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# Appellate Division Hears Krivak's Murder Case

By David Propper

The weight of a confession taken more than 20 years ago could be the key to whether or not Andrew Krivak, convicted of a Carmel teen's murder in 1997, gets a new trial.

The Appellate Division of New York Supreme Court held a hearing last Friday in Brooklyn to determine if Krivak should get a new trial after he was convicted of the rape and murder of Josette Wright more than 20 years ago. Krivak's co-defendant, Anthony DiPippo, was found not guilty of the same crime in 2017 following his third trial. Both men were originally convicted in 1997 for the heinous crime that sent shockwaves through an area that rarely sees violent crime.

The panel of four judges could grant Krivak a new trial or hold another hearing to weigh the evidence against Krivak and how it differs from the evidence against DiPippo. Attorney Adele Bernhard, of



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At least 20 supporters showed up to a hearing in Brooklyn Friday morning concerning Andrew Krivak of Carmel. Krivak was found guilty of the Josette Wright's murder in 1997 and has been in prison since, but the innocence community is fighting to get him a new trial.

New York Law School's Post Conviction Innocence Clinic, is representing Krivak and Putnam County assistant district attorney Larry Glasser was at the hearing on behalf of the prosecution.

During the hearing, Judge John Leventhal, of Kings County, said the only difference between DiPippo's case and Krivak's is that Krivak confessed to the crime.

"That's the main issue here," Leventhal said.

Bernhard argued it "wasn't really" a confession, with Leventhal countering she didn't address it much in her written brief. Bernhard said since 1997 the justice community has learned much about false confessions and coercing a statement. She added Krivak's confession didn't include any facts that the police didn't already know before authorities interrogated him.

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## Councilwoman Hudak Resigns from Southeast Board

By David Propper

After only serving about a year into her new term, Councilwoman Liz Hudak resigned from the Southeast town board last week, which will result in a special election set for November to fill out her term.

Hudak tendered her resignation last Friday, which was effective immediately.

In her letter to Supervisor Tony Hay, Hudak wrote it was with a "heavy heart" that she was leaving her position with the town. She called representing the residents of Southeast "an honor and one of the finest experiences of my life."

"Notwithstanding, personal and family health reasons have presented me with

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Former Councilwoman Liz Hudak.

## Harckham Survives Dem Primary; Turns Attention to Murphy

By David Propper and Martin Wilbur

Former Westchester County legislator Pete Harckham declared victory over first-time candidate Robert Kesten late last Thursday night in a closely contested Democratic primary for the 40th state Senate District seat.

With about 90 percent of the district reporting and ahead with 52 percent of the vote, Harckham quickly turned his attention to his general election opponent, Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy. He blasted Murphy for his support of President Donald Trump and said it was time for voters to select someone who would fight for "Hudson Valley values."

Harckham said the days of "fear and demagoguery" that he believes Murphy

pushes are over.

"We're going to be fighting for Hudson Valley values and not Donald Trump values," Harckham said.

He said he wants to expand voting rights, enact stronger gun safety legislation, codify abortion rights and pass the Child Victims Act.

Harckham, who entered the race late after a couple of other Democrats decided against a run, touted his experience as a former Westchester County lawmaker, serving as majority leader for four years, and as a former staffer in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration.

Arguing he had the best chance to beat Murphy in November, Harckham thanked

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But Glasser said there is a "substantial difference" between DiPippo and Krivak's trials because Krivak confessed. Leventhal mentioned Howard Gombert, who told a cellmate that he actually killed Wright and "two suckers" are in jail for it, and asked Glasser what's the harm in re-litigating the case.

"There simply is no new evidence of the confession being in any way coerced," Glasser said, adding he doesn't believe a new trial would result in a different verdict.

Glasser then argued it's unknown why DiPippo was acquitted in the third trial, which Leventhal found to be a dubious claim. Gombert's admission to the cellmate was previously disallowed in the first two trials for DiPippo, but was addressed in his third trial.

"We'll have to weigh this," Leventhal concluded.

Outside the courtroom, Bernhard told supporters of Krivak that she would have liked to see the panel members indicate they would grant a new trial without a hearing. But it appears there will be a hearing to determine the next steps, which means further delay.

The hearing could focus on the merits of the confession, Bernhard said in an interview. When writing the legal brief for

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- district attorney  
*Larry Glasser*

Friday's hearing, Bernhard said she didn't spend too much time on the confession, but instead offered general reasons why confessions aren't as reliable as they might've been two decades ago.

"You can be coerced in lots of different ways and that's what happened," Bernhard said. "I think we're going to get a new trial after a hearing."

The father of Krivak, Andrew Krivak Sr., said the only evidence keeping his son in jail is a "forced statement" and DiPippo's trial shows that the two men are innocent.

"I'm not going to use the word confession because he was forced into giving it," Krivak Sr. said.

Krivak Sr. said he is more hopeful as "everyday goes by" that the "truth will

prevail."

DiPippo, Krivak's former co-defendant, was in the courtroom Friday to support his friend. DiPippo has spoken and even seen Krivak in Elmira Prison and said while he isn't in a good place mentally, he remains hopeful.

"I'm out here having a good life and he's still suffering for no good reason," Krivak said.

Jeffrey Deskovic, an exoneree who has connections to Putnam and runs an innocence foundation, said the group of 20 people that showed up for the hearing helped convey to the appellate court that there are people that believe Krivak is innocent.

"I believe it's an intangible that matters," Deskovic said.

In an interview, Glasser said the panel of judges seems to want to compare the two cases and weigh the strength of the confession. Just because DiPippo was convicted doesn't mean Krivak will receive a similar verdict, Glasser noted.

Other times the confession has been examined in court, Glasser said it was found to be a voluntary statement.

"The defendant has never said anything other than his attorneys saying it's coerced," Glasser said. "He's never made any specific allegations of what happened or why this was improper."

Mark Baker, who was the defense attorney for Anthony DiPippo and attended the hearing, said he believes the judges were bothered with the idea that DiPippo was free while Krivak was still in jail. When addressing Krivak's confession, Baker said he was pressured as a young man to admit guilt because detectives on the case knew it had to be solved quickly for political reasons.

"I think in the end he'll be granted a new trial," Baker said.



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# Odell Tops Fleming in OTB Primary With Ease

By David Propper

While not the main event that's less than two months away, incumbent MaryEllen Odell easily dispatched challenger Maureen Fleming in a little known primary last week as the political lines for the Putnam County Executive race are set.

Odell crushed Fleming, the Kent supervisor, in an Opportunity to Ballot for the Conservative line last week to keep that line going into November's general election. Odell received the line this summer from the Conservative executive committee, but Fleming collected enough signatures from Conservative members to force an OTB. Voters that supported Fleming needed to write her name while voters giving Odell the nod just had to circle her name in last Thursday.

Odell collected 292 votes while only 71 write-in votes were casted. (Just because 71 votes were written in doesn't mean all were Fleming. The Putnam Board of Elections will tally the write in votes this Thursday.)

Odell, in a statement, said she was "gratified by the strong support" Conservative voters showed her.

"The results are a product of the work my administration has done over the past seven years to run a fiscally conservative government, grow our economy, protect our seniors and honor our veterans,"



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County Executive MaryEllen Odell with supporters, including Conservative committee chairman James Maxwell, following her easy win to keep the Conservative line last week.

Odell said in statement. "But there is still more work to be done, and I'm looking forward to campaigning over the next 53 days to earn the support of voters all across Putnam County in November."

Fleming, in a statement, tried to put a positive spin on the poor results. She claimed "something very important" happened when a mere 20 percent of Conservatives casted a vote for her and "against the excess and corruption of the

Odell administration."

"I ran a write-in campaign. Those folks had to make a conscious decision and an effort to choose me—they didn't just fill in a box because party bosses told them to," Fleming stated. "Conservatives know that the time to finally break up Club Putnam has arrived. We all know it. Now, voters of all parties must come together, stand with me and do just that."

The two both argued they were the

*'The results are a product of the work my administration has done over the past seven years to run a fiscally conservative government.'* - County Exec. MaryEllen Odell

best conservative choice going into the primary. Odell asserted she has kept taxes at bay and cut down on debt while also boasting a solid conservative record on social issues. Fleming pointed to her record as supervisor where she has yet to raise taxes in Kent during her tenure. She also dismissed Odell's attacks that she was socially liberal, noting issues like abortion and immigration have no place at the county level.

Odell originally had a GOP primary to worry about against Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum, but he was booted off the ballot this summer because he lacked enough required signatures.

Odell has the Republican, Conservative, and Independence lines and Fleming has the Democratic, Reform, and Women's Equality lines.

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# In Call for Unity, Putnam Remembers 9-11

By Anna Young

On the 17th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks, local officials and nearly 40 community members joined the Patterson Fire Department to pay tribute to the lives lost on that horrific day.

During the short and somber ceremony that was held in front of the department's World Trade Center memorial, participants joined fire officials in prayer recalling the lives lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the four airplanes that crashed, and the sacrifice made by first responders and military veterans.

"We remember that 17 years ago today radical Islamic terrorists attacked our country cowardly murdering 2,200 innocent civilians at the World Trade Center site as flights 11 and 175 were deliberately crashed into the twin towers," Fire Chief Matthew Szpindor said. "We remember the 184 civilians and military personnel killed when flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon, and we remember the 40 passengers and crew of flight 93 who stood strong in the face of evil refusing to give up the plane."

Attendees were encouraged to stop fostering hateful thoughts and become a more united front again. We were knocked down but as a nation we rose again stronger and more determined than ever, Szpindor said.

"We remember the crushing heartache



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

American flags were aplenty during Patterson's 9-11 ceremony last week.

of losing friends, family and coworkers in those senseless attacks and the nagging pain of loss that will never be replaced," Szpindor said. "We remember, especially in these days when our political divides seem like chasms too far to bridge, that we came together as a nation to overcome."

Szpindor emphasized the importance of remembering the attacks, the lives lost and passing the story of patriotism and courage down to the younger generation.

"Tell your children, your grandchildren about what happened that day," Szpindor said. "Tell them about the individual acts

of selflessness and heroism by countless civilians."

There were other ceremonies in Putnam, including two in Brewster, one in Putnam Valley and one in Carmel.

Several in attendance became emotional but Patterson resident Walter

McSpedon was so overcome with passion following the ceremony that he began singing "God Bless America." In a touching tribute, the rest of the crowd joined him.

McSpedon said he felt inclined to sing because of the honor and pride that has been passed down in his family and the hope he fosters that the nation will come reunite in harmony again. A teary-eyed McSpedon added that he feels the country is divided now more than ever and wished the nation would feel the same sense of unity they did after the attacks.

"It was nice to be here today to feel that unity that we felt back then that I wish we had now

in this country," McSpedon said. "You couldn't even buy flags back then because they were all sold out because everybody was buying them. I just hope that we have unity back in our country and that God still continues to bless America."



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The ceremony was somber as thousands lives lost were remembered.



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In front of Carmel town hall, wreaths were placed in front of the 9-11 memorial.



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Local businesses, like the Green Fiddler in Carmel, remembered 9-11.



# After Failed AG Bid, Maloney Turns to Plan B

By David Propper

After a failed bid for New York State attorney general, Representative Sean Patrick Maloney will look to defend his 18th congressional district seat this November.

Maloney, in a four-way Democratic primary for attorney general, fell well short of being the nominee last Thursday. Maloney came in third, behind eventual winner, New York City advocate Tish James, and law professor Zephyr Teachout. Former Hillary Clinton advisor Leecia Eve came in last.

Before last week, Maloney was running for his congressional position and attorney general simultaneously.

James won with 39 percent of the vote and Teachout came in second with about 30 percent of the vote. Maloney was a distance third with only 24 percent of the vote. Maloney, who currently represents all of Putnam in the 18th district, beat out his fellow AG candidates in the county with 42 percent of the vote.

Maloney, a Cold Spring resident, poured close to \$2 million into the race—some funds he took from his congressional campaign war chest—and highlighted that he was the first openly

gay congressman from New York with an interracial family. Maloney, along with the three other candidates, all vowed to fight Republican President Donald Trump with lawsuits and legal action.

But Maloney’s voting record came under fire as primary day neared, with the Working Families Party blasting him for voting against former President Barack Obama dozens of times and voting with Trump on far too many occasions.

Maloney’s opponent running for Congress, Jimmy O’Donnell, sent out a statement Thursday night once again blasting Maloney, calling 18th district constituents Maloney’s “last priority.”

“After spending millions of his congressional campaign funds on his Attorney General race, Maloney’s poor showing in the primary will mean he is forced into his backup plan of running for Congress, but the dye is already cast on him abandoning his district,” O’Donnell, an Orange County legislator, said in a statement.

Maloney is in the middle of his third term. In 2016, he was one of only a handful of Democratic candidates for Congress to win a congressional seat in a district won by Trump.



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supporters and those who endorsed him, including Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti and former congressman John Hall.

Even with the slate of endorsements and strong name recognition, Harckham said his campaign was still “racing against the clock” against Kesten, who had been campaigning for more than a year.

“We knew we had a lot of ground to make up and we just wondered if we had

enough time,” he said. “And we did.”

Kesten delayed his concession Thursday night, saying that the margin was close enough to make sure all votes were counted. Kesten said he spoke with Harckham the following morning and planned to support him in the general election.

He announced his candidacy late last summer and for many months was the only Democrat in the race, although at least two others in the district toyed with running. However, in May, Cuomo asked Harckham to enter the race and

the complexion of the race changed drastically.

Kesten said there may have been a few things he could have done differently but didn't know whether anything would have changed the results once Cuomo involved himself in the race.

“I think that we could have never eliminated the role the governor played and the impact that his position had eliciting support of other elected officials and the endorsements,” he said. “There was almost nothing we could have done to counteract that.”



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Democratic candidate Pete Harckham declared victory over opponent Robert Kesten last Thursday night in a hotly contested primary for the right to face incumbent Terrence Murphy in November for the 40th senate seat.

He said it was encouraging to see six of the eight ICD Democrats lose their primaries, but that there needed to be wholesale changes in the system, most notably the outsized role that money plays in campaigns.

With a relatively short turnaround between the primary and Election Day, Harckham said it was time to immediately get back into campaign mode.

“We’ve got a lot more work to do,” Harckham added.

Some of that work includes drawing in Kesten’s supporters who are part of several grassroots organizations and are generally further to the left on the political spectrum. Harckham asked for their support and pledged to his voters who might feel disenfranchised by the Democratic Party he would be accountable to them.

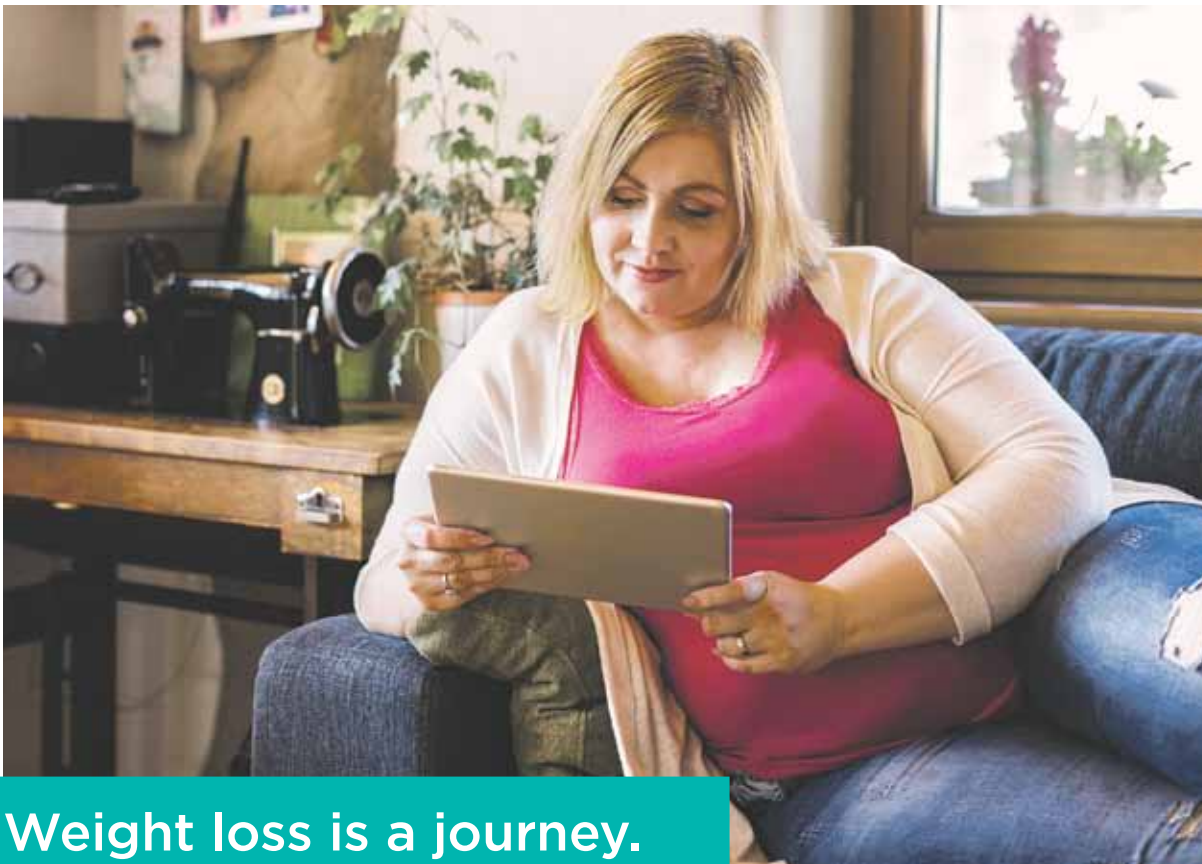
“Your message is valid and we do hear you,” Harckham said.

Murphy’s campaign was quick to send out a statement last Thursday night, acknowledging Harckham as his opponent even before he declared victory.

“After an underwhelming primary Senator Murphy is looking forward to putting his stellar record up against an opponent who spent nearly every nickel to survive Thursday’s primary, who’s (sic) last known job was Governor Cuomo’s bagman,” part of the campaign statement read. “If the future of New York State wasn’t at stake it would be laughable.”

Following his remarks to his supporters, Harckham called Murphy a “buffoon” for allowing his campaign to send out such a statement. From the outset, Harckham said Murphy’s campaign has been divisive and that he won’t get into the gutter with him, instead focusing on the issues.

“He should be ashamed for putting stuff out like that,” Harckham said. “A sitting New York state senator should be ashamed of the crap that comes out of his office and people want a different tone and that’s what we’re going to be bringing to this race.”



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## Fundraiser to Fight Cancer Brings Two Non-profits Together

By David Proper

Battling cancer can take a team, which is why a chef and two foundations are coming together to fundraise for a good cause this week.

The American Cancer Society and Ryan's Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that raises money to help children dealing with cancer or other life threatening diseases in the area, are working with Tommy Stevens, a local chef, to host the Marilyn Bruen Memorial Banquet this Sunday Sept. 23 starting at 4 p.m. at the Iron and Wine Restaurant in Patterson.

Stevens is the grandson of Marilyn Bruen, who was an active member of the Putnam community and wife of first county executive David Bruen. The event has been going on for about five years. Marilyn Bruen had been deeply involved in the American Cancer Society (ACS) before her death.

Chip McElroy, who co-founded Ryan's Foundation after his young son died from cancer many years ago, said he's known Stevens and Tracey Walsh of the ACS for many years and is happy to partner with him.

McElroy, a Pawling resident, said his foundation was created to keep the memory of Ryan, who was only 5 when he died, alive and to help children in the Hudson Valley facing similar life threatening situations.

McElroy said the ACS focuses on research at a national level while Ryan's Foundation concentrates on the local level, calling it a good mix.

"Cancer affects everybody," McElroy said. "At some point I can ask you if you've ever been affected by it and I'm sure the answer is yes. We've all been affected."

A ticket for the event is \$100 and includes passed tapas, wine, beer, cocktails and a silent auction. Musical guests include Willie Nile and the Union Rail. For more information contact Walsh at tracey.walsh@cancer.org.

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no alternative but to retire from public service," Hudak wrote.

Hudak, an attorney, could not be reached for comment.

Hudak served three terms, dating back to when Michael Rights was supervisor and Southeast town board meetings were must-see events. Hudak, along former councilmen Bob Cullen and Roger Gross, opposed Rights until the embattled figure lost reelection in 2011. One meeting during the Rights era even resulted in a viral video featuring Hudak when Rights told Hudak repeatedly to "dial down the hysteria." The video has more than 13,000 views on YouTube and t-shirts with the phrase were even printed.

"Do I look hysterical," Hudak wryly shot back.

Now, both the town Republican and Democratic committees will hustle to secure a candidate to run for the seat this November. The Putnam Examiner was told right before press time Monday night Melinda Montanaro, who ran in 2017, will be nominated by Southeast Democrats to run for the seat. Once the election is over and the Board of Elections certifies the results, that triumphant candidate can

take the oath of office by mid-November to finish out Hudak's term.

When Hudak ran in 2017, she was the top voter getter easily walking into another term. Currently there are two Democrats (Lynne Eckardt and John Lord) and two Republicans (Edwin Alvarez and Hay) on the board until a new member is voted in.

"Although I will be watching from another position and venue, I look forward to watching Southeast continue its dynamic growth into the future," Hudak wrote.



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# Murphy Blasts Cuomo for Convicted Sex Offenders Voting at Schools

By Anna Young

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) was joined by local police and school officials last Wednesday blasting Gov. Andrew Cuomo for signing an executive order that allows convicted sex offenders to vote at school polling places.

Cuomo signed an executive order in April that would provide conditional pardons to more than 25,000 felons who have completed their jail sentence but remain on parole. Prior to Cuomo's order, those who had been convicted of a felony and served time in prison were restricted from voting until they completed their sentence and parole.

The pardon restores the parolees' ability to vote in primary and general elections only after 7 p.m.

But what rankled local police and school officials was learning that the polling place for a Level 3 sex offender, who was convicted in 1987 for raping and sodomizing a five-year-old girl, is Hawthorne Elementary School.

"These dangerous sex offenders who are serving their time on parole can now enter elementary schools to vote," Murphy said at a press conference at the Mount Pleasant Police Department. "Where is that fair? This is outrageous."

There are more than 450 Level 2 and 3 sex offenders living in Westchester,

according to the county's sex offender registry.

Murphy and other officials shared their disgust, adding that Cuomo signed the executive order without feedback from elected officials, law enforcement, the Board of Elections and school districts and none were notified before the pardon.

Mount Pleasant Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said officials never received notification of the executive order. He learned about the law after reading a newspaper article last week.

"If there was communication, he (Cuomo) would have known it's Back to School night at Hawthorne Elementary (Thursday night)," Murphy said. "If we communicated, I don't think we would be standing here today. This is a massive problem. It isn't fair."

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva said a police officer would be assigned to



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

State Sen. Terrence Murphy is joined by local police and school officials in Mount Pleasant last week to lambast Gov. Andrew Cuomo for signing an order that allows convicted sex offenders on parole to vote at school polling places.

each polling station during Thursday's primary election. He said he wasn't aware of the executive order until Murphy brought it to his attention, asserting that his department would ensure the safety of children and voters.

Chappaqua Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman announced during Wednesday's Board of Education meeting that there is additional securing

at school polling stations on Thursday. She said local school superintendents are advocating for polling stations to be removed from school property to guard against safety issues.

At the press conference, Westchester County Board of Elections Republican Commissioner Douglas Colety said commissioners throughout the state have proposed legislation requesting all schools be closed on Election Day. While Colety said he believes Cuomo is more concerned with protecting criminals than children, he is optimistic the legislation will pass.

Under the current law, registered sex offenders are allowed on school grounds and government offices with written permission from their parole officer and the school superintendent. They can only enter school grounds after 7 p.m. on when polls are open and must leave the school once they finish voting.

"To my knowledge, and I have checked with other superintendents, no one has sought permission from a superintendent to vote," said Lakeland Superintendent Dr. George Stone. "These are folks that have already demonstrated that they don't follow the rules, so I would certainly not be looking for a large number of requests coming in the next few hours before the vote will take place."



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# New Kent Playground a Community Effort

By Neal Rentz

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Kent Town Hall held on Sept. 12 marked the end of a long process that included the efforts of many in both the public and private sectors.

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming said at last week's ceremony the idea for the new playground came about in 2016 through the generosity of the Chuang Yen Monastery in Carmel.

"The people at the monastery said they wanted to give us a contribution to the town," she recalled "They said they wanted it to be something valuable to the town. I started thinking what that could be."

Fleming said she brought the playground concept to the Chuang Yen Monastery "and they were ecstatic. And then I brought it to the town board and the town board voted unanimously to accept the very generous gift from the monastery and build this playground."

The monastery provided part of the funding for the playground, which has been open for two months, and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef provided a state grant for the project. Additional funding for the project was provided by Carmel-based A-Class Builders, which is co-owned by partners Amit Patel and Brian Finney.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Kent Town Hall was held on Sept. 12.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The new playground at Kent town center.

The project was done under the direction of town acting recreation director Jared Kuczenski, with employees of the department "helping at every step," Fleming said.

Bhikkhu Bodhi, a monk serving at the Chuang Yen Monastery, said the monastery wanted to give back to the town. "We are

very happy and privileged that we're able to contribute," he said. "It's very useful, I think, to have a playground, a place where children from throughout this particular township can come to play together, to meet each other and enjoy their time."

Galef said, "I didn't know how cooperative this effort was. This is a

wonderful way to take an idea and involve so many different people."

"There's so much learning on a playground at a very young age," Galef, a former teacher, said.

Fleming said "the really special part of this playground" is that it is accessible for children of all abilities.



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# Water Over Wings

## Brewster

By David Propper

Edith Flood almost drowned — twice. Those two incidents decades ago motivated Flood, the owner of Wings Over Water, to one day open up a swimming facility and teach thousands of youngsters and adults alike how to swim in water safely.

Now in its 25th year, Wings Over Water continues its mission to instruct residents on how to swim and survive in any body of water. Classes offered range from babies only 2-months-old to adult classes and everyone in between. The location along Route 22 also offers exercise classes, physical therapy, and specialized classes that include 19 levels of difficulty.

The program used is called “swimplicity,” created by Flood and is ever-evolving. Flood stressed she is adamantly opposed to using any type of flotation devices because they give anyone that wears one a false sense of security. It also sends a message that it’s OK to swim without a parent or adult in the water with them, Flood said.

“The main focus is safety,” Flood said. “It’s all a very gentle approach to swimming, it’s not forceful and self-initiative.”

Flood said in light of the drowning in Lake Tonetta on Labor Day, Wings Over Water is working with community stakeholders to offer free community programs in the near future. The leading cause of death for a child younger than four is drowning and the second leading cause of death for a child younger than 16 is drowning, she noted.

“We’re surrounded by water, our area,” Flood said. “So we’ve always been there



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The pool inside Wings Over Water, where thousands of residents young and old have learned to swim.

for the community. We’ve taught well over 20,000 kids and adults to swim in the 25 years.”

When Flood was four, she almost drowned when she went into a stream, disobeying her father. Then again when she was 13, she took a five-year-old into a pool on her back and the younger child used her shoulders and head to stand on.

“I didn’t know what to do so the lifeguards thought I was fooling around,” Flood said. “I wasn’t, I was drowning.”

Soon after that incident, she trained to become a lifeguard. Presently, Flood, who is almost 70, still swims and still takes her 93-year-old mother swimming, too.

*‘We’re here to make a difference and to do something about it.’ - Edith Flood*

water in many different ways whether it’s three feet under or just one foot under. A relationship with the water is like none other.

Wings Over Water, which is a Brewster Chamber of Commerce member, is going to make a video about water safety, CPR and how to handle other emergency incidents. Flood advises to never swim alone, to never swim in the dark, and never swim in the ocean without a lifeguard. Parents should never leave a child unsupervised in a family pool, Flood stressed.

“The public needs to be educated,” she said. “We’re here to make a difference and to do something about it.”

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## Letters to the Editor

# Curzio Responds to Carmel School Board Prez Letter

In a recent letter to the editor, Carmel School Board President Greg Riley stated that he wanted to, "set the record straight," by laying out the facts. Apparently, the passage of time seems to have affected his ability to recall what are the true facts, so let me take Mr. Riley on a little stroll down memory lane.

First of all, let's be realistic as to the true reason behind Mr. Riley's and the other Board members' failed attempt to remove me from my elected office. It was not because I broke any rules. It was because I dared to oppose their \$85.6 million tax and spend bond referendum, which was overwhelmingly defeated by the voters. Let there be no doubt that if I had been supportive of the referendum, campaigned for its passage, and it had been approved, there would have been no talk of rules broken and no removal proceedings initiated.

Mr. Riley stated that nobody on the Carmel School Board ever attempted to silence me. This is untrue. On several occasions when I was speaking during Board Comment period, Board members have invoked the motion-to-close rule in order to terminate my speaking and then voted to adjourn the meeting. All one has to do is watch the BOE meetings and you can see for yourself that this is a true and factual statement.

Mr. Riley stated that all the School Board has ever asked of me, and which is expected of every Board member, is to follow the rules. Apparently, Mr. Riley has a selective impression of who is expected to follow the rules and who is expected to be held accountable. On several occasions, I personally brought to Mr. Riley's attention School Board Law rules regarding executive session meetings that he had been consistently violating. This stopped only after the removal proceedings were initiated against me. Also, at the removal hearing, it was exposed that mysteriously, no required minutes were taken of a School Board meeting on August 26, 2017, which was open to the public, in which the School District's lawyer was present to speak about an upcoming referendum and about factual information. Mr. Riley was present at this meeting and made no objections. This was a clear and flagrant violation of School Board Law. There was no talk by Mr. Riley or any other Board member of initiating removal proceedings against the offending member for official misconduct.

Mr. Riley also states that on multiple occasions throughout my first year on the School Board, I broke NYS School Law rules and on multiple occasions I was counseled by multiple people, including

our attorneys. This also is an untrue statement. No board member, and Mr. Riley knows that certainly not he, ever spoke to me as to what actions were and what actions were not permitted by a School Board member. Mr. Riley also fails to offer any specifics as to when these multiple occasions occurred that I allegedly broke School Board Law rules, fails to mention what were the multiple violations, and fails to mention who the multiple people are who allegedly counseled me. Additionally, no lawyer for the School District ever spoke to me either privately or in an official capacity about permissible conduct by a School Board member, nor did Mr. Riley ask any School District lawyer to counsel me. Apparently, Mr. Riley forgot that this detail was addressed at the hearing by my attorney. However, I will be very specific. I offer the sworn testimony of Carmel School District Superintendent Andy Irvin. At the hearing, Mr. Irvin testified under oath, when questioned by my attorney, Mr. Sussman, that no one, and that included Mr. Riley and every other School Board member, ever spoke to me in order to express any concerns that they may have had about any of my actions as a School Board member. Mr. Irvin also testified under oath that no attorney for the Carmel School District was ever

asked to speak to me regarding any of my actions and that no Board member ever asked that an attorney for the School District speak to me. Perhaps if Mr. Riley had not sought cover behind the School Superintendent and had the courage to testify himself at the hearing, he would now have a better recollection of the facts.

The hearing officer determined that there were no violations committed that could be considered appropriate for removal and he stated that the School Board has no authority to reprimand or censure me in any way.

What is arrogant is this School Board's wasteful spending and lack of empathy for the already hard-pressed taxpayers of our district. A proposed \$85.6 million bond in new taxing and spending – defeated. Multiple thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money wasted on removal proceedings that ended in defeat. \$25.4 million in a new proposed tax and spend bond referendum to be voted on in October. These are the true facts.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed here are solely my own and do not reflect the views or opinions of any other Board member or the Board as a whole.

John C. Curzio II  
Carmel School Board Trustee

## Fleming Top Choice for County Executive

Campaigns for the November 2018 elections are in full swing. Turning on television leaves no doubt this is so with the endless number of "experts" eagerly expressing their views.

Here in Putnam, weekly newspapers compete with the noise of television. They must not be ignored. They are covering our local campaigns. Yes, it's very quiet. Why, if reading the news outside, one may hear the song of a small bird, or the boisterous caw of a crow, a

minor intrusion.

In our local newspapers, views of residents (not "experts") can be read in the Letters to the Editor section. And, now finally, the purpose of this letter.

Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming is running for Putnam County Executive. As supervisor for the past five years, Maureen has illustrated a depth of knowledge of every issue because of the diligence she shows in her approach to the job.

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Here is something everyone will pay attention to, in her tenure as supervisor there have been zero tax increases in the Town of Kent, and Maureen has taken great care to bring spending under control.

In this small place in our country,

Maureen reaches out to everyone regardless of party affiliation because she commits herself to our community, the place where she and we all live.

Maureen is terrific. Remember to vote for her on November 6th.

Carol Ettlinger  
Carmel

## Carmel Board of Ed. Members Should Stop Condemning Curzio

I am sick and tired of reading letter after letter from the likes of Carmel school board members Greg Riley and Richard Kreps, et al, condemning John Curzio for being diligent about taxpayer monies being squandered by the Carmel Board of Ed. Like many others, I believe that Mr. Curzio is the only board member to view our tax dollars with fiscal prudence. This mega bond proposal has been shot

down by the voters, but the board just doesn't get it and represents it in another form! Arrogance shouldn't be any BOE's strongest attribute, but sadly here it is. We need more young conservative board members elected, to replace the old guard.

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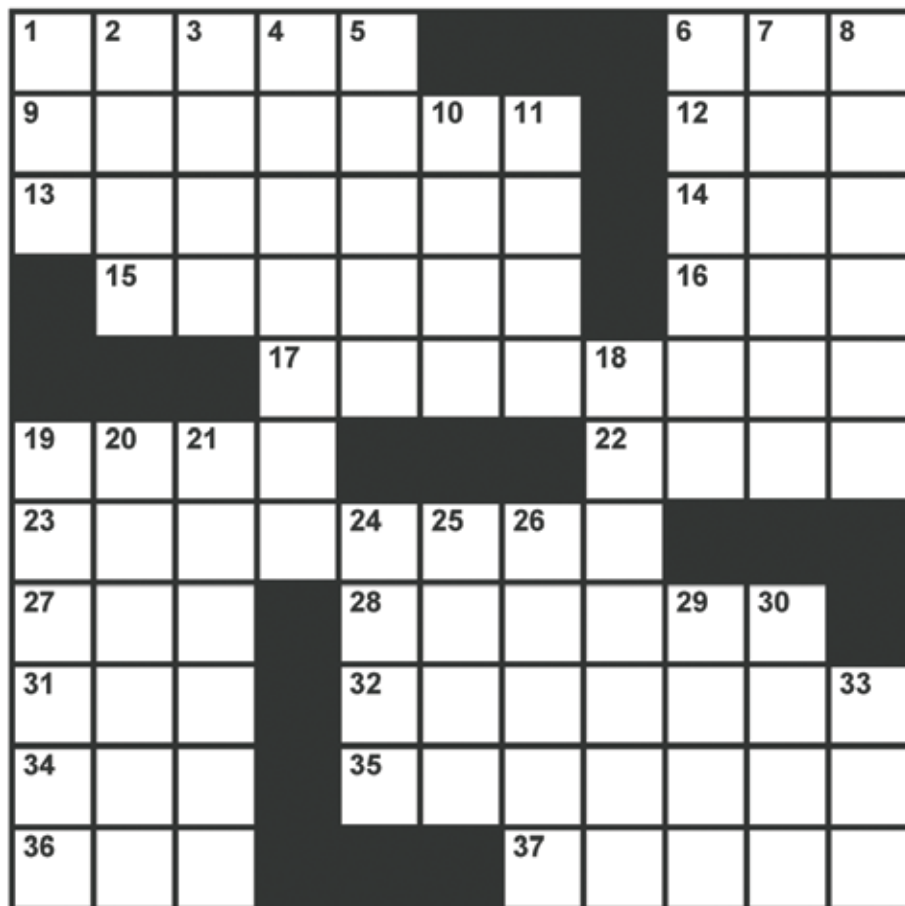
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# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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## Across

1. Atkins diet no-nos
6. Wild West
9. Get harder to climb....
12. PC program
13. In a off the wall manner
14. Where Will Shortz is "the puzzle master"
15. Suffer the consequences
16. Geller, the spoonbender
17. Famous NYC building or Peek-skill art gallery
19. City in Italy
22. Barbershop call
23. Sharp chomper
27. Food stat.
28. Narcotic
31. Connections
32. Socrates would probably avoid this Cortlandt Manor farm, \_\_\_\_ Hill
34. Shoe specification
35. Kind of fair
36. "Danny and the Dinosaur" author Hoff
37. Void of emotion

## Down

1. Evidence collectors
2. "\_\_\_\_ extra cost!"
3. Raise, as children
4. Charity event

5. Abracadabra
6. Garden feed
7. Close enough
8. On-line journal article
10. "Born Free" lioness
11. Foreign denial
18. It should help you breathe easier
19. Mountaintop homes
20. 2000 Olympics city
21. Razzed
24. Expresses amazement
25. Oil org.
26. Meek
29. Former British Prime Minister, first name
30. Book after Proverbs, abbr.
33. Chief



# Law Book: The Wrong Way to Protect Your House

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

While your house is generally considered an exempt asset for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, it is not insulated from Medicaid coming after it later. Once granted eligibility, Medicaid can file a lien against your house to preserve their right to recover benefits paid on your behalf once the house is sold. Even if a lien is not filed, another method of recourse is for Medicaid to file a claim against your estate after your death. In my experience, recovery efforts are becoming more aggressive. Thus, planning for your house is a necessity. Planning does NOT mean you should transfer your house to your children, however. Instead, transferring your house to a Medicaid Trust is more appropriate and more protective.

When you make an outright transfer of your house to your children, there are unforeseen pitfalls. For instance, you will not be entitled to the STAR exemption or to deduct the real estate taxes paid on the house. And what happens if your child dies? Upon your child's death, the house might be lost to an in-law. Often overlooked are the creditor issues. If your child has debts or judgments, they may become liens on the property. One of the biggest creditors of a child is a divorcee spouse. If a divorce proceeding is commenced, it is possible that the house could become the subject of an equitable



Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

distribution award.

From a tax perspective, there are adverse capital gains consequences. To illustrate, assume you purchased the house for \$150,000 and made \$100,000 of capital improvements. Your cost basis is \$250,000. If you, as the owner, sell the house for \$750,000, there would be a \$500,000 capital gain. If you meet certain use and ownership requirements, the tax law allows you to exclude all or a portion of that gain.

When you make an outright transfer of the house to your children, your children's basis is the same as your basis. Using the

*'Another shortsighted planning technique is the life estate deed. So often we see non-elder law attorneys advising their clients to transfer their house to their children while retaining the right to live in the house. While this was a popular planning technique prior to 2005, it is no longer the proper way to protect your house.'*

example above, this means that their basis is the same \$250,000. Unfortunately, your children are likely not entitled exclude any of the capital gain. Thus, if they sold the house for the same \$750,000, they would recognize a \$500,000 capital gain and pay taxes on that amount.

Another shortsighted planning technique is the life estate deed. So often we see non-elder law attorneys advising their clients to transfer their house to their children while retaining the right to live in the house. While this was a popular planning technique prior to 2005, it is no longer the proper way to protect your house. In 2005, the laws changed, and the irrevocable Medicaid Trust became front and center because of the many benefits it offers as opposed to a life estate deed. The differences between a life estate deed and Medicaid Trust are too technical to discuss in this article, but I am willing to meet with you to further educate you.

A Medicaid Trust is the proper vehicle for protecting your house. You can read more about the benefits of a Medicaid Trust at [www.plantodayfortomorrow.com](http://www.plantodayfortomorrow.com).

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## Obituaries

### Helene Rauch

Helene Rauch of Mahopac died on Sept. 5. Helene was born July 1, 1939 in the Bronx to Charles & Theresa Magnani. Helene married Robert Rauch on April 8, 1961. They moved to Mahopac in 1984. Helene worked for the Lakeland Central School District for 14 years retiring in 2002. Helene is survived by her husband Robert a son Charles and his wife Liliana a daughter Kristin Longo and her husband Frank a brother Raymond Magnani and his wife Patricia. Also survived by four grandchildren Alyssa, Vincent, Gabrielle and Daniel.

### John V. Carrick

John V. Carrick of Carmel, died September 5, in Purdys at the age of 90. Mr. Carrick was born on September 4th, 1928 in Bayonne, New Jersey. His family moved shortly thereafter to Brooklyn, where he attended grade school at St. Teresa of Avila School. While at St. Teresa he was an altar boy and worked after school to help his family in the difficult years during The Great Depression. After graduation from St. Leonard's High School in Brooklyn, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He received an Honorable Discharge in late 1949. He also served his country with a tour of duty in the Korean War in 1950-51. He returned home to Brooklyn and shortly thereafter married Nancy Sullivan of Edgewater, New Jersey in September of 1953 with the wedding ceremony taking place at Holy Rosary Church in Edgewater. He and his bride settled in Brooklyn and started having a family with their first child born in November of 1954. John worked for the Brooklyn Union Gas Company (now known as Keyspan) as a salesman. After working a number of years in this role he joined the New York City Transit Authority in December of 1968 as a Railroad Clerk. He retired from the Transit Authority in December of 1988. In 1970, John and Nancy moved the family from Brooklyn to Lake Carmel, New York. He immersed himself in his new community and was an usher for many years at Saint James Catholic Church. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 60 years. Additionally, he was a proud member of The American Legion. He had many interests including: traveling extensively in his golden years, being an award-winning bowler, avid coin collector, ardent Brooklyn Dodgers/ New York Mets' fan, experienced card player, enjoyed Bingo, Trivia Pursuit and Jeopardy but most of all enjoyed spending his time with family and friends. His wife, Nancy, predeceased him in 1979. He leaves eight(8) children: John of Carmel, Michael of Carmel, Gerard(wife Janis) of Hopewell Junction, NY, Mary(husband David) of Bennington, VT, Noreen(husband Roger) of Danbury, CT, GERALYN(husband Michael) of Troy, NY, Grace of New York, Therese of Beacon, as well as seven grandchildren (David, Michael, Jessica, Stephanie, Kaitlyn, Danny, Justin) and four great-grandchildren (Kaidence, Westley, Brycen, Libby).

### Eleanor M. Kane

Eleanor "Ellie" Margaret Kane died early

Sunday morning September 9. Eleanor was born in the Bronx on September 14, 1924. Born to Louis and Matilda Schutz, Eleanor grew up with sister Marguerite and brothers Martin, Louis and Gerard. Eleanor was part of the inaugural class of St. Francis Xavier School in the Bronx, which is still there today. Eleanor attended Cathedral High School and graduated in 1942. Her and her friends would take the 3:10 train home every day, which is where she met her future husband James Kane. Eleanor waited for James to return from WW2, where he served in the South Pacific, before getting married in November of 1947. In her teen years, up until her marriage, Eleanor would volunteer to babysit and also worked for NY Telephone as a messenger and later a proofreader. Eleanor lived with her husband and mother-in law Margaret Halpin in the Bronx and spent their weekends and summers in Lake Baldwin, Mahopac. They began to grow their family with the birth of their first daughter Eileen, followed by Bernadette, Kathleen and lastly, their only son James. Eleanor has spent her golden years in Stormville, where she has lived for the past 30+ years. Eleanor was a full-time mother, later becoming a full-time proud Grandmother of 13. For the past twelve years Eleanor had been enjoying the many Great Grandchildren that have been brought into her life, all a result of the love and guidance set in motion by her and Pop-Pop over 70 years ago. Eleanor was a lifelong volunteer, always contributing her time and hard work to the Catholic Church, the Community and local nursing homes. She was President of the Rosary Alter Society of the Lady of Assumption in the Bronx. Eleanor was an active member of Kent Seniors for many years. She was a member of the Putnam County Retired Senior Volunteer program as well as Putnam Country Friends of the Senior Citizens, helping many programs, with her great friend Jessie Huestis, for over 30 years. Eleanor spent many weekends volunteering for the Town of Kent at functions such as Community Day and various community celebrations. Ellie took great joy in growing beautiful gardens and crocheting blankets and sweaters for family and new babies as well as blankets and pads for cancer residents of the local nursing home and cancer patients. Eleanor is survived by her daughters Eileen (d. Kevin), Bernadette (William), Kathleen (Dennis) and her son James (Heidi) as well as her countless grandkids and great grandkids. Eleanor would have been 94 on September 14. Eleanor was able to remain a very strong and independent woman in her home thanks to the love, care and support of her children and family. Eleanor had a huge heart, a sweet demeanor and a tough, fighting spirit. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude or

Putnam County Children's Committee.

### Joseph F. Buser

Joseph F. Buser, a 32-year resident of Brewster, died on September 9, at Danbury Hospital Center. He was 68 years old. Born on October 12, 1949 in Brooklyn, son of the late Julian and Eileen (Lambert) Buser. Joe attended Franklin K. Lane High School and honorably served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Before Joe was drafted into the Army he married the love of his life JoAnn Rose Panucci on May 30th, 1970. Joe worked as a field technician for Verizon in Elmsford, NY before retiring. He was an active member of the Brewster VFW. Joseph enjoyed model planes, whether he was building them or flying them. Joe is not only survived by his loving wife of 48 years, JoAnn, but also his children; Joseph J. Buser and his wife Jacqueline of Patterson, NY, Kim Hofweber and her husband Alfred of Holmes, James Buser of Brewster, and Christopher Buser and his fiancée Cassandra Drake of Danbury, CT, his 4 grandchildren and his brother James F. Buser. He was predeceased by 3 siblings.

### Edward J. Mitchell, Sr.

Edward Joseph Mitchell, Sr., age 90, died peacefully at his home of 60 years in Brewster, on September 11. Ed was born on May 1, 1928 son of William and Cecilia (O'Connor) Mitchell. He honorably served in the US Army. Ed married the love of his life, Mary Leonard on May 26, 1951 in the Bronx. Mary predeceased her husband on July 22, 2009. He was employed and worked for over 23 years with A&P in Elmsford. He also worked for Metro North Railroads for over 10 years. Ed was an avid traveler and a huge Yankee fan. He was a member of the VFW Post #672 of Brewster and in his earlier years a little league coach. Ed moved his family to Brewster in 1958 and was an original homeowner in Brewster Heights. His family life centered around the communities of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and the VFW. Ed was devoted to his family and very proud of his seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Ed is survived by his four loving children, Pat Mitchell of Beacon Falls, CT, Mary T. Lockwood (Robert) of Wappingers Falls, NY, Edward J. Mitchell Jr. of Brewster, and William J. Mitchell of Beacon Falls, CT. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren; Steven, Matthew, Jennifer, Kevin, Trisha, Edward III and Tyler and nine cherished great-grandchildren; Hayley, Cassidy, Kelsi, Adam, Kyle, Dylan, Cameron, Brynn and Cole. Also several nieces and nephews. Ed was pre-deceased by five sisters; Cecilia Bernhardt, Catherine Kozlowski, Mary Kozlowski, Dolores Murray, Theresa Yacuik.



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## Putnam Community Service Network Awards Breakfast

The Putnam Community Service Network (PCSN), a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, will host the 33rd Annual Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 3 at 8:30 a.m. at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill Street in Mahopac.

Award nominations have been received for individuals and organizations who have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and /or community service in Putnam County. The PCSN Breakfast will recognize all

award recipients and nominees representing a variety of categories including: Distinguished Service, Volunteer Service, Professional Career Recognition, Advocacy, Excellence in Communications, Outstanding Service, Community Service Networking, Youth and Public Service.

Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County at 845-278-6738, putnam@cornell.edu, or online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/ events for to register or for additional information. The cost for the Awards Breakfast is \$25 per person.



# Everything You Need to Know About the Kitchen Sink

When you're at the kitchen sink cleaning lettuce or rinsing dishes in preparation for the dishwasher, do you ever wonder about the origins of this trusty staple in the heart of your home? Or did you ever wonder where the expression "everything but the kitchen sink" originated?

The answer to the latter question has a short history. The idiomatic expression developed at the onset of World War II when everything made of metal was collected, melted down and re-used for the war arsenal. The only objects omitted were porcelain kitchen sinks.

History tells us that the dishwasher was invented by a woman in Illinois in the 1880s, but nobody in my middle-class Philadelphia neighborhood had a dishwasher when I was a kid. Those were the days when children shared the chores of washing dishes over a kitchen sink that somehow seemed higher than necessary.

But then, since I was the youngest of three, I never really had to wash the dishes. I only dried them and my older sister and brother, who were tall enough to actually reach into the sink, did the



By Bill Primavera

washing. Then, of course, my mother probably trusted their coordination better than mine. I prided myself on drying the best dish and best glass, leaving no tell-tale drops or streaks.

My mother never had a dishwasher until she won one at an appliance store when I was nine. I remember the great joy in learning that the new appliance in the house, which significantly diminished the open space in our eat-in kitchen (we had no dining room), both washed and dried the dishes. It was convenient, yes, but the dishwasher's

bottom line effect was that my siblings and I probably spent less time together after its arrival.

Kitchen sinks probably have the longest history of all, starting with the Neanderthals. The first sink was simply a large rock that had eroded into a concave shape from centuries of rain. There was not much progress through the ages until the time that households included rooms designated as kitchens. For centuries, most kitchen functions were performed around the cooking hearth or, for wealthier families, in a separate building,

to reduce the chance of household fires.

During the early 1800s, our first kitchen sinks involved a process of pumping water from supply tanks or wells and collecting it in bowls, which were placed into dry sinks made of metal troughs and built into wooden cabinets. Copper and nickel silver, an alloy of zinc, copper and nickel, were among the first materials used for butler sinks, usually found only in wealthy homes.

In the 1920s, indoor plumbing created the need for sturdy sinks, made of manganese silicon, carbon and iron, and since World War II, porcelain.

With the convenience of the dishwasher, homeowners spend less time toiling at the kitchen sink today, yet it has greater potential than ever as a decorative element, equal in interest to homeowners and decorators as is the countertop and backsplash.

With less rigorous use, today's bowls come in a wide range of materials from the expected porcelain to the newest kind of granite composite. There is also a return to copper, which I think is the most interesting material of all in that it develops its own patina with age and proper care.

Kitchen sinks are always best installed from below the countertop and at a lower level so that water and waste materials can

be easily scooped from the counter into the bowl. More sinks are now available with the drains strategically placed at the back of the bowl so that there is more front storage space in the cabinet below.

More and more, I am seeing installations of the farmhouse kitchen sink, which features an apron that extends an inch or two from the countertop to show the full depth of the bowl. It is offered in a variety of stones, including granite, soapstone or limestone. They are also manufactured in cast iron, stainless steel, copper or fireclay, which has the finish of china.

Currently, the wisdom of attaching a waste disposal unit to the kitchen sink is being questioned. Sentiment now is that it is not the greenest way to dispose of kitchen waste.

While there are many options for the kitchen sink, there is a general sense about locating it directly under a window, to avoid a claustrophobic feeling and to enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors as we perform our chores.

*Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.*

## You Can't Always Blame Nature For a Disappointing Harvest



By Nick Antonaccio

I've been exploring the relationship of winemakers and nature for a number of years. The accelerated development of new technology and techniques in the growing, cultivation and processing of wine grapes has imbued a sense of invincibility on man's growing dominance over nature. That is, of course, until nature wields her powerful hand and strikes a vineyard with a sometimes subtle, sometimes bold calamity.

It may be slow and debilitating weather patterns such as drought, prolonged rain spells or excessive heat. Or it may be sudden, such as hailstorms, lightning or frost.

As much as these seemingly random weather phenomena are disheartening to stalwart winemakers, the vicious acts perpetrated by those intent on disrupting the orderly realm of winemaking and distribution are equally upsetting. I've reported on incidents of destruction of wine by disgruntled employees, dissident local

winemakers and their ilk.

But last week, I read of an egregious act suffered by a winery in Virginia. And this time it wasn't nature.

Wineries along the East Coast have always struggled to produce fine wine. The vagaries of weather mentioned above seem particularly daunting to those intent on eliciting the best of the unique land and climate that influence their vineyards.

From Thomas Jefferson to Donald Trump, nature's dominance has been daunting in their attempts to produce fine wine in Virginia. Recently, a number of wineries from Maryland, south to Virginia, the Carolinas and even Georgia have been able to coexist with nature and are producing the best wines to come from these states.

The 2018 growing season in Virginia has been promising. A number of the 250-plus wineries are in the throes of harvesting their crops. This is the most exciting, albeit tenuous, time of year in the growing cycle of a vineyard.

The nurturing of the vineyards during the months-long season comes down to a key

### You Heard It Through the Grapevine

decision: when is the ideal day to harvest the grape crop. The goal is to pick the grapes at the precise moment of full ripeness. Too soon and the ultimate wine may be bitter or thin.

Too late and the wine may be too high in alcohol with an off-putting fruit juice characteristic.

Such was the case at the small family-run Firefly Hills Vineyards near the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Begun 12 years ago, the vineyard is owned, tended and harvested by the Dunkenberger family. Each year David Dunkenberger, his wife Allison, their daughters, his father and several friends, at the precise moment of grape ripeness, head to the vineyards. The harvest typically requires eight people working 12 hours over several days to pick the 2.5 tons of grapes from 2,500 grapevines.

Last Sunday, the decision was made to begin the harvesting early Tuesday morning. Allison checked the vineyard one more time on Monday in preparation of harvest day.

But the harvest never happened.

When David came to the vineyard on Tuesday morning, he was shocked. The grapevines were bare. During the night thieves had picked and carted off the entire crop of ripe grapes. No vines were destroyed or damaged. The bird netting

covering the vines had been moved for picking the grapes and then put back in place.

"I can handle losing a crop to Mother Nature, but to come in and take my crop in the middle of the night and steal what we've worked for for eight months, that's disheartening," David said.

In the span of one night, Firefly Hill's entire crop disappeared. For the equivalent of 150 to 200 cases of wine lost, Allison estimated the value to be close to \$50,000. The Dunkenbergers have been forced to close the winery and are waiting anxiously for the next cycle of grape growing to begin in the spring. In the future, dealing with the vagaries of nature will be much more palatable.

The thieves had to be familiar with the winery and its operations. The local sheriff has asked that anyone with information contact him. My uninformed starting point for him: seek out former employees or someone with a known grudge. Stay tuned for updates.

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





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**Medicare 101 at Mahopac Library:** Mahopac Public Library will host a series of seminars to provide information about Medicare and all of its components. These seminars will be held at the Library on: Thursday, September 20 at 1 p.m., Friday, October 12 at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 8 at 1 p.m. For further information, or to register for one of these seminars, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



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## Ongoing:

**Three public flu clinics are scheduled for the fall.** Hosted by the Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH), the first clinic is Monday, September 24, at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive in Carmel. The second is on Wednesday, October 10, at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9; the third is Monday, October 22, at Carmel Fire Department again. The health department's skilled and experienced public health nurses will be giving flu shots at each site from 2 to 6:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The clinics are open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. Proof of residency is required, along with a signed consent form. Forms will be available at the clinics, but residents are encouraged to download and complete the form ahead of time. Forms are posted on the health department's immunization page on Putnam County website at [www.putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization). The fee for vaccination is \$25 for residents under 65 years of age. Those 65 years and older, or with a Medicare card, can receive the vaccine free of charge. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors, aged 65 years and older, as studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population. (Pneumonia vaccine will not be offered at the flu clinics.)

**Putnam County Columbus Festivities:** Columbus Dinner Dance September 16 at Villa Barone in Mahopac at 1:30 p.m., Columbus Parade September 30 at 2:30 p.m. Route 6 and Lake Casse Rd., Mass and Concert October 7 at St. John the Evangelist Church. The free

concert features tenors Don Felice and Teo Ricciardella who will sing traditional, folkloristic and classic selections in Italian. Refreshments will be served afterward. For additional information visit [italianamericanclubofmahopac.org](http://italianamericanclubofmahopac.org) or call President, Giulio Cefaloni (845) 628-1641.

## Save the Date:

### Friday, October 5

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**Friday, October 19: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 672 hosts Veterans Gala Dinner** 6 p.m., - 10 p.m. Brewster Sheet Metal Hall 38 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster. 4-hour open bar, appetizers and dinner 85 per person. 800 per tables of 10. RSVP Via text to Andrew DeStefano 845-519-3085. Checks can be made payable to: Brewster VFW#672 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster NY 10509.

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## Tuesday, September 18

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## Putnam Service Dogs Hosts 2nd Annual 'Day In The Park'

Join the fun at Putnam Service Dogs' 2nd Annual Day in the Park Event at Green Chimneys, 400 Doansburg Rd., Brewster this Saturday, September 22.

Putnam Service Dogs' is celebrating its 2nd Anniversary, the joy of dogs, and gorgeous Green Chimneys. Bring your dog (if leashed and friendly). Putnam Service Dogs' pups in training will be there, as well.

Enjoy a delicious picnic - breakfast and/or lunch - from the Food trucks. A DJ will provide energizing tunes. Free to attendees: guided tours of Green Chimney's animals, freshly popped popcorn, an All Ages Jumbo Bounce Ride. Vendor booths, an aerialist, Westy: Danbury Westerners' mascot, and raffle prizes to round out the fun.

The 5K race and Strut Your Pup Parade (with your dog, or solo) will be on a dirt and gravel road through Green Chimney's lush forest and unique farmland path. If you run the 5K, or walk the 1 mile Strut Your Pup Parade with your dog, please make sure beforehand your dog has been adequately trained and able to handle the physical exertion and distance.

## Schedule of Events

9 a.m.-10 a.m. - check-in for 5K race - \$30 registration fee adults/\$10 fee for kids 10 a.m.-11 a.m. - 5K race and check in for Strut Your Pup

Parade

11 a.m.-noon - Strut Your Pup Parade - \$30 registration fee adults/\$10 for kids

5K racers and Strut Your Pup walkers will receive an Event tee shirt, a bottle of water, protein bar, and a goodie bag.

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**Burning  
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**Giachinta Accelerates,  
Singes Croton in Haldane Win**

Rubber-churning RB Sammy 'The Bull' Giachinta (R) scored Haldane's first two TDs on a pair of 66-yard scoring jaunts before punctuating a 38-12 win over Nathan Parker and visiting Croton with a 42-yard TD catch from QB Daniel Santos last Saturday when the Blue Devils improved to 1-1 and the Tigers fell to 0-2... see Grid Notebook

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# Section 1 Champ Yorktown Beats Hen Hud, Gains Momentum

## Brewster Reels off 3rd-Straight Win; Carmel, Mahopac Chalk up Class AA Wins

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
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Don't look now, but the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Yorktown Cornhuskers (3-0) are starting to take on a look that might land them in the 2018 finals, or semifinals, worst-case scenario: Provided the Huskers clean up their act (they won despite 15 penalties). After scoring 28 first-half points on four TD passes from QB Tommy Weaver to TE Naim Sinanaj, the 2017 NYS runner-up Huskers cruised to a 28-13 win over host Hendrick Hudson (0-3) last Friday night.

What's in a Naim? Here's what... Weaver (11 of 23 for 190 yards) and the 6'4" Sinanaj (128 yards), who signaled for the ball like Randy Moss used to, hit on touchdown strikes of 37, 18, 27 and 20 yards in the first half. The final TD pass came 18 seconds before the half, just a minute after Hen Hud trimmed the Husker lead to 21-7. It was a demoralizing shot to say the least for a Hen Hud team that has faced one of the toughest schedules in the section (opponents are a combined 8-1).

Hen Hud QB Manny Carbone fired a pair of TD passes, including a 26-yard spiral to good looking sophomore TE Rafael Fasolino late in the first half. He spun another 55-yarder to Donte White and had the Sailors in scoring possession again before an INT at the Huskers five by Keith Boyer, the Yorktown sophomore DB/RB, who also rushed for 74 yards.



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Emerging Yorktown RB Dylan Smith chugs for big yards in 28-13 win over Hen Hud Friday.

"Naim and Tommy have been long overdue," Husker Coach Mike Rescigno said. "Teams are trying to plug up our run game with aggressive box play. When they do, this what we always hope can happen.

"As far as the penalties," the coach added, "we are entering a part of our schedule that simply will not forgive rookie mistakes. We have a grand total of four seniors at most in our starting line up on either side of the ball at any given time. This is a source of pride for us and

will not be a source for excuses. I have nothing but full confidence that our mistakes can and will be fixed during this practice week. As you saw, when the mistakes happen, they get each other's backs and find a way. I have been amazed week after week by the way new faces are finding their way onto the field. Our kids are hungry. They are fun to coach and we're looking forward to the fireworks ahead!"

They won't have to wait long with neighboring rival Somers on deck this Friday...

**SOMERS** Coach Tony DeMatteo said prior to the season

that he expected some growing pains as a relatively untested unit took over for a Tusker program that had unmatched Class A success since 2012, winning three sectional titles and losing a fourth to Yorktown last November. The legendary was boss was right, as Somers slithered out to an 0-2 start before opening some eyes last Friday in a 35-0 whipping of host Fox Lane.

Somers FB Jack Kaiser had his coming out party, rushing for 118 yards and two touchdowns while WR Charlie Balancia snagged four balls for 81 yards and a pair of scores. Yes, Somers answered the bell with its playoff hopes hanging in the balance, but the biggest test of the young season will come this Friday when the Tuskers visit Yorktown (7 p.m.).

Neither the Huskers, nor the rival Tuskers, are the team it was last season, but Yorktown needs this non-league victory to keep alive its hopes for an undefeated regular season while Somers can ill-afford to go 1-3.

With the easy portion of its schedule out of the way, **BREWSTER** (3-0) will turn its attention to undefeated John Jay CR with first place in League A-D on the line after the Bears shutout winless **LAKELAND**, 14-0. Charlie Russell and Justin Niles each picked off a pass for the Bears, who pitched a second-straight shutout.

Bears QB Brendan Fox and RB Mike Martinez each found paydirt for Brewster.

Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill knows there's work to do, but 3-0 is 3-0 and he seems pretty proud of this young unit.



Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver (5) and TE Naim Sinanaj celebrate one of four TDs the duo would hook up for in 28-13 win over Hen Hud last Friday.

"It's a great start for us and we're very excited about it," Mulvihill said. "We had many question marks going into this season, having graduated 10 starters on defense, four offensive linemen and all of the running backs. Our young kids have been a pleasant surprise. We still have a long way to go, but they are picking things up quickly and allowing us to put in some more scheme as the season goes forward.

"Offensively, our line has performed well and is improving," the coach added. "We've had good play from our QB and the RB's have been the real surprise for our offense. They run very hard and are quick out of their cuts. Our next three games are against some highly-ranked teams, so we will need to improve quickly in order to grab a win but we are on the right path."

OT/DT Jason Green led Lakeland with eight tackles and has kept the pressure at a minimum on the blind side all season.

**WALTER PANAS** (1-2) found the win column for the first time this season when RB David Louis plowed for a pair of scores. Sean Laukatitis and Lucas Feliciano each scored a TD for the winners, who visit mighty state-ranked (No.14) Lourdes in Week 4.

### CLASS AA

**CARMEL** certainly got back into the thick of the Class AA North/West league title chase with a convincing 31-0 win

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Hen Hud QB Manny Carbone did all he could in Sailors' 28-13 loss to Yorktown, having a hand in both Hen Hud scores.



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over host RCK. Rams QB Peyton Cayea hit on 4-5 passing for 106 yard and a scoring strike to Joe Pellegrino (3 grabs for 89 yards and 1 TD). Cayea also rushed five times for 59 yards and a score.

Carmel's Andrew Nunez (7-yard TD run) and HB Sam Duke (19 rushes, 95) yards rounded out a multi-pronged rushing attack. Ram Andrew Bumgarner added a 30-yard touchdown with 8:38 to play. Chris Jordan had an interception to set up the game's first score, and K Christian Hutra booted a 21-yd field goal. The Rams, who have allowed just 10 points in three games, are hoping to get versatile RB/DB Alex Beauchesne back healthy next week for a monster tilt when Carmel (2-1) will host North Rockland in its homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 22.

"We played a lot better than last week," Carmel Coach Todd Cayea admitted. "I think the loss to Arlington was a good wake-up call, but there's so much work to be done. We came out relatively healthy; just some bumps and bruises. We're in the meat grinder in this league. North

Rockland next, so one day at a time."

That approach has kept Carmel relevant year in and year out...

**MAHOPAC** saved its season with a 27-6 win over host Suffern, doing so behind a signature game from senior QB Anthony Corrado, who rushed for three TDs and 67 yards on 10 totes. Senior HB Tim Cegielski was a workhorse back, going for 155 yards on just 15 carries. Corrado (7 of 14 passing for 73 yards) also found WR Rheel Allen open four times for 57 yards, including a score.

**OSSINING** (3-0) went old school on Poughkeepsie



Mahopac RB Tim Cegielski rushed for more than 150 yards in Indians' win over Suffern last Friday.

Carravone (4 tackles and a sack) lead the way.

"The game was an absolute battle on both sides of the ball," PV Coach Ryan Elsasser said. "It was a fun game to be a part of, each team was coming up with big plays and big stops when they needed them. It was definitely exciting. We still have some things to clean up, but things are starting to come together for us and the kids are starting to play well together. I was very proud of the fight and determination that was displayed during the game."

Next week is going to be a huge challenge against an Ardsley team that defeated reigning NYS Class B champion Pleasantville in Week 1.

### CLASS D

**HALDANE (1-1)** saw senior RB Sammy "The Bull" Giachinta score the Blue Devils' first two scores on rushes on a pair of 66-yard jaunts before punctuating a 38-12 win over Croton with a 42-yard TD catch from QB Daniel Santos, who fired his first TD strike to WR Matt Champlin. Giachinta finished with 188 yards on just



Yorktown TE Naim Sinanaj hauls in one of four TDs he would snag in 28-13 win over Hen Hud.

in a 55-6 rout, doing its damage on the ground. Josh Manning (12 carries, 140 yards), Z'air Fields (9 carries, 128 yards), Izaiah Steen (8 carries 108 yards, 2 TDs, blocked punt), JT Turnquist (8 carries, 58 yards, 2 TDs, 45-yard TD grab), Xavier Morris (2 carries 46 yards, TD), Terence Williams (3-yard TD), Chris Sanchez (2 carries for 15 yards), Isaiah Beltran (45 yard TD pass)

and Salman Bhatti (TD on blocked punt) were all part of a 499-yard rushing attack and 544 total yards.

### CLASS B

**PUTNAM VALLEY (1-2)** was desperate for a win after starting out 0-2, so it turned on the jets in a 20-14 win over host Bronxville last Saturday and got a necessary, well-rounded effort. QB Quin Strang connected on 7 of 17 passes for 178 yards and two touchdown passes, and another on the ground. He also picked off a Bronco pass to end the game in what was, without question, his best game of his career.

Tiger RB John Listwan had 18 rushes for 92 yards and a 2-point conversion, plus five tackles.

The receiving corps was special. Put Valley WR/LB Darnell Shillingford had three catches for 70 yards and 30-yard touchdown snatch, plus seven tackles and a sack on D. Freshman WR Cole Duroucher had his coming out party with a dazzling 40-yard TD catch off a madcap scramble (keep an eye on this Duroucher chap).

The defense saw DT Christopher Cottrell (5 tackles, 1 for a loss, sack, two hurries and a fumble recovery), LB Jake Listwan (6 tackles, sack, 1 caused fumble), Matthew Aviles (2 fumble recoveries on special teams) and DL Matthew



Croton RB Mike Mamone is stopped by Haldane's Andrew Aiston and Sebastian Iacobucci in Tigers' loss to Blue Devils last Saturday.

13 carries while Sanots had 79 yards on a mere four totes.

### CHSAA

**KENNEDY CATHOLIC (2-0)** routed visiting Nazareth, 28-0. Gaels RB Myles Proctor had 12 huge carries 140 yards and a TD. Kennedy 6'5" 225-pound TE Eric Volpi hauled in an 80-yard TD reception from QB Ryan Johnson, who fired three TD passes, including two to RB Brandon Gibson (3 catches, 65 yards). LB Cole Esposito forced a fumble, notched two sacks and dictated the defensive tempo for the Gaels (2-0).



Carmel LB Chris Jordan makes shoestring stop in Rams' 31-0 win over host RCK last Friday.



## Sports

## Soccer Notebook

# Don't Sleep on Class AA Ossining or Class A Brewster

By Ray Gallagher  
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It's been a while since Class A Brewster and Class AA Ossining were completely relevant on the Section 1 soccer scene. Sure, both have had some nice players and some decent clubs, but neither were really talked about as potential Section 1 title contenders for quite some time.

We told you in this space last week not to sleep on **OSSINING** and we mean that more than ever after the Pride improved to 4-0-1 after a 2-2 draw with Scarsdale Saturday and a 5-1 win over RCK earlier in the week.

Last year, Mateo Marra was the star for the Pride, and while he's still quite studly, the rest of the unit has picked it up this season. When all 11 players are clicking on their new, widened field the Pride can challenge anyone. Nolan Lenaghan scored both goals for the Pride against Scarsdale, the first coming off a Mateo Marra assist and the second from Eric Monges.

A stout defense, which has allowed just three goals this season, invigorates the transition game, and the Pride will know exactly where they stand come Monday night when they take on an Arlington program that has been the upper crust of Section 1 for much of the past decade.

**BREWSTER** is led defensively by sweeper Anthony Ferrandino, who added a pair of goals in the Bears' 4-0 win over Peekskill on Saturday. Feisty Patrick Feehan got the Bears rolling 17 minutes in to the fray and Valentin Markaj

added another.

"We worked quite a bit on defensive fundamentals in August and as we started to play games, we began to work more on team defense every day in all phases of the game," Brewster Coach Scott Potusek said. "We have developed some confidence and we feel good about how we have improved so far, but there is a lot of work to do. We had a tough start to the season with the death of our teammate and friend, Oscar Gonzalez. Through all of that, what stands out to me most is how incredibly lucky I am to be able to coach this team. We have a lot of tough, tough games to play in a very short period of time. However, what has helped us kick off our season so well is what will carry us to the end. It's the egoless, thoughtful, upbeat attitude our team possesses. We have fun, work hard, and we are one."

The Bears are living by the mantra "Sweep the Sheds", meaning: Never be too big to do the small things that need to be done, and they will need to live by that when they face Lakeland, Nyack and Somers in succession from September 21-25...

**SOMERS** had a big bounce-back win in a 2-0 triumph of Union City (NJ). Lucas Fecci, the section's leading scorer, and Bennett Leitner scored for the Tuskers. Drew Lasher, one of the section's premier playmakers, added two more assists.

Fecci feels the team is ready to get on a run.

"It was a tough loss to Yorktown but with Connor (O'Donoghue) back in net and

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Mahopac's Grace DiVincenzo continued her stellar two-way play in the Indians' 4-0 win over Sleepy Hollow last week.

everyone playing the way we should play it looks like we're back on track," Fecci said.

All the talk coming out of this region has been about Somers and state-ranked (No.3) **YORKTOWN** contending for the Class A title, but the reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers were knocked off for the first time this season in a 2-0 loss to state-ranked (No.18) Rockland power Tappan Zee, who certainly cannot be written off as a potential title contender in a cluster-flub of high-end Class A squads.

"We had the better of the play, more possession," Yorktown Assistant Coach Justin Huff said.

"They packed it in after their goal and caught us on a mistake on the second. They had two players of quality. I'll give them credit on capitalizing on our defensive mistakes, but I would love to play them again in sectionals."

Good chance of that happening, coach...

## GIRLS SOCCER

**MAHOPAC** sophomore Mia Klammer (2G) is coming in to her own along the wing, and that was fairly evident in the unbeaten Indians' 3-0 win over visiting Mamaroneck last Saturday. Colgate-bound junior M Carly Steinberg followed up a three-goal effort against Scarsdale (a 3-0 win) with one more against Mamor. Indian G Isabel Omboni, who has been

incredible in goal all season, posted two more shutouts for an Indian team that could and should roll out a top 10-15 NYS ranking when state pollsters release their poll this week...

**PUTNAM VALLEY** got back on track with a 2-1 win over Briarcliff in double OT when Natalie Mazza scored her first goal ever and the game-winning goal with 48 seconds left from Lindsey Cohen. Danna Jadan also tickled twine for the Tigers (2-1), who hadn't come roaring out of the gate as expected after reaching the sectional semifinals a year ago (a 4-1 loss to Rye Neck caught some by surprise). PV was set to be tested on Monday against a Valhalla team they beat by PK's in last year's playoffs, so this should be a pretty good barometer as to where they stand in Class B...

Dahlia Pepe had one goal and two assists in a 4-2 **SOMERS** win over Harrison. I can only imagine how good Coach Paul Sai's Somers team might be if it hadn't been crushed by academy players opting for the "greener pastures" of club soccer.

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Mahopac's Hailey Pereira shows teammate Mia Klammer (6) some love after one of two goals she would net in 4-0 win over Sleepy.



# Sports

## Field Hockey Notebook

# Coaching Tree Extends for Sarsen, Westchester Hall of Famer

By Tony Pinciario

Once Shannon Scavelli graduated from the University of Michigan, where she played field hockey, the former Lakeland great was sure of one thing when she returned home.

"While I was in Michigan, I was coaching youth field hockey for several years and I knew when I came back to New York, I wanted to stay involved in the game," said Scavelli, who has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Masters in Social Work, both from Michigan.

Scavelli received a great opportunity for her first coaching position in New York and could not turn it down. Scavelli, who played on three state Class B champion teams, 2009-11, is the Lakeland varsity field hockey assistant coach alongside legendary varsity coach, Sharon Sarsen, who, after more than 620 wins in 36 years, will be inducted in to the Westchester County Hall of Fame on October 18th.

"Sars asked me if I wanted to coach at Lakeland and I was honored to be asked to be part of her coaching staff," said Scavelli, who is a Social Worker.

Scavelli rejoined the Lakeland field hockey coaching family. Former Lakeland great and co-captain of the 2003 state Class A champion, Danielle Fiore, is the junior varsity coach and fellow Lakeland great and co-captain of the 2003 state-title team, Andi (Coiro) Geraghty, is the modified coach. Fiore



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Mahopac sophomore April Heady gives chase in Indians' 4-0 loss to visiting Clarks town South last Thursday.

and Geraghty were the lone seniors on the 2003 championship team which featured four freshmen, including former U.S. National/Olympic team captain, Melissa Gonzalez.

The Sarsen coaching tree is not confined to Lakeland. Megan Bozek is an assistant coach at her alma mater, the University of New Hampshire and Gonzalez is now an

assistant at Wake Forest. Samantha (Carr) Fahey is a Columbia assistant and Renae (Rutigliano) Cimillo is the Arlington varsity assistant coach and head of the Dutchess Field Hockey Club. Recent New Hampshire graduate Gianna Bensaia is coaching at a Rhode Island high school and Amy Voelkel, a four-year varsity player and member of the 2003 and '06 state-title teams, is the Pearl River modified coach.

Many of Sarsen's former players have since retired from coaching and they include,

Colleen Carney (Somers), Kelly Cronin (Sleepy Hollow) and Sara Gonzalez (Harrison), just to name a few. And, Bari (Malan) Martinelli was Sarsen's JV coach for 10 years.

"I love when my players stay involved in the game," Sarsen said. "It shows how much the game has meant to them."

Geraghty, who was the defensive leader on the '03 championship team, is a Social Worker at Copper Beech Middle School. Geraghty said once she told Sarsen about the position, she quickly added another job to her resume.

"Sars said, 'Great, you can be my modified coach,' said Coiro, who played at Sacred Heart. "I love being around the game and teaching a new generation of girls to love the game as well as what it means to be part of a team. That's really what I focus on at the modified level.

"Playing field hockey has always been a huge part of my life and being a part of the Lakeland field hockey community is fun and I'm glad I'm able to give back to the community I grew up in."

Scavelli pointed out that during her playing days she began considering coaching, because of Sarsen.

"Sars taught me so much about the game of field hockey and she prepared me for field hockey at the college level, and life in general," Scavelli said. "Sars also instilled her passion for the game of field hockey and the art of coaching. I am grateful that I had the experience to play for and now coach with Sars."

Sarsen is happy to be reunited with her former players.

"I love that Shannon, Danielle and Andi are coaching with me," Sarsen said. "They know the game and they know the 'Lakeland way.' Nothing else needs to be taught. And, they get me. That's the toughest part!"

Lakeland improved to 5-0 this season with victories over Pearl River, 9-0, and Bronxville, 7-0. Lakeland has yet to allow a goal this season.

Keirra Ettere and Julianna Cappello each had two goals against Pearl River. Julia Cummings added one goal and two assists and Gianna Scialdone and Jenna McCrudden each had one goal and one assist.

Cummings had a hat trick and two assists against Bronxville. Emily Kness and Emma Halderman each had two goals and one assist.

Hen Hud split a pair of games, dropping a 4-0 verdict to Byram Hills in heavy rain, but rebounded with a 2-0 victory over Our Lady of Lourdes.

Olivia Freitas and Kiely Beltran, her first of the season, scored against Lourdes with assists going to Sydney Muranaka and Taeghan Dapson. Goalie Olivia Doorley made 10 saves.

"Teamwork and tenacity were the recipe for our victory over Lourdes," Hen Hud coach Melissa Locatelli said.

Following a scoreless first half, North Salem scored twice in the second half in a win over PUTNAM VALLEY, last Thursday.

"It was a great defensive effort by all, especially for our new goalie, junior Isabel Healy, who in her second game ever made four saves," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "It was a great showing by defenders, Lauren Seiler and Angelica Ordonez, and midfielder, Danielle Cunningham. We have plenty of practices to improve our skills and grow from playing against a talented North Salem team."

YORKTOWN had one game – a 4-1 loss to Harrison – as Izzy Cicinelli scored, assisted by Kelsey McDonnell.

Yorktown coach Bernadette Gannon said goalie Adeline Araneo had an amazing day with 18 saves.

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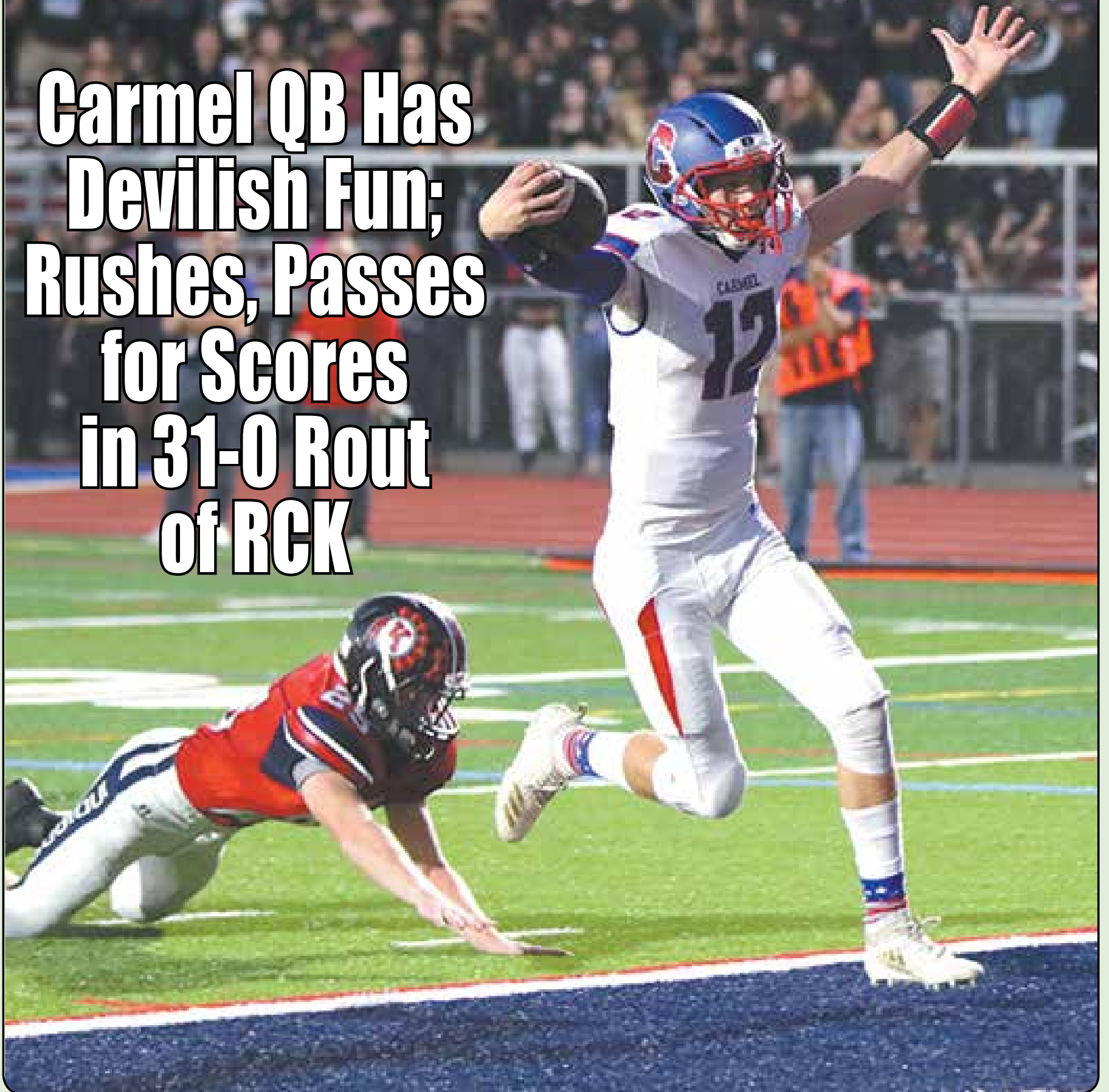


Putnam Valley junior D Lauren Seiler clears her zone in Tigers' 2-0 loss to host North Salem last Thursday.



# It's Peyton Himself!

**Carmel QB Has  
Devilish Fun;  
Rushes, Passes  
for Scores  
in 31-0 Rout  
of RCK**



ADRIENNE KAMALSKY PHOTO

Carmel QB Peyton Cayea was the fiery furnace last Friday, burning host RCK repeatedly in the Rams' 31-0 League AA-North/West win when he celebrated rushing for one score and tossing for another while the Rams improved to 2-1... see Grid Notebook