board oversee their funding, which is being managed by a privately appointed library board is not democratic. My recommendation to the library board in order to regain the trust of the taxpayers and our elected Town Board is to become completely transparent and accountable by providing the following: 1. Disclose their operating expenses in detail; 2. Disclose additional funding sources in detail; 3. Provide three estimates from competent contractors to do the repairs on the 2 bridges; 4. Immediately amend their bylaws to have the Library Board of Trustees become elected by the residents of Putnam Valley; 5. Give an accurate count of library usage; 6. Present a five-year comprehensive plan.

The Library will need to regain the taxpayers’ trust by being completely forthcoming. To date, the Library has not demonstrated that and with this latest attempt, errors in calculations and misinformation there is a real sense of mistrust. The taxpayers put their trust in the elected five-member Town Board to represent the best interest of the Putnam Valley residents; the Library should do the same.

Vera is a resident of Putnam Valley.
The Second Annual Eat Smart Restaurant Week (ESRW) kicks off on Sunday, September 27 and runs through Sunday, October 11. This year the Putnam County Department of Health has added Instagram to the promotional mix, giving ESRW participants a chance to win a $50 gift certificate to the “Eat Smart” restaurant of their choice.

The rules are simple and no purchase is required. Simply snap a photo on your phone and post it to Instagram. Make sure to hash tag it with #EatSmartRestaurantWeek to be entered in the raffle. Your photo can be of your Eat Smart Restaurant Week menu selection, the friends and family who are joining you, or of the ESRW eatery you are visiting.

If you are not on Instagram, that is okay too. You can also enter by filling out an Eat Smart Restaurant Week survey available at the ESRW participating eatery or online at the PCDOH website. Complete survey details are available online at www.putnamcountyny.gov/lhp/esrw/

“The notion that delicious and healthy can go hand-in-hand is what this program is all about,” says Health Commissioner Allen Beals, MD. “Moderate portion sizes, an emphasis on fresh vegetables, and limited sodium and oils, even healthy ones, are the cornerstones.”

Eat Smart Restaurant Week represents a collaboration between the health department and participating Putnam restaurants. Last year 97 percent of customers surveyed said they would visit an ESRW eatery again this year. More than 35 Putnam County eateries participated and this year nearly all are returning, plus a few new popular locales have expressed interest.

Dine-in restaurants are not the only participants. The event is open to all food establishments in Putnam who were willing to offer healthier selections. There are a few delicatessens, a chain “fast food” restaurant, and even the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources offers a healthier option for seniors who visit for lunch.

A complete, up-to-date list of participating restaurants is online at the health department website and the Eat Smart Restaurant Week page at: http://www.putnamcountyny.com/lhp/esrw/ The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, environmental health protection, family health promotion, emergency preparedness and health education. For more information, please visit the PCDOH website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health or the social media sites Facebook at /putnamhealth, Twitter @PutnamHealthNY and Instagram at /putnamhealthny.

### Schedule of Events

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Mahopac Liquor Company Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

KAS Spirits, producer of KAS Krupnikas, celebrated their one-year anniversary at Upper West Side hot spot, Prohibition. The celebration took place on August 26 and featured a special KAS cocktail menu with choices from a Honey Whiskey Smash to the popular sparkling Honey Trap, which later won a KAS Award for Best KAS cocktail.

KAS Spirits produces small batches of their spiced honey liqueur in Mahopac from a generations-old family recipe for krupnikas, a traditional Lithuanian spirit. The spirit has become a popular choice in retail stores like Sterling Cellars and great bars from Pour in Mt. Kisco to Maison Premiere in Brooklyn. KAS Krupnikas features all-natural ingredients from local clover and wildflower honeys to 10 exotic spices and hand-peeled citrus, making it especially popular with mixologists, locavores and a generation of people more conscious of the quality of their drinks.

“This party was really meant as a thank you to the people who have supported us in the first year,” says KAS Spirits’ founder, Kestutis Katinas. “KAS Krupnikas is a recipe I’ve made for 25 years before releasing it to the public last year and the support we have received is astounding,” he continues. “We would enjoy it neat or on ice but within our first year we discovered how versatile it is in cocktails. The drinks that bartenders create, plus the 60 we have created in house are simply astonishing. We realized that KAS Krupnikas can be enjoyed in so many ways.”

The party guests enjoyed free KAS gift bags and passed hors d’oeuvres until the First Annual KAS Awards began. The categories ranged from Best Tasting Spot to Top Brand Ambassador and each winner received an engraved golden flask. All guests were also invited to see the new label that will be launching this fall.

“We are extremely excited about our new look” says KAS Spirits Marketing Director, Faye Postma. “After much deliberation and market research, we decided to update the brand via the label and a new website. We feel the new look is more in line with the handcrafted, small-batch aspect while still presenting its Lithuanian roots and exotic nature. The high quality of the spirit has been noticed by Wine Enthusiast Magazine, which has awarded KAS Krupnikas with a 92, putting it amongst the top liqueurs. Going into year two, KAS Spirits plans to continue gaining in popularity, especially heading into the busy holiday season.

“Honestly, KAS sells itself. It’s such a great product that people really enjoy drinking,” states KAS Brand Ambassador Winner and NYC bartender, David Renwanz. “I’m not sure they had any idea how popular their spirit could be but I think they’re going to really find out this fall and winter.”

KAS Krupnikas is currently available at fine bars, retailers, and online. It is being distributed directly by KAS Spirits, LLC and is available to licensed businesses in the state of New York. You can learn more about KAS Krupnikas by visiting www.kasspirits.com or emailing them at info@kasspirits.com.

The Chandelier’s History: Basic Function to Decorative Beauty

One big question mark remains in the decoration of the great room of our new home and it doesn’t seem likely to be answered anytime soon. That is the choice of chandelier to be hung in our dining area.

For the first time in our long marriage we agonized over most things that surround us, my wife Margaret and I are not in accord about what device of illumination should hang above our heads as we entertain guests at a good meal. Right now, there is just a small ceiling fixture that came with the condo that provides light from the nine-foot high ceiling above, but just empty space from there to the table top, with nothing decorative to fill the space in between.

Margaret wants something airy and simple, but is not sure what. I know exactly what I’ve wanted for a long time and it’s not simple. It’s a knock-off of the “constellation” type chandeliers created in 1966 by Hans Harald Rath for the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center.

They feature central round metal orbs that look like “spuniks” from which metal rods radiate with sparkly moons and satellites spraying out in all directions, laden with Swarovski crystals. The effect is really dazzling. From the time I first saw them in the lobby and auditorium, I was transfixed. I remember reading that they were designed to symbolize the opera company’s transitioning from the Gilded Age to the Space Age in its new home. Just recently I discovered online that there is a facsimile available, but it seems that Margaret wants something a little more down to earth rather than a starburst from outer space orbiting over her head. In the past, when we lived in historic homes, choosing chandeliers was always a simple matter, with our having gone toward the 18th century designs found in Colonial Williamsburg.

The idea of a device shedding light from the ceiling goes back as far as the Middle Ages, first as a matter of practicality, but it wasn’t long before chandeliers came to represent prestige and power.

Early in the 14th century, the first chandeliers were made of wood and iron in a wooden ring, designed like a crown, and intended to be moved from room to room. These simplistic devices could have one or many wooden arms with small iron plates upon which a candle would rest. The device would be connected to a chain, which could be hung from the ceiling of a great hall or, more often in churches, when they would have been adorned with religious iconography.

By the 15th century, chandeliers were utilized by the wealthy to demonstrate their power and status, and that is when different designs were created to show the individuality of the various palaces and houses of nobility, clergy and merchants.

The arms of chandeliers adopted curves and many more candles into the design by the 18th century and they were beginning to be placed in the homes of the working class as well as the upper class. At the same time, Greek and Roman influences became popular, along with production from cast metals.

Also in the early 18th century, the crystal chandelier was introduced by Bohemian and Venetian glassmakers. By the time crystal chandeliers were hung in the Hall of Mirrors in the Palace at Versailles, they had become a magnificent art form that continues to impress to this day.

The mid-19th century saw a revolution in chandelier production with the introduction of gas lighting, replacing candles. By the 1890s, with the introduction of electric light, chandeliers became truly free for artistic expression from the most reasonably priced that you might find at Home Depot to the most expensive at decorators’ showrooms.

It’s interesting to note how much lighting fixtures that hang from the ceiling can influence the perceived value of a home. The owners of the last home I listed, now in contract, retained a home stager who suggested that all the chandeliers be updated with moderately priced, more contemporary looking designs. That one recommendation made a significant difference in updating the entire look of the home’s interior.

As for the choice of chandelier in my dining room, let’s just say it’s a work in progress.

Watercolor on Exhibit at Mahopac Library

Jojo Maxwell's recent watercolors (like “Pink Tulips above), currently on display in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library, capture the light and transparent nature of this expressive medium. Her exhibit of watercolor paintings will be on display from September 1-30, and can be viewed during regular Library hours. The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception on Saturday, September 12, from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Maxwell is a self-taught artist who has been painting with watercolors for many years. She excels at capturing the delicacy of flowers in bloom, the mood of a foggy day, or the chill of a winter afternoon. With a few quick brushstrokes she is able to create a landscape or still life that is painterly, and either bold or tranquil, depending on the subject.

Maxwell’s “Lilacs in Glass Vase” depicts a profusion of purple blooms arranged in a delicately rendered glass vase. “Poppies on Blue” is a vibrant piece painted with bright reds against a fluid blue background. She displays a luscious use of color in her piece entitled “Poppy”, and “Jojo’s Geraniums” features exuberant blooms that reach out from the watercolor paper to the mat that frames this piece. Her quiet, expressive landscapes, and floral pieces such as “Pink Tulips” that give the appearance of flowers on a rainy afternoon, demonstrate Maxwell's proficiency with the watercolor medium.

All of the paintings in this exhibit are available for sale; contact Jojo at (845) 628-7716 to purchase one of her works. For further information about the gallery exhibits at Mahopac Public Library, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

The Composition of the Essence in a Glass of Wine

By Nick Antonaccio

Water is the essence of life, yet it is in increasingly short supply as human population explodes and agricultural production accelerates to meet its needs.

A quick refresher: 71 percent of Earth is covered in water; in volume, only 3.5 percent of earth’s water supply is fresh water; only 1 percent of all water is readily consumable.

This dominance and dependence extends to human physiology. Water comprises 60 percent of our body. To sustain this critical level, we are advised to consume four to eight glasses of water each day. Each included in this dietary guideline is wine. Wine is composed of about 85 percent water.

If wine is predominately water, what makes so many wines distinctive from each other? Why is one wine preferable to us while another is off-putting? What influences the taste and aroma in each bottle of wine?

What makes the price of wine so polarized, from the under $10 preference of most wine drinkers’ palates to the stratospheric prices of Burgundy and Bordeaux?

Many of the components in the other 15 percent of a glass of wine entice us and sustain us. These components are influenced by many factors, from the composition of vineyard soil that travels through the water absorbed by plants to the characteristics embedded in evolving grapes. Each element influences the harvested grape juice and ultimately the end product.

Let’s look into each element.

The 85 percent of water in a bottle of wine has a significant influence on its taste and aroma. As a grapevine matures and subsists over a growing season, it absorbs the minerals and nutrients in soil as its roots penetrate the strata and sub-strata of soil created over millennia of Earth’s heaving and seismic activity.

One example: in parts of France, especially the Chablis region, the wines have the distinct taste of the minerality of seashells, yet the vineyards are landlocked. In prehistoric times, the Chablis area was a seabed; today seashells and marine skeletons abound in the soil. The essence of this detritus is evident in each glass of the wine. As water is absorbed into the developing grapes, it imbues each grape with the characteristics of the soil it passes through.

The 15 percent of matter in a bottle of wine influences the personality of a particular wine in a manner similar to human physiology; it just takes a few strands of DNA to make each wine distinct and unique. Each strand of DNA determines the essence of a wine. The chemical composition includes differing levels of tannins, acid and flavor. The deeply embedded genetic DNA strands carry its historical elements: the traits of the predecessor vines, the land on which the grapevines have been skillfully managed, the generations of winemakers and vineyard managers that have toiled to produce wines that are consistent from year to year, generation to generation.

In the last 50 years, vineyard managers and winemakers have advanced the quality of wine as never before. Enhanced scientific research and experimentation have yielded new grape hybrids that produce disease resistant grapevines (increasing yield and quality) and more nuanced wines (through advanced winemaking techniques). Just as technology has influenced every aspect of humankind, so has it with wine. From the robust yeast strains developed in laboratories, to sophisticated measuring instrumentation utilized during fermentation, winemakers are able to produce superior wines on a consistent basis, overcoming the uncertainties of nature each year.

‘15 percent of matter in wine influences its personality’

There is much to appreciate and be in awe of in modern wines. They provide for the continuing health of our water-based physiology and enhance our ethereal appreciation of the finer qualities that are embedded in its essential juice.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted 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.
Putnam County Gears up for Passport Day

In recognition that September is “National Passport Awareness Month” and the upcoming holiday travel season, the Putnam County Clerk’s Office is hosting a “Second 2015 Putnam County Passport Saturday” at its office located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti is holding this event as a convenience to our customers who need to obtain a passport in time for the busy holiday travel season.

Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti can be reached at 845-808-1142 X49301 for any questions or concerns regarding obtaining a U.S. Passport or traveling abroad. U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at the Putnam County Clerk’s Website located at www.putnamcountyny.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone by calling the Putnam County Clerk's Office at 845-808-1142 X49273.

New Chaplain Announced at Putnam Hospital

Jan Fritzinger is the new chaplain at Putnam Hospital Center.

Fritzinger recently joined the hospital’s palliative care team providing spiritual care to patients. She works at Putnam Hospital Center on Mondays and Thursdays and also serves as chaplain at the Dyson Center for Cancer Care at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

“I’m hoping to work on the spiritual piece of mind, body and spirit to those who desire it,” Fritzinger said.

Fritzinger, a retired IBM financial planner, received her master’s of divinity from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. The Poughkeepsie resident is also a pastor at Shokan Reformed Church in Shokan. She is working toward completing her board certification in pastoral care.

Fritzinger said she plans to grow the pastoral program at Putnam Hospital Center, offering ecumenical services in the hospital’s chapel and working with the community clergy.

She can be reached at 845-279-5711 ext. 2102 or jfritzin@health-quest.org.

Date Set for Third Annual TYathlon Fundraiser

With autumn on the horizon and the hot summer days cooling down, the Ty Louis Campbell (TLC) Foundation will be hosting their third annual “TYathlon” on Saturday, September 19, at 1 Marina Drive, Mahopac. The TYathlon consists of two events, a sprint triathlon that starts at 7 a.m. and a 5K walk/run that starts at 10 a.m. It is going to be an action packed morning whose proceeds will directly fund innovative childhood cancer research in memory of Ty Campbell.

The “TYathlon” fundraiser is a shorter sprint distance triathlon that is appealing to not only seasoned triathletes, but also beginners to this rapidly growing sport. This fun-filled event includes a .25 mile swim at Sandy Beach, a 10.5 mile bike ride around Lake Mahopac, and a 3 mile run on East/North Lake Boulevard.

Participants in the 5K will then gather to enjoy the warm sunshine and the beautiful lake scenery while they help raise money for a good cause. All of the proceeds will directly fund the Ty Louis Campbell (TLC) Foundation, which is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that funds groundbreaking research and technology geared toward the treatment of the deadliest childhood cancers.

The foundation was created in September 2012 in memory of Ty Campbell, a beautiful boy from Pawling, NY who lost his battle with brain cancer at just 5-years-old. The organization seeks less toxic, more effective treatments that are specifically designed for children fighting cancer.

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Yoga: Fall yoga classes are scheduled to begin in September at Mahopac Public Library. The classes include Evening and Mid-Day Yoga with Chun Kim-Levin, Kripalu Yoga and Meditation with Michael Doherty, Self-Discovery through Yoga with Wendy Wolf, and Gentle Yoga with Meredith Laubin. Registration is ongoing; individuals may register with the class fee at the Library’s Information Desk. No previous experience is necessary to attend these yoga classes; attendees are encouraged to wear loose or comfortable clothing, and to bring a Yoga mat or towel and a pillow to sit on. For additional information call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

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

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

Tuesday, September 8 Living Well Workshop: Learn ways to manage and gain control of ongoing health conditions in this informative workshop developed by Stanford University. The program provides information for people suffering from any type of chronic condition such as COPD, pain, depression, thyroid conditions, and others. The next workshop will be held Tuesdays 9/8 – 10/15 from 9:30 a.m. –noon at the Putnam County Emergency Management Building, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel. The Living Well Workshop is sponsored by the Putnam County Partnership for Evidence-Based Programs. Please call Mary White at 845-808-1734 for more information or to register

Wednesday, September 9 Flag Info: On Thursday Sept 10th time to be announced. We will lower the post flags to half staff. To honor to who lost their lives since 9-11-2001. On Sunday September 13 at 8 a.m. we will retire the flags and raise new flags to tell the world we are one. Message from: American Legion Argonne Post 71 Ronald A. Lipschitz Post Commander

William Brett, author at The Kent Public Library is honored to have author and former Kent resident visit to discuss his first novel, a work of historical fiction entitled “Next Year in Constanta” 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. The author is a retired teacher who has a life long interest in the history of World War Two. www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Thursday, September 10 The Sons/Daughters of Italy will have a Meet and Greet: VFW Hall in Carmel. Come and discover what our organization is all about. There will be speakers, videos and refreshments starting at 7:30 p.m. The VFW Hall is located at 132 Glenelida Avenue. For more information contact Michele at 845-225-1144.

Friday, September 11 In remembrance of 9/11, the Putnam CITC Coalition and NCADD Putnam will be sponsoring an opportunity for our community to write “Thank You” letters to first responders, uniformed service men/women, veterans, police officers and firefighters to thank them for their dedicated service. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cornerstone park Bld. 1 Fair Street Carmel. FMI: Putnam Communities That Care Coalition c/o NCADD Putnam www.putnamncadd.org

Sibnad: 8 p.m. Sinbad arrived on the comedy scene with a “hit”in the face” style of comedy that has kept audiences laughing in the aisles. Tickets are $40, $50 or $60 each including all tax and fees. You can purchase tickets in-person at the Box Office, over the phone at 914-739-0039, or through our website at http://paramouathudsonvalley.com/events/event/sinbad

Brewster-Carmel Garden Club is presenting a flower and horticultural show: 2 p.m. -4 p.m. and Saturday, September 12 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, route 6, Brewster, NY. free admission - open to the public - come and see what a garden club is about.

Saturday, September 12 Defensive Driving Class: Defensive Driving at Kent Library. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kent Public Library at 17 Sybil’s Crossing in Kent Lakes. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. The cost is $40, with a portion benefiting the library. Registration is required at www.kentlibrary.org or call 845-225-8585.

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Kocovic Spurs 4th Q Rally, Leads Mahopac to Victory

Mahopac senior FB/LB Chris Kocovic (44) rushed for one touchdown before blowing open last Friday’s 21-7 triumph of host Mamaroneck with a 50-yard, game-sealing pick-six, all part of an electric 4-minute span, in which the Indians and QB Christian Donahoe (25) erased a 7-0 fourth-quarter deficit with 21 unanswered points... see Grid Notebook
Santavicca Shatters Yorktown Rushing Record in Husker Romp
Catalano Puts Charge in Brewster Offense; Somers, Hen Hud, Lakeland, Panas Falter

By Ray Gallagher
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If Week 1 on the Section 1 gridiron is a portent of things to come, we better strap ourselves up for a wicked ride.

Yorktown senior RB Nick Santavicca strapped up last Friday night in Poughkeepsie during the Huskers’ 27-14 victory over reigning Class B champion Our Lady of Lourdes when he shattered former Husker Pete Cariello’s career rushing record of 2,048 yards. Santavicca rushed for 181 yards and two scores on just 15 carries while breaking a record that stood for 19 years.

“It feels great,” Santavicca said. “It’s unbelievable. Never did I think I would become the leading rusher in Yorktown history. It’s an awesome feeling.”

If you ever saw Cariello play football during the mid-’90s, you saw the greatest all-around player in the history of Yorktown football, but it is more than fitting that the Santavicca name is atop the career rushing list, seeing how a member of the Santavicca family has been coaching or playing at Yorktown for a quarter century.

Barring misfortune, Santavicca has at least six more games, probably seven, to pad his numbers, which could reach 3,000 yards before all is said and done.

Leading the way will be OL Joey Costella, a two-year starter who opens more clogged holes than Liquid Plumber. He admits Santavicca is just amazing to watch, and loves life from his perspective, leading the way for a record-setting tailback.

“He runs the ball like a straight up beast and he runs with no fear. His vision and cuts are ridiculous. Blocking for him is easy,” Costella said. “I know for a fact I wouldn’t be the same player without him. I couldn’t ask for a better player and person to block for. He’s probably the most humble person on the team. After every drive he thanks the O-line, and that’s a big part of why we block so hard every play. He gives us the recognition we feel we deserve, but we rarely get.”

Santavicca knows who butters his bread.

“My O-line is the best in the section,” he said.

Husker QB Jose Boyer had 65 yards and a touchdown on nine carries as Yorktown (1-0) amassed over 300 rushing yards in the first half alone, including a 60-yard score from RB Scott Weaver.

Brewster 45, Hen Hud 20

The host Bears (1-0) gained 538 yards of offense, including over 400 yards on the ground, most coming off the legs of QB Matt Catalano and RB Jack Guida. Both ran for two scores and Catalano fired off three TDs while Matt “The Cat” Catalano whipped up 115 yards.

Brewster’s first three TDs were all scored on pivotal fourth down conversions, as the Sailor D could not hold up.

“I did not expect that kind of production (right out of the gate),” Bears Coach Ed Mulvihill said. “Guida is a real sleeper, and the good news is the defense was really solid.”

Guida finished a monster day with 16 carries for 178 yards while Matt “The Cat” Catalano whipped up 115 yards through the air and another 85 yards on the ground.

“I expected that from Matt,” the coach said.

The Sailors (0-1) hurt themselves a couple of times, leading Coach Mike Lynch to say: “We dropped a vertical right down the middle of the field that would’ve made it 7-7 and when we were down 14-0 we couldn’t punch it in and left the ball on the one-yard line. Brewster was big up front and to their credit they made plays when they needed to. Hopefully, our guys learned from this and we will move forward. It’s a long season.”

Rye 21, Somers 6

Somers K Eric Silvester, one of the best weapons in Section 1, booted a pair of field goals from 38 and 37 yards out, but that was all the points the Tuskers (0-1) could muster on a night when the lights went out (Friday) and the game was suspended and picked up (Saturday).

The visiting Hornets (0-1) could do nothing to slow down rookie RB Tanner More, who torched Lakeland for four TDs and 178 yards on the ground.

Sleepy Hollow 19, Panas 6

The host Panthers (0-1) generated less than 100 yards of total offense in a season-opening loss.
Kocovic Sparks Electric Mahopac Comeback over Mam’neck
Carmel, Put Valley Impressive in Opening-Day Wins

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Mahopac, which went on the road to Mamaroneck where it produced a 21-7 Class AA grid victory, courtesy of an electric four-minute span, in which the Indians rallied for 21 unanswered points.

Indian RB/LB Chris Kocovic scored two TDs, one on each side of the ball, including a game-breaking, 50-yard pick six.

“Well, running down the sideline, stiff-arming cats along the way. "Well, running down the side was an awesome feeling hearing everyone cheering," he said. "The only thing I was thinking was get into the end zone as fast I can." Mahopac RB Joe Cavadicui breaks for a chunk of yards while igniting a four-quarter Indian rally in a 21-7 win over Mamaroneck.

Carmel WR Quinn Willman rips off a chunk of his 120 receiving yards in Rams’ win over White Plains last Friday.

OSSINING 43, GREELEY 20
Versatile RB Shamar Holebrook looked the part of a budding junior when he went 58 yards and a touchdown on the ground and threw a 24-yard TD strike to Obadiah Toppin. Senior RB Kyle Cristello busted out in fancy fashion, amassing 82 yards and two touchdowns on just six totes. Senior RBs Mekhi Knox and Demani Harrison each added 63 yards rushing and a TD for the Pride, who laid it all on the line and dedicated their season to affable longtime assistant Coach Roger Rowe, who is ill and not with the team right now.

CLASS B
PUTNAM VALLEY 34, BLIND BROOK 17
Coach Matt Mello’s Tigers (1-0) wasted no time in showing the rest of Class B that they are a sleeper candidate for one of four playoff spots later this fall. Mike Dellabate (7 rushes, 117 yards, 15-yard TD and 1 INT) and Dillon White (13 rushes, 98 yards and 2 TDs from 4 and 6 yards out) rushed with equal effectiveness and each scored a TD on one side of the ball, while LB Luis Fernandez was a stalwart on D, racking in two interceptions, one a pick-six.

QB Zach Girvalo scored off a four-yard TD trot.

“Luis Fernandez was awesome on the corner,” Coach Mello said.

Put Valley DT Conrie George had seven tackles, three for losses, and a fumble recovery. Justin O’Brien and Jake Reyes each had a sack and Rudy Gonzalez had a pick.

“The defense would bend but didn’t break,” Mello said. “Our offense was incredibly efficient scoring four TDs on six possessions.”
By Tony Pinciari

It has become an annual, celebratory November weekend when it comes to the Lakeland High field hockey team. The Hornets have dominated the month of November, winning an unprecedented six consecutive New York State Class B championships. In fact, Lakeland also won state titles in 2003 and 2006 and played for the state championship in 2007.

Lakeland looks to make it a lucky seven this year and Coach Sharon Sarsen has a talented team returning to make a state title a reality. Lakeland will have to compensate for the graduation of six players – Molly Fitzpatrick, Alex Halpin, Sarah Bard, Emily Power, Eileen Dinenc-Cary and Kimmy Briscoe, but the Hornets have reloaded for 2015.

It all starts with senior and five-year varsity player Dana Bozek, who debuted as an eighth-grader on the 2011 state-title team. Bozek, a 2014 all-section, all-state and all-American selection will play either midfield or defense. Returning from last year. Senior Julia Kim, also all-state and all-American selection will play (midfield). Junior Ascencao (midfield), Julia Papanicolau (defense) and Cassie Halpin (goalie), Alex Halpin's younger sister, are joined by freshman Emily Kness (midfield).

Sarsen begins her 34th year with 500-plus wins and is among the winningest coaches in the state. Sarsen is widely-considered one of the best coaches, if not the best, in New York and the country.

“We have a strong core of players that set the bar high,” said Sarsen, who guided Lakeland to a 22-0 record in 2014. “Their work ethic and commitment is excellent. Our four captains, Dana Bozek, Julia Kim, Brianna Muniz and Valerie Perkins are great players and great people. We have some great opportunities ahead of us and we will have to work hard for the next three months.”

YORKTOWN welcomes Bernadette Gannon as its new coach. Gannon is a veteran who guided Suffern for 19 years and led the Mounties to the 2011 Section 1 Class A title. Suffern is the only Rockland County school to win a sectional title. Gannon spent the last two years at Clarkstown North, but will coach where she teaches.

Gannon has a situation any incoming coach would relish as she inherits a team with 10 returning seniors. Highlighting this talented returning core are Catherine Calidonna (forward), Sara Mongno (midfield), Caleigh Lampersberger (midfield), Juliana Aversa (midfield) and Amanda Frederick (defense). The trio of Aversa, Mongno and Lampersberger give Yorktown one of the top midfields in the league and section.

Gannon cited junior Olivia Sanchez (goalie) and sophomore Julia Wurzel (defense) as two newcomers who have distinguished themselves.

“We have 10 seniors who have been playing together for four years so their experience is one of our strengths,” Gannon said. “We look forward to a successful season and we hope to create the tradition of playing a little bit better every year.”

SOMERS has a new outlook. Jaime Irving has had an eventual last few months. Irving led the Somers' varsity girls’ lacrosse team to a second consecutive Section 1 Class B title, then the New York State Class B championship game. A few weeks later, Irving got married and now, she will embark on her first season as the Somers’ varsity field hockey coach.

Irving is no stranger to the program. She was the modified field hockey coach last year and prior to that, was the varsity assistant to former Lakeland/Panas lacrosse teammate, Colleen Carney.

Irving inherits a team that defeated Nyack in the first round of sections before Pearl River defeated the Tuskers in the quarterfinal round. Irving witnessed six players graduate in June -- Caity Malisse, Julia Corbet, Megan Driscoll, Alessandra Pontibrand, Maggie Mollaghan and Taber Lucchese.

Despite the graduation of these six players, Irving welcomed back a core group led by seniors Katie DiRago and Izzy LaRocca. Both are three-year varsity players with DiRago at forward and LaRocca orchestrating the offense at center mid. LaRocca is very familiar with Irving, having played for her in lacrosse. The junior trio of Taylor Turchick (forward), Mary Kate Mollaghan (midfield) and Katie Campbell (forward) return, as does sophomore Teagan Lucchese (forward).

Making the step up from junior varsity and stepping in on defense are the junior threesome of Emma MacNeil, Julie Curran and Natalie Flood. Classmate Michelle Croen will play both forward and midfield.

Irving is excited and eager to continue the success the team enjoyed under Carney.

“Each day the girls come to practice ready and eager to learn and continue to improve,” Irving said. “The chemistry on offense is solid and we will be looking to take full advantage of our scoring opportunities. This year we are looking to continue building the program and improving each day. We want the program to be competitive and make a run in playoffs.”

CARMEL had an excellent 2014 for Coach Aislinn Breslin, going 11-4-1 and advancing to the Section 1 Class A quarterfinals. Breslin may have been a little teary-eyed at graduation.

“We graduated 14 strong seniors,” Breslin said. “Currently Adrianna Palmiero is playing at Manhattanville College and Caitlin Murphy is playing lacrosse at Manhattan College. We also have several graduated seniors playing club field hockey at their colleges.”

Carmel will miss this talented, large group, but the Rams have a solid nucleus ready to resume where the 2015 class concluded. The triumvirate of Casey Gilchrist, Sam Infantino and Taylor DeBello form the midfield. This group is primed to run the offense and make sure nothing gets through defensively.

Tiffany Horn and Madison Nylander will anchor the defense while Ivana Korusiakova leads the forward line.

“As well as being strong players able to play anywhere I put them, these girls are also great leaders that the younger girls look up to,” said Breslin, in her third year at Carmel.

With 14 graduations from the 2014 team, it opens up numerous spots for girls stepping up from junior varsity. Eight juniors spearhead this group with Elaina Nacinovich in goal. Caillin Briggs and

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Friday Night Lights: Week 2 Features a Slew of Dandy’s
Jay CR vs. Yorktown, Jay EF vs. Mahopac, Somers vs. Panas among Them

Let’s prance around the section and see what’s on tap in Week 2 as the locals look to build on success or iron out whatever kinks they may have experienced in Week 1 as Friday Night Lights - Take 2 – premiers at a gridiron near you. Putnam County teams went a combined 4-1 last weekend.

Hello, MAHOPAC and the @MahopacManiacs! Time to rise and shine from your siesta. Your boys are hosting the defending Section 1 Class AA champions from John Jay EF this Friday (7 p.m.) and their presence is not only requested, it’s required! This is going to be one of those make-or-break games that the Indians (1-0) will need on many levels; primarily to prove to themselves that they are legit Class AA contenders. A full house, as the Patriots (0-1) and their faithful enter Indian Country, would go a long way. Let’s hope QB Dan Foley is good to go because the Indians are gonna need him.

YORKTOWN and @THE_CROP, which hosts John Jay CR, is ready to break out in full throat in the hopes that record-setting RB Nick Santavicca goes for a couple hundred yards and a few scores in what should/could be one of the great shootouts this regular season. These are a pair of prolific offenses that might provide a track-like atmosphere Friday night (7 p.m.), so bring your starting blocks and get ready to jump off like Usain Bolt.

Will SOMERS High and @SHSTuskerNation travel well to WALTER PANAS this Friday (7 p.m.) in an effort to fend off a feisty showing from @PanasSports and can the Panthers depend upon their faithful on a night when they will surely need them? Something tells me the Tuskers are out for blood this week after losing to Rye and there isn’t much the Panthers (0-1) can do to stop them.

BREWSTER will host Eastchester this Friday (7:00 p.m.) in an effort to prove that Week 1’s rout of Hen Hud was anything but a fluke. The Brew Crew can get you from all angles, via ground and air and a win over the Eagles would prove they’re for real. QB Matt Catalano will sing through the air and RB Jack Guida will punish foes on the ground, so saddle up, @TheBrewsterBear and @bears_brewster, and turn out in force again like they did for the #Shipwreck against the Sailors.

Can you imagine the fun at HEN HUDD (0-1) this Friday (7 p.m.) when the @HenHudFanBase hosts Pearl River in a make-or-break scenario? Sailor RB Jordan Artope and Co. know that an 0-2 start might doom them in regards to playoff football, so they had best ratchet up their sense of urgency.

PUTNAM VALLEY is hosting Irvington in its first home game of the year Friday (7:00 p.m.), and the Tigers (1-0) are poised to figure out if they are for real or not, seeing how the Bulldogs (1-0) just knocked off perennial Class B heavyweight Pleasantville last week.

HALDANE (0-1) will host Class D rival Tuckahoe Saturday (2:00 p.m.).

R.I.P Pal -- The world lost one of its utmost souls last Saturday when Cortlandt Manor resident Mike Sellazzo passed away the day before he was due to get a lung transplant. If there was ever a better man on this planet than Mike Sellazzo, I had never met him. Kind and caring at all times, and 68-years young, Mr. Sellazzo – father, grandfather, husband, umpire and referee -- was a mentor, a friend and a man I’ll never forget. RIP partner, swing for the pearly gates.

Erika Tierney will join Korusiakova on the forward line and Ashley Macri will add talent to the midfield. Defensively, Carmel has plenty of talent with juniors Margaret Geoghegan, Hannah Weber, Jessica Buckley and Courtney Monahan vying for starting spots. Sophomores Liz Pulley (midfield) and Francesca Mrique (forward) round out the newcomers.

“Our team strengths this year are our team defense and our speed,” Breslin said. “We have a very fast group of girls that are all able to move the ball very quickly up the field. Our girls are also very strong in team defense and our speed, “ Breslin said.

We have a very fast group of girls that are willing to do whatever it takes to get the ball in the back of the net. I am really looking forward to seeing all of the players hard work pay off!”

BREWSTER and second-year coach Art Holzmann can identify with Breslin as the Bears graduated 10 seniors from the 2014 team that went 4-9-3.

Two girls are playing in college as Janelle Kennedy is at Manhattanville and Carly Corbett for Pace University, a first-year program.

Seven players return for Holzmann, including senior Ailish Erickson, who will start at forward and classmate Kathleen Regan, a starter on defense.

Holzmann will have senior Gina Grasso joining Erickson up front as well junior Emily Fego. The junior trio of Lyndsey McLaughlin, Jaclyn Benvenuto and Amber Krisch comprise a possible midfield unit.

New to varsity this year is junior and goalie Sam Anfuso and sophomores Grace Pastore (midfield) and Yannah Nordquist (defense).

“We have strong hitters and we move the ball around the field well,” Holzmann said. “We will rely on our teamwork and ability to press the entire game. I’m excited about the new season; also a little nervous about the new season; also a little nervous with such a young team. Just from pre-season I can tell we have a cohesive unit. We have many skilled players and they enjoy playing together. Last year we lost more than half our games by only one goal, so my goal this year is to improve on last year’s record and go deeper into the playoffs.”

Rebecca Gherardi joins Bernadette Gannon and Jaime Irving as new coaches to the area. Gherardi will be making her varsity coaching debut for PUTNAM VALLEY.

Gherardi is not new to Putnam Valley, having coached JV field hockey and varsity girls’ soccer, in the past. Gherardi comes into a team that qualified for, but lost in the first round of sectionals. And, Putnam Valley’s top player, Sayaka Abe graduated and is playing at the University of Rochester. Gherardi will turn to her trio of captains, seniors Stephanie Wagner and Cierra Espinera and junior Susanna Granieri to lead this team. The threesome will be joined by fellow returning starters Caleigh Jacobs and Mary Calabro, both juniors.

Putnam Valley is without a JV team this year so sophomores Joanne Pele (midfield), Ava Espinera (forward) and Lauren DeRubeis (forward) are returning after seeing time last year. The Tigers suffered a major blow when returning sophomore Taylor Simpson (defense) was injured in a scrimmage.

The Tigers welcome new players to the program this season in junior Danielle Pelizza (defense) and freshman Ciara McGinty (forward).
Carmel QB Joey Rodriguez (12) hit on 8 of 13 passes for 128 yards and fired touchdown passes to WR Ryan Sullivan and TE Josh Beaushesne in the Rams’ 39-24 victory over visiting White Plains last Friday night in the season opener. Rams WR Quinn Willman (7) caught four passes for 120 yards and had plenty to celebrate as well... see Grid Notebook